The background features a vertical gradient from light orange at the top to a deep red at the bottom. Scattered throughout are various silhouettes of leaves and flowers in a muted, dusty purple color. The text is centered in a yellow, serif font.

ARE YOU A
TREE OF LIFE ?

The fruit of the
righteous is a tree
of life; and he that
winneeth souls is
wise .

Proverbs 11:30



WHY ?

- We must remember why we assemble. If we forget we will begin to die as a church.
- We must remember the deceitfulness of sin. If we should help one another, we cannot make it alone.
- Soul winning has been corrupted with the idea of a one-time salvation decision, rather than lifelong exhortation and encouragement and correction.
- We will be taking in new members which brings joy and responsibility.

**By this shall all men know
that ye are my disciples, if
ye have love one to
another.**

John 13:35

A TREE OF LIFE WILL:

- A righteous woman will affect the lives of others as a tree provides fruit for men.
- A wise woman will win others from practical death to life.
- A godly woman shares wisdom.
- A righteous woman feeds many souls willingly.

A TREE OF LIFE WILL:

- The commendation of those who save brethren ought to provoke us.
- Job had the good reputation for using words to strengthen the weak.
- What kind of fruit tree are you?
- We should serve others, not be served.

A TREE OF LIFE WILL:

- Christian saints must be true friends, because they are born for adversity.
- A church grows properly as each member invests in compounding growth.
- What is your sharpening reputation?
- Do you have a neutral or beneficial effect on few or many of the lives near you ?

A TREE OF LIFE IS NOT

- A tree of life is NOT caring for your husband.
- A tree of life is NOT keeping a home.
- A tree of life is NOT teaching your children cooking, laundry or art.
- A tree of life is NOT, I'll pray for you.

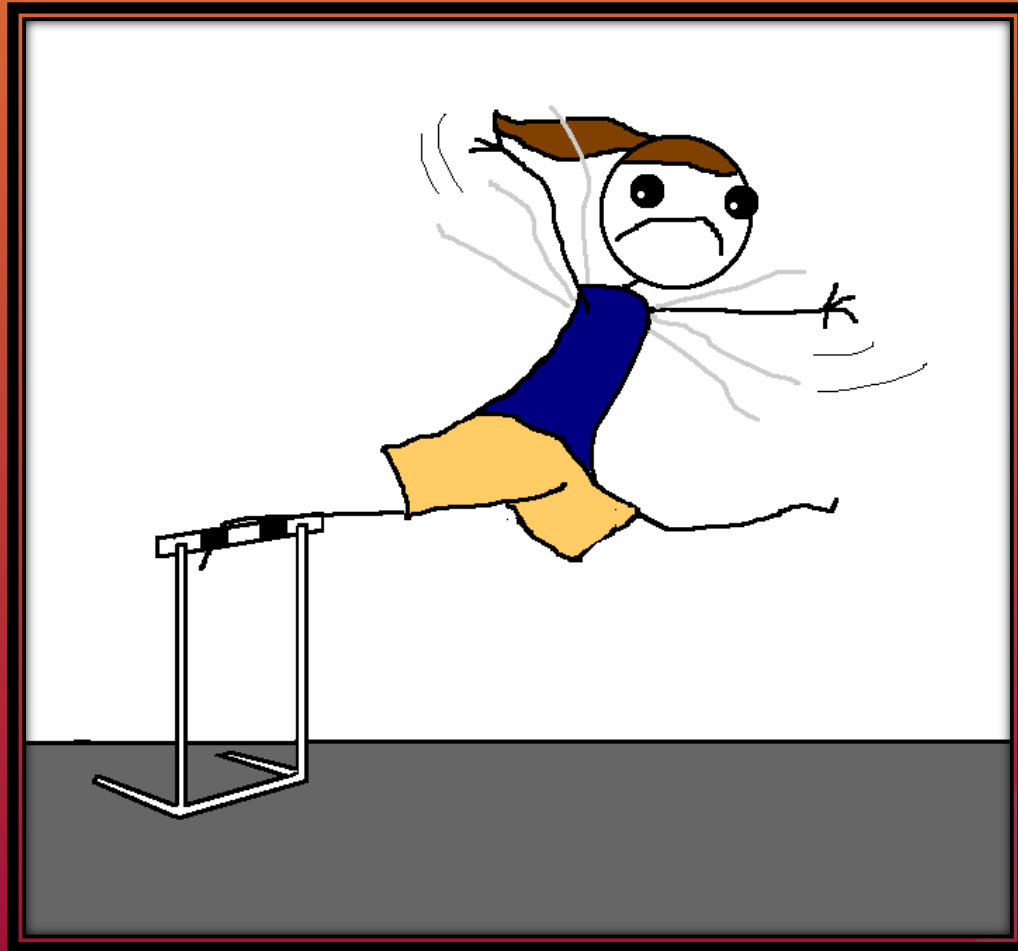
A TREE OF LIFE IS NOT

- A tree of life is NOT attending assemblies and talking to friends.
- A tree of life is NOT helping others move, taking a meal, or babysitting.
- A tree of life is NOT making sure your children graduate.

A tree of life IS:
helping perfect
another to grow
spiritually, in favor
with God and man,
and to hold fast their
profession of faith
without wavering
until Jesus comes.



OBSTACLES TO OVERCOME



SELFISHNESS

- Some love themselves too much to care for others.
- It is a rule of Christ's religion for us to more highly consider others.
- You can spot a selfish person. Listen. They can only talk about themselves.

SELFISHNESS

- It is a mark of self-love to serve those who can return the favor.
- Selfless service seeks out the helpless.
- Such people will never do anything for anyone that might personally cost them.
- Look for excuses or thinking like Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

SLOTHFULNESS

- Being a tree of life to others requires much time and effort.
- Ministering to other saints is called a work and labor by brother Paul.
- Everyone finds time for their own things, and we must find it for one another.

FEAR

- Some are so fearful of correcting another they will compromise with sin.
- There is a mechanism to handle anyone not receiving correction.
- If we fear losing a friend, we have neither faith nor love.
- We are all sinners, but that doesn't mean we should not correct others.

IGNORANCE

- Growth requires craving the Word of God and preaching.
- If you have not hid God's word in your heart, then you have nothing to offer.
- Not considering others loses opportunities.

**She openeth her mouth with
wisdom; and in her tongue
is the law of kindness.**

Proverbs 31:26

IMMATURITY


- Only mature women are able to teach.
- Some can only think about their problems.
- Some can only talk about their own lives and experiences.

BITTERNESS

- If you have allowed offences to go unresolved, it kills fruit.
- Your words reflect your heart.
- Anger equals murder.

CARNALITY

- Pursuit of worldly things will steal time.
- You only know what you practice.
- You hurt another by wasted words.
- Your spiritual perception and wisdom are hypocritical and worthless.



She
delighted in
God above
all others,
and she
was a tree
of life to all
others

TREE COMPARISONS

- Give shade
- Need pruning
- Provide fruit
- Sway with the wind
- Have roots
- Have seasons
- Comfort others
- Cut off sin
- Give wisdom
- Be gracious
- Knowledge and faith
- Mature and change

TREE COMPARISONS

- Are scarred by storms
- Holds other things
- Are beautiful
- Self seed
- Use experience
- Don't be weak
- Adorn the gospel
- Train others

TAKE AWAYS

- You first must have something to give others; so you must walk with God yourself and acquire spiritual wisdom.
- Learn to communicate, not just talk.
- Don't deceive yourself by wise thoughts: thoughts not expressed are worthless.
- Don't deceive yourself by wise action: action without words is very inefficient.

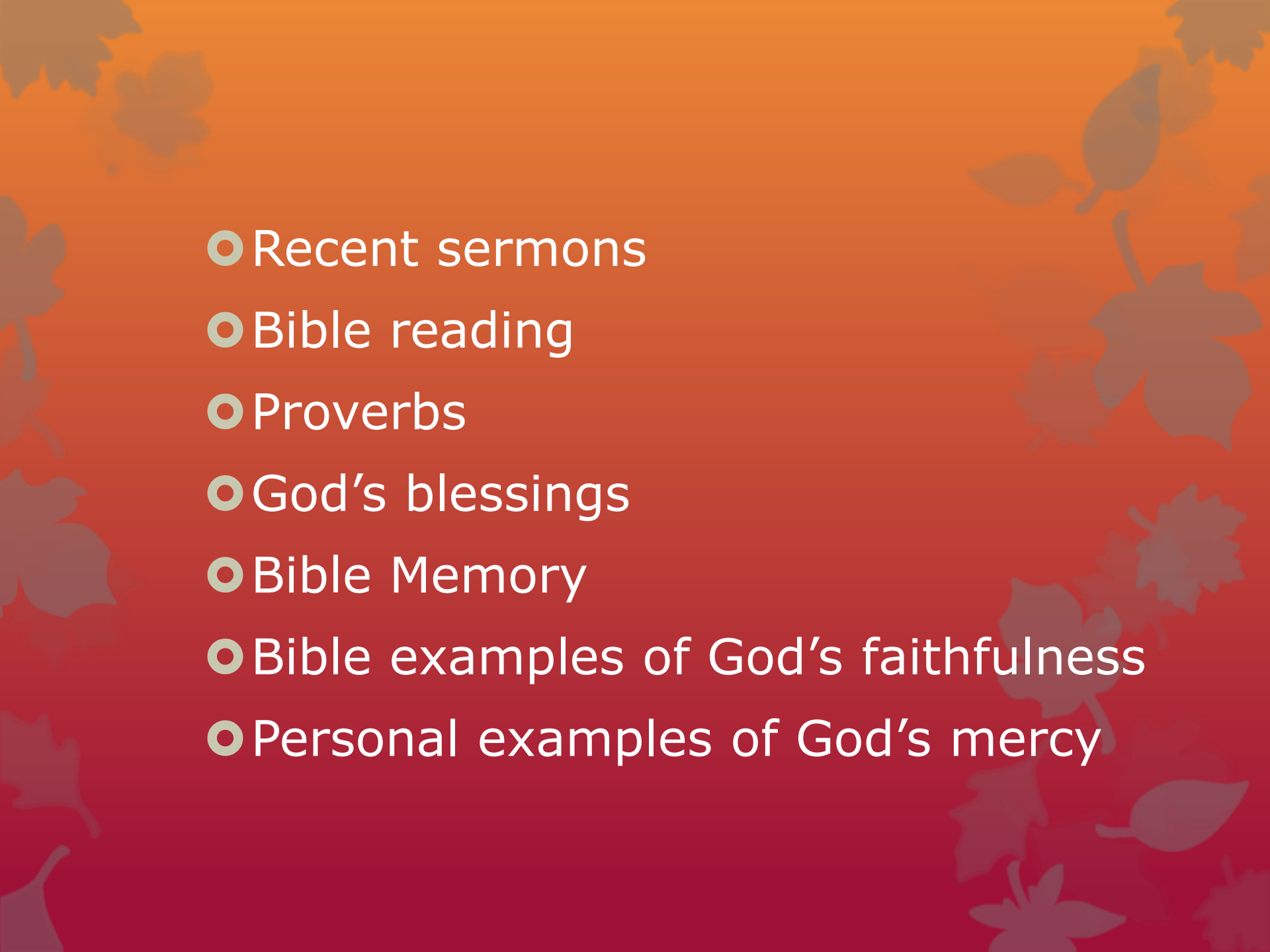
TAKE AWAYS

- Consider the situations and needs of others by loving reflection.
- Provoke – or push – other saints to greater godliness.
- Correct – by warning or rebuke – playing with sin.
- Brotherly kindness and pursuit is essential for success.

Suggestions

- Plan who you will speak too at church.
- Always be prepared to greet guests.
- Use your verbal sisters to help you.
- Avoid meaningless meetings ... prepare.
- Study to answer dilemmas or questions.
- Change your seating habits.
- Win family members where possible.

- Reach for other generations
- Share your experiences
- Build friendships
- Don't forget those not among us
- Look for the downcast
- Seek out newbies 😊
- Always answer "WHY" & "HOW" questions
- Accept love from others

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- Recent sermons
 - Bible reading
 - Proverbs
 - God's blessings
 - Bible Memory
 - Bible examples of God's faithfulness
 - Personal examples of God's mercy



The fullest lives and happiest people are those who invest much in others.

*Living and dying without influencing others
for the Lord means your life is worthless*