

A PEOPLE  
WHO...



...EXTEND  
GRACE

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Love God Love People Caru Duw Caru Pobl

- **Our Values**

(deeply ingrained/aspirational principles)

- **A people who...**

- ... are Christ-centred

- ... are Bible-shaped

- ... are Family

- ... are Vibrant

- ... Demonstrate Integrity

- ... Extend Grace

- ... Connect

8 Above all, love  
each other deeply,  
because love  
covers over a  
multitude of sins.  
9 Offer hospitality  
to one another  
without  
grumbling.

10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

**STEWARDS  
OF GOD'S  
GRACE**



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οἰκονόμος, ου, ὁ

# Oikonomos

Definition: the manager  
of a household

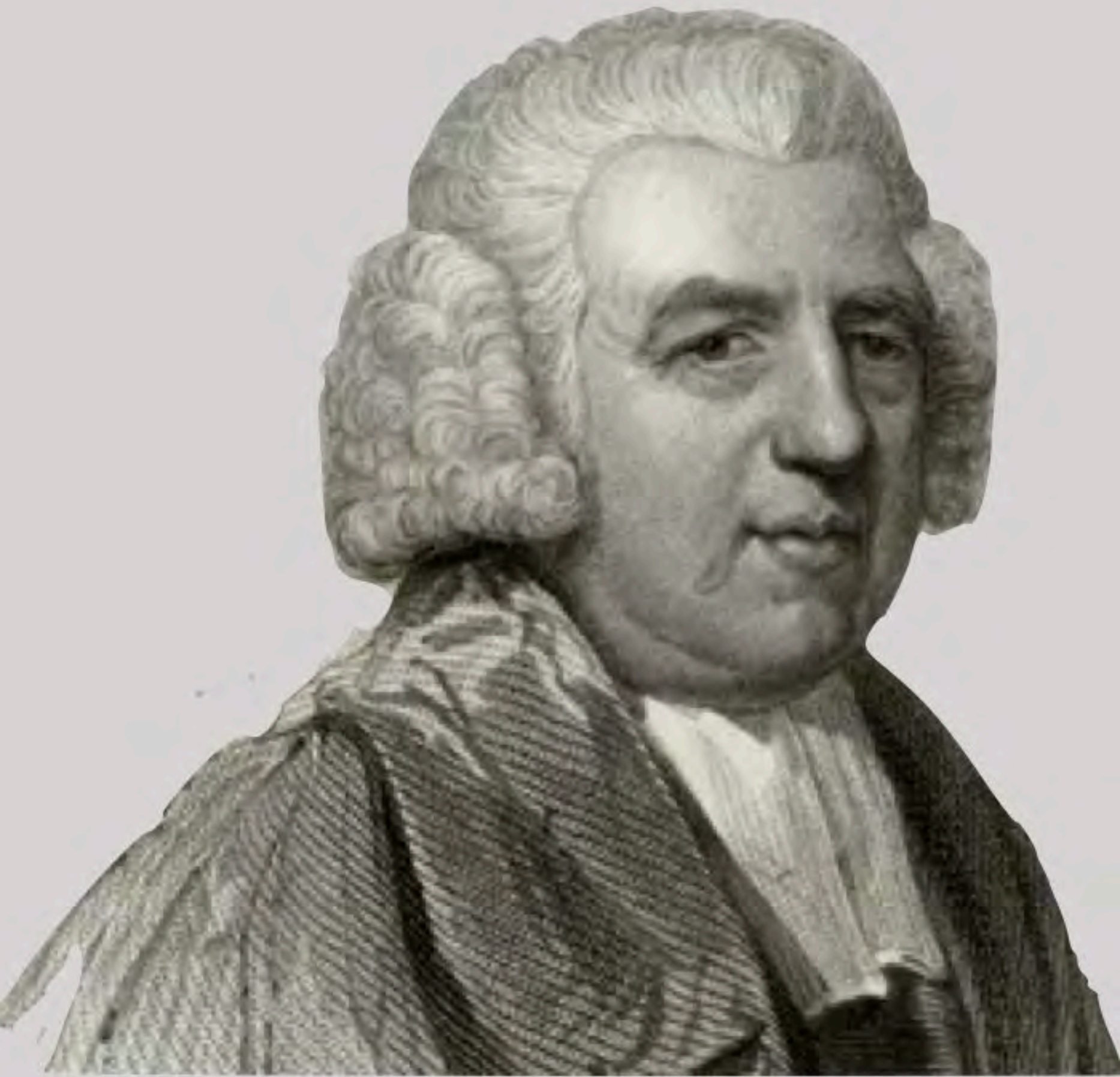
Usage: a household manager,  
a steward, guardian.

**STRONG'S CONCORDANCE**





<https://unsplash.com/photos/person-standing-on-brown-and-black-welcome-printed-floor-mat-8NGWDex9qUw>



<https://www.britannica.com/biography/John-Newton>

χάρις, ἰτος, ἡ

## Charis

Definition: grace, kindness

Usage: (a) grace, as a gift or blessing brought to us by Jesus Christ, (b) favour, (c) gratitude, thanks, (d) a favour, kindness.

**STRONG'S CONCORDANCE**

# Stewards of Grace

- Grace is often defined in Christian teaching as 'unmerited favour' - the goodness of God toward us that we don't deserve and couldn't earn
- The ultimate example being the gift of eternal life we have in Christ
- This is the grace we are privileged to steward

14 The Word  
became flesh and  
made his dwelling  
among us. We  
have seen his  
glory, the glory of  
the one and only  
Son, who came  
from the Father,  
full of grace and  
truth.

# Grace and Truth

- Jesus has embodied and ministered God's heart to us and it is Him we are seeking to follow (Christ Centred)
- FULL of Grace AND Truth (Bible Shaped)
- If we have one without the other we are out of kilter and go around and around in circles

16 Out of his  
fullness we have  
all received grace  
in place of grace  
already given.

**JOHN 1**

# Recipients of Grace

- Evidence of having encountered Jesus is that we grace from His abundance
- Such grace overflows from the abundance and fullness of God's heart
- To extend His grace we must first understand and receive it



17 For the law was  
given through  
Moses; grace and  
truth came  
through Jesus  
Christ.

# Grace to Grace

- The law was given as a form of God's grace
- It served as a guardian until Christ came (Galatians 3:24)
- Upon that grace we have received the astounding eternal life, love, truth and mercy in Christ

**“KNOWING  
THE GRACE  
GOD  
EXTENDS TO  
US HELPS US  
TO EXTEND  
GRACE TO  
OTHERS”**

20 The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,

**ROMANS 5**

21 so that, just as  
sin reigned in  
death, so also  
grace might reign  
through  
righteousness to  
bring eternal life  
through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

**ROMANS 5**

# Guided by Grace

- **The grace of God in Christ Jesus shapes us from the inside out**
- **We are no longer seeking to live up to or attain to the law, we are transformed by the One who has fulfilled it!**
- **As we fill our lives with Jesus, we can overflow with truth and grace**

**GRACE  
GIVEN  
GRACE  
GIVERS**

5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

**COLOSSIANS 4**



# Speak Grace

- **Seek to make every word you speak (or type) be full of grace**
- **Grace doesn't negate truth - they should compliment each other**
- **The way we speak to others should be healthy**
  - **How we speak to each other... to outsiders themselves ... of The Lord... of His Church**

32 Be kind and  
compassionate to  
one another,  
forgiving each  
other, just as in  
Christ God  
forgave you.

**EPHESIANS 4**

# Extend Grace

- **When we show kindness, compassion, love, generosity, humility and honour to others we are extending grace**
- **Sometimes it seems unfair... because it is!**
- **The cross was not fair, but it was the ultimate display of God's grace**

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

**ROMANS 12**

# Extend Grace

- God has not treated us according to our sins and so we seek to extend such grace to others
- Live in peace 'as far as it depends on you'
- We can only 'control' our part in relationship:
  - Occasionally we simply have to accept that other people involved are unwilling
  - If so... keep your heart right

**GROWING  
IN GRACE**

8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

**2 CORINTHIANS 12**

# Grow in Grace

- Sometimes the pain or the challenges we have to deal with are the sufficient grace of God at work in our lives
- Rather than asking 'why me?' perhaps try asking 'what now?'
- God will weave His grace into any and every situation He is invited to



**EXTENDING  
GRACE  
(UNMERITED  
FAVOUR)**

# EGR

- **Grace is more than the absence of punishment**
- **We can learn and grow when we encounter 'extra grace required' situations**
- **Do your grace muscles need a workout as regularly as mine?!**

2 Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance...

# EGR

- Paul here has just described and rebuked those who fail to do good
- He begins here to give culturally specific 'EGR' instruction to different groups of people (e.g. older men, slaves etc. )
- For us the point is not in following the specific instructions themselves but in the heart of them

9 Teach slaves to  
be subject to their  
masters in  
everything, to try  
to please them,  
not to talk back to  
them,

**TITUS 2**

10 and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Saviour attractive. 11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

# Extend Grace

- **Cultural Context is important - we have a different perspective on slavery but that is not the point of the passage**
- **When we stand against injustice we do so with grace in the knowledge that all situations are an opportunity for the grace of God to be at work**
- **Extend Extra Grace**

12 It teaches us to say  
'No' to ungodliness  
and worldly passions,  
and to live self-  
controlled, upright  
and godly lives in  
this present age,  
13 while we wait for  
the blessed hope –  
the appearing of the  
glory of our great  
God and Saviour,  
Jesus Christ,



# Stewards of Grace

- His grace teaches how to live a godly life
- His grace is too good to keep to ourselves
- We have a responsibility to steward His grace to where it is needed

**RECOGNISE THE  
GRACE OF GOD  
AT WORK IN  
YOUR LIFE...**

**...BE A STEWARD  
OF GOD'S  
GRACE...**

**... EXTEND GOD'S  
GRACE TO THOSE  
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