

Stewardship of Leadership

Lead by Example

Volume 2 ~ Number 4

Character and Integrity

**Conflict in the Home, Workplace
and the Community**

Taming the Tongue

The purpose of
our life is to:
**Know God,
Love God,
and Serve God**
so that we may live
with Him forever
in Heaven

Leaders building Leaders
on the foundation of Christ

Stewardship of Leadership

we believe:

In one God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; each of Whom is wholly present in the Other.

That God is the author of Sacred Scripture: Penned by human authors and inspired by the Holy Spirit, both Old and New Testaments firmly, faithfully and without error teach us the Truth, for the sake of our salvation, by which we are to lead our lives at home, in the workplace, and within our community.

That we are created in the image of God, and that we are separated from Him by Sin.

That Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is God's only begotten Son. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered and died for our sins, was resurrected from the dead, and ascended into Heaven.

In the forgiveness of our sins through Jesus Christ and that He will come again to judge all.

In the bodily resurrection of the dead and life everlasting; either united with Christ eternally in Heaven or eternally separated from Him in Hell.

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:5-6

mission:

Leaders building leaders on the foundation of Christ.

vision:

By applying Biblical virtues through the intercession of the Holy Spirit, we will:

Build spiritual leaders in the HOME who shepherd their families to the Throne of Christ.

Build spiritual leaders in the WORKPLACE who model the Example of Christ.

Build spiritual leaders in the COMMUNITY who demonstrate the Integrity of Christ.

core values:

Love • Joy • Peace • Patience

Kindness • Generosity • Faithfulness

Gentleness • Self-Control

Galatians 5: 22 – 23

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:

a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

A spirit of counsel and of strength,

a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD.

Isaiah 11: 2

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monthly topics:

Volume 2 Number 1

The Textbook of Leadership

The Gift of Leadership

Setting the Compass

Volume 2 Number 2

Balance in Life

Servant Leadership

Stewardship

Volume 2 Number 3

Leading in Troubled Times

Tough Decisions/Tough Actions

Influence and Impact

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Volume 2 Number 5

Leading with Purpose

Measuring Success

Pass it On (Living a Legacy)

meeting format *(steps 1 ~ 5 should be completed within 1 hour)*

1. **Opening Prayer** – Volunteer needed to offer a spontaneous prayer.
2. **Prayer's for:** Unity, the intercession of the Holy Spirit, Litany of Humility and others are encouraged. *(From the Stewardship of Leadership Prayer booklet and spontaneous)*
3. **Scripture Reading** – Volunteer needed to read. All members are invited to write down all inspirations they receive from the Scripture reading on the provided worksheet.
4. **1–3 Minutes of Silence** – A short period of quiet reflection is requested after the reading allowing the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and spirits to the reading.
5. **Group Contribution** – All members are invited to contribute what impacted them in this Scripture reading, sharing inspirations, personal stories and how they relate to their lives. During this time the book, DVD or CD of the month could also be included in the discussion.
6. **Group Accountability Session (up to 20 minutes)** – The group could break out into groups of 3 to 4 if they choose, or remain as a group. This will be a time for each participant to delve into specific areas of self-growth related to the topic being discussed. Each participant is invited to document, on the provided worksheet, specific Action Items they plan to accomplish over the next week. These Action Items could be reviewed at the following week's break-out session.
7. **Prayer Requests/Praise Items** – All members are welcome to share prayer requests and/or praise items to be offered up in prayer by the group. Please feel free to write these down on the provided worksheet.
8. **Closing Prayers**
 - Volunteer needed to pray for the requests/intentions.
 - Prayers for a peaceful spirit *(from the Stewardship of Leadership Prayer booklet)*
 - Spontaneous Thanksgiving prayer for our time together

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monthly topic: Character and Integrity

book-of-the-month: The Holy Bible - The Book of Daniel

week one reflection

Proverbs 2:6–13

For the LORD gives wisdom,
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
He has success in store for the upright,
is the shield of those who walk honestly,
Guarding the paths of justice,
protecting the way of his faithful ones,
Then you will understand what is right and just,
what is fair, every good path;
For wisdom will enter your heart,
knowledge will be at home in your soul,
Discretion will watch over you,
understanding will guard you;
Saving you from the way of the wicked,
from those whose speech is perverse.
From those who have left the straight paths
to walk in the ways of darkness.

The Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**

suggested talking points

1. Could you give examples of how and when God has been your shield; guarding you along the road of justice?
2. Would you share examples of how and when you seek the Lord's guidance through prayer before making decisions at home, in the workplace and in your community?
3. Was there a time in your life when you walked "in the ways of darkness?" What brought you back to the "straight paths?"



—Anonymous

Reflections:

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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Character and Integrity

book-of-the-month: The Holy Bible - The Book of Daniel

week two reflection

1 Timothy 2:1–7

First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God.
There is also one mediator between God and the human race,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself as ransom for all.

This was the testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle (I am speaking the truth, I am not lying), teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**

suggested talking points

1. How do or could you live “a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity?”
Do you ask for prayers from others and offer prayers for others to live this way?
2. How do you share the Good News that God, our Savior, wills that everyone be saved and to know the truth?
3. Do you consider yourself a ‘teacher’ of the faith at home, in the workplace and in your community?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Character and Integrity

book-of-the-month: The Holy Bible - The Book of Daniel

week three reflection

1 Kings 9:1–9

After Solomon finished building the house of the LORD, the house of the king, and everything else that he wanted to do, the LORD appeared to Solomon a second time, as he had appeared to him in Gibeon. The LORD said to him: I have heard the prayer of petition which you offered in my presence. I have consecrated this house which you have built and I set my name there forever; my eyes and my heart shall be there always. As for you, if you walk before me as David your father did, wholeheartedly and uprightly, doing all that I have commanded you, keeping my statutes and ordinances, I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father: There shall never be wanting someone from your line on the throne of Israel. But if ever you and your descendants turn from following me, fail to keep my commandments and statutes which I set before you, and proceed to serve other gods and bow down to them, I will cut off Israel from the land I gave them and repudiate the house I have consecrated for my name. Israel shall become a proverb and a byword among all nations, and this house shall become a heap of ruins. Every passerby shall gasp in horror and ask, “Why has the LORD done such things to this land and to this house?” And the answer will come: “Because they abandoned the LORD, their God, who brought their ancestors out of the land of Egypt, and they embraced other gods, bowing down to them and serving them. That is why the LORD has brought upon them all this evil.”

The Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**

suggested talking points

1. Would those close to you at home, at work and in your community say you walk before the Lord “wholeheartedly and uprightly?” Could you give examples?
2. How do you mentor those in your care to love and follow the Lord with all their heart, soul and strength?
3. Could you give examples of how the Lord blesses us for keeping His “commandments and statutes?”



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Character and Integrity

book-of-the-month: The Holy Bible - The Book of Daniel

week four reflection

1 Peter 3:13—17

Now who is going to harm you if you are enthusiastic for what is good? But even if you should suffer because of righteousness, blessed are you. Do not be afraid or terrified with fear of them, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. In your daily life how do you proclaim your enthusiasm for what is good?
2. Could you give examples of times when you suffered “because of righteousness?”
3. How do or could you share Scriptural Truth with others in a gentle and reverent manner?



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Stewardship of Leadership: monthly review

monthly topic: Character and Integrity

book-of-the-month: The Holy Bible - The Book of Daniel

reflection

The early chapters of The Book of Daniel contain stories that tell of the challenges Daniel and his companions faced. Later, the Book details his prophetic insights rooted in the truth that God will prevail.

As you read through the stories and prophecies, ponder Daniel's trials and triumphs and his strong character rooted in faith.

What could you learn from Daniel that will help you lead in your home, workplace and community?

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Looking Ahead

next month's topic:

Conflict in the Home, Workplace and
the Community

book-of-the-month:

The Red Sea Rules by Robert J. Morgan

next month's Scriptures:

James 4:1–10

Ephesians 4:25–32

Luke 6:27–36

Titus 3:1–9

Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: Conflict in the Home, Workplace and the Community

book-of-the-month: The Red Sea Rules by Robert J. Morgan

week one reflection

James 4:1–10

Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. Adulterers! Do you not know that to be a lover of the world means enmity with God? Therefore, whoever wants to be a lover of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose that the scripture speaks without meaning when it says, “The spirit that he has made to dwell in us tends toward jealousy”? But he bestows a greater grace; therefore, it says:

“God resists the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.”

So submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you of two minds. Begin to lament, to mourn, to weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you.

The Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**

suggested talking points

1. What is causing conflict in your home, workplace and community right now? Realize that the enemy of God is constantly at work sowing seeds of division.
2. How do you project God’s saving grace and mercy in the midst of conflict? Even while setting proper expectations, we must project God’s love, keeping the dignity of all in mind.
3. Pride is at the root of many sins. In most conflicts, pride is present. How do you allow God to reveal true humility when dealing with conflict at home, in the workplace and in your community?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Conflict in the Home, Workplace and the Community

book-of-the-month: The Red Sea Rules by Robert J. Morgan

week two reflection

Ephesians 4:25–32

Therefore, putting away falsehood, speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry but do not sin, do not let the sun set on your anger, and do not leave room for the devil. The thief must no longer steal, but rather labor, doing honest work with his [own] hands, so that he may have something to share with one in need. No foul language should come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for needed edification, that it may impart grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. [And] be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Would you share an example when you "let the sun set on your anger?" "What were the circumstances? How did things work out?"
2. Why is it sometimes difficult to be compassionate and forgiving of one another?
3. Would you share examples of times in your life when you truly felt free from "all bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling?"



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Conflict in the Home, Workplace and the Community

book-of-the-month: The Red Sea Rules by Robert J. Morgan

week three reflection

Luke 6:27–36

“But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit [is] that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful.”

The Gospel of the Lord — Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

suggested talking points

1. What are some ways we could love our enemies and “do good to them?”
2. Do you help others in need and expect a payback or recognition? Does the payback always come? If not, how do you respond?
3. Who are the people in your life that “do to others as you would have them do to you?”



—Mother Teresa

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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Conflict in the Home, Workplace and the Community

book-of-the-month: The Red Sea Rules by Robert J. Morgan

week four reflection

Titus 3:1–9

Remind them to be under the control of magistrates and authorities, to be obedient, to be open to every good enterprise. They are to slander no one, to be peaceable, considerate, exercising all graciousness toward everyone. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, deluded, slaves to various desires and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful ourselves and hating one another.

But when the kindness and generous love
of God our savior appeared,
not because of any righteous deeds we had done
but because of his mercy,
he saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the holy Spirit,
whom he richly poured out on us
through Jesus Christ our savior,
so that we might be justified by his grace
and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

This saying is trustworthy.

I want you to insist on these points, that those who have believed in God be careful to devote themselves to good works; these are excellent and beneficial to others. Avoid foolish arguments, genealogies, rivalries, and quarrels about the law, for they are useless and futile.

The Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**

suggested talking points

1. How and when do you remind those around you “to be obedient, to be open to every good enterprise?”
2. Would you share examples of times in your life when you have been “peaceable, considerate, exercising all graciousness toward everyone?” Were there times when this was not the case?
3. What are some character traits of those who “avoid foolish arguments, rivalries, and quarrels?”



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Stewardship of Leadership: monthly review

monthly topic: Conflict in the Home, Workplace and the Community

book-of-the-month: The Red Sea Rules by Robert J. Morgan

reflection

“The reality of the Red Sea, in a word, is this: God will always make a way for His tired, yet trusting, children, even if He must split the sea to do it.” (page x)

While reading Chapter 14 from The Book of Exodus, Mr. Morgan notes: “ten rules unfolded like rubber life rafts; ten ways of handling dilemmas and discouragements – a divine protocol for handling life when we find ourselves caught between the devil and the deep Red Sea.” (page ix)

The following are the 10 Red Sea Rules that Mr. Morgan writes about:

Rule 1: Realize that God means for you to be where you are.

Rule 2: Be more concerned for God’s glory than for your relief.

Rule 3: Acknowledge your enemy, but keep your eyes on the Lord.

Rule 4: Pray!

Rule 5: Stay calm and confident, and give God time to work.

Rule 6: When unsure, just take the next logical step by faith.

Rule 7: Envision God’s enveloping presence.

Rule 8: Trust God to deliver in His own unique way.

Rule 9: View your current crisis as a faith builder for the future.

Rule 10: Don’t forget to praise Him.

Would you add any ‘Rules’ to the list?

Looking Ahead

next month's topic:
Taming the Tongue

Book-of-the-month:
Stewardship of Leadership, Our Daily Prayers

next month's Scriptures:
James 3:5–12
Proverbs 12:17–22
1 Corinthians 13:1–13
Matthew 12:33–37

Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: Taming the Tongue

book-of-the-month: Stewardship of Leadership, Our Daily Prayers

week one reflection

James 3:5–12

In the same way the tongue is a small member and yet has great pretensions.

Consider how small a fire can set a huge forest ablaze. The tongue is also a fire. It exists among our members as a world of malice, defiling the whole body and setting the entire course of our lives on fire, itself set on fire by Gehenna. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. This need not be so, my brothers. Does a spring gush forth from the same opening both pure and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, produce olives, or grapevine figs? Neither can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Would you share examples of how unkind words caused a fire-storm of controversy in your home, workplace or community?
2. How do we sometimes use our mouth to both bless and curse ourselves and others?
3. What have you found to be most helpful in taming your tongue?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Taming the Tongue

book-of-the-month: Stewardship of Leadership, Our Daily Prayers

week two reflection

Proverbs 12:17–22

Whoever speaks honestly testifies truly,
but the deceitful make lying witnesses.
The babble of some people is like sword thrusts,
but the tongue of the wise is healing.
Truthful lips endure forever,
the lying tongue, for only a moment.
Deceit is in the heart of those who plot evil,
but those who counsel peace have joy.
No harm befalls the just,
but the wicked are overwhelmed with misfortune.
Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD,
but those who are truthful, his delight.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Are there people in your life whose words are like “sword thrusts?” How could you mentor them to speak with a healing tongue?
2. Would those close to you say you “counsel peace” at home in the workplace and in your community? In what ways?
3. What keeps us from speaking the truth in a compassionate, healing manner?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Taming the Tongue

book-of-the-month: Stewardship of Leadership, Our Daily Prayers

week three reflection

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**

suggested talking points

1. In your home, at your work and within your community, how do you show charity and mercy to those around you?
2. How do you encourage others to ‘lead with love?’
3. Who are the people in your life that embrace faith, hope and love in both the spoken word and by their actions?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Taming the Tongue

book-of-the-month: Stewardship of Leadership, Our Daily Prayers

week four reflection

Matthew 12:33–37

“Either declare the tree good and its fruit is good, or declare the tree rotten and its fruit is rotten, for a tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers, how can you say good things when you are evil? For from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks. A good person brings forth good out of a store of goodness, but an evil person brings forth evil out of a store of evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will render an account for every careless word they speak. By your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

The Gospel of the Lord — Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

suggested talking points

1. What fruit trees are you cultivating?
2. How would you be judged on your words today? Do you speak goodness “from the fullness of the heart?”
3. How do or could you mentor others to “bring forth good out of a store of goodness”?



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Stewardship of Leadership: monthly review

monthly topic: Influence and Impact

book-of-the-month: Stewardship of Leadership, Our Daily Prayers

reflection:

How many times have you read 'Jesus' Prayer for Unity' or 'Come Holy Spirit' or the 'Litany of Humility'? Over the course of this month, really reflect on each prayer in this devotional booklet.

Try to live them at home, at work and within your community. In doing so, you just might feel the fruit of the Holy Spirit fill you and, in turn, be reflected back onto those that you interact with on a daily basis in both word and deed!

Stewardship of Leadership

the benefits of participation

- Gives purpose and meaning to our daily lives.
- Spiritual growth, at home, at work and within our communities.
- A life of spiritual peace, joy and charity.
- Learn more, so we can give more.
- Group support and encouragement.
- An ever deepening relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Individual growth (from self-centered to others-centered).
- Become a better person, spouse, parent, leader, follower and friend.
- Counsel of Godly men and women.
- Build life-long relationships.
- Life balance

Balance In Life

1. Relationship with God
2. Spouse
3. Children/Grandchildren
4. Mission Opportunities (*workplace, community & church*)
5. Yourself

*From your relationship with God, flows His love into others.
God Must be first in our lives.*



A Family of Ministries with a Global Reach, Planting Seeds of Faith Around the World.



Who we Are

Stewardship: A Mission of Faith is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that was founded in 2010, with the mission to be an instrument of unity in the one body of Christ by feeding the hungry hearts of God's children.

We started with producing and distributing booklets and posters at no charge to churches throughout the United States. These resources were created to spread the Gospel message of stewardship which is: everything we have is a gift from God that we are to use to help others.

Today, Stewardship: A Mission of Faith is a family of ministries with a global reach, planting seeds of faith around the world through the ministries of Down To Earth, The Fathers of St. Joseph, Integrity Restored and Spirit Power, as well as continuing to serve in our initial mission initiatives.

Who and How We Serve

The answer is simple—everyone and in multiple ways! Because we are a “family” of ministries, we are able to plant the seeds of faith in many ways. Whether someone is beginning their faith journey or further down the path, we are able to offer a multitude of resources: books, booklets, Bibles, rosaries, audio CDs, DVD series, speaker presentations, and many other tools and initiatives. Our offerings are targeted to serve:

Teens, Young Adults, Adults, Parents, Educators, Parishes/Churches, Men's & Women's Groups,
Engaged & Married Couples, Clergy, Lay Leaders, Youth Ministries, Dioceses, Apostolates and
Business Leaders

We invite you to join our mission, through your prayers and financial support. Visit our website
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