



**Becoming a Mighty Church
October 15 & 16, 2022**

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- His father was Greek and most likely not a believer.
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- He helped Paul plant three major churches in Asia Minor.
- He was imprisoned with Paul in Rome.
- He became the pastor of Ephesus in his early 30's.
- He died confronting Christian idolatry.

How to become a mighty church of faith:

1 Every message we teach must come down to two words:
Will you?

1 Timothy 4:11 (NLT)

Teach these things and insist that everyone learn them.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (TPT)

... and some with grace to be pastors, and some with grace to be teachers. And their calling is to nurture and prepare all the holy believers to do their own works of ministry, and as they do this they will enlarge and build up the body of Christ. These grace ministries will function until we all attain oneness into the faith, until we all experience the fullness of what it means to know the Son of God, and finally we become one into a perfect man with the full dimensions of spiritual maturity and fully developed into the abundance of Christ.

- Use your time wisely.
- Share your talents freely.
- Invest your treasure generously.

Salvation – God’s work in saving me through His grace.

Sanctification – My work in yielding to the Holy Spirit through a life of grace.

Our response as listeners is to:

- Think like Jesus – Develop Christlike convictions.
- Feel like Jesus – Develop Christlike character.
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“With the way you live”

Get connected through the Membership Classes and join a small group.

“With your love”

Participate in fellowship and fun events throughout the year.

“With your faith”

Share the love of Jesus through volunteering.

“With your pure life”

Attend a weekend service as well as Celebrate Recovery, Grace Students, and Support Classes & Groups.

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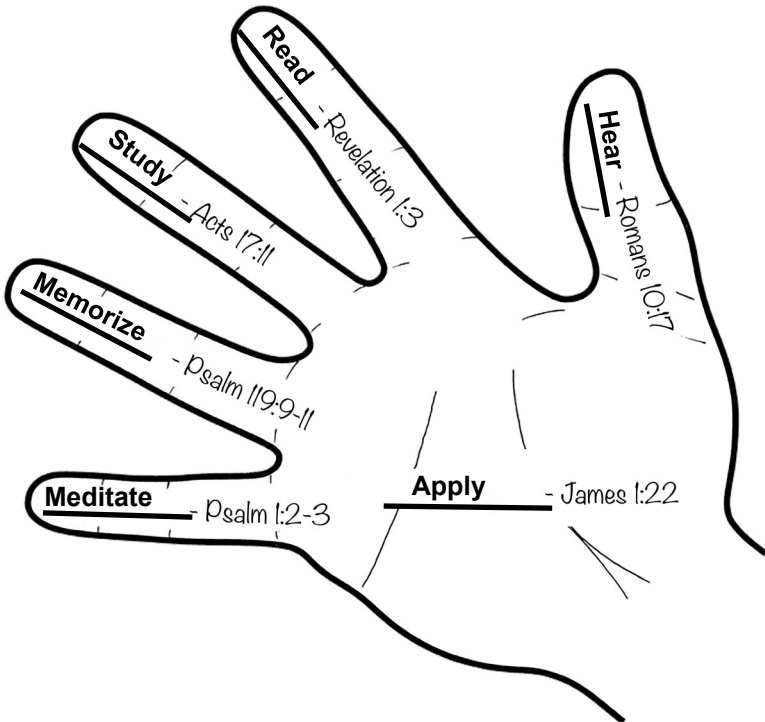
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The Bible Hand





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S – Spiritual Gift

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How do I use my SHAPE?

- **Attend** the 301 class.
- **Meet** with a SHAPE guide.
- **Serve** where you are SHAPED now.

Philippians 4:9a (TPT)

Put into practice the example of all that you have heard from me...



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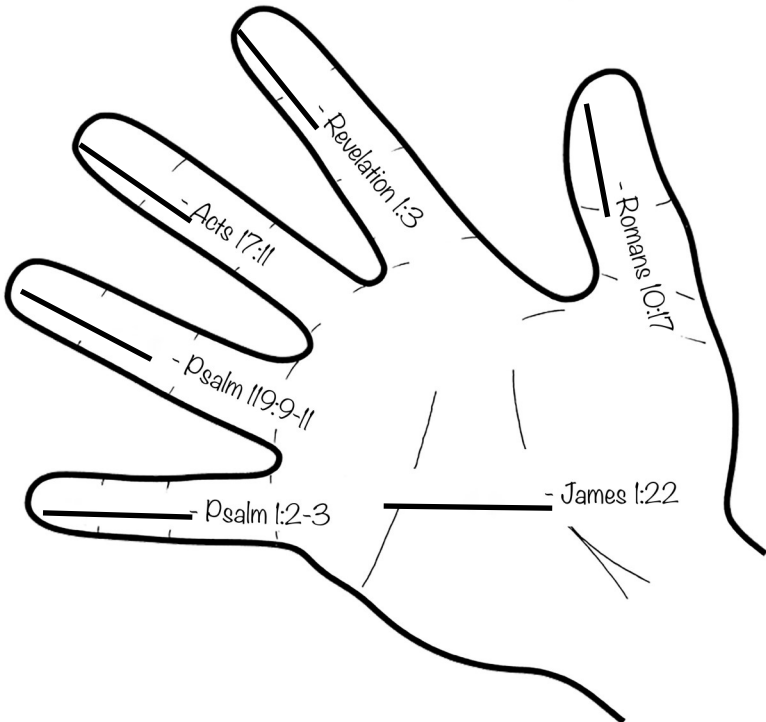
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