

# Feed My sheep

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. (John 15:16-17)



### **He is in us, we are in Him**

Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us. (1 John 3:24)

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (1 John 4:15-16)

### **Understand qualified Disciple**

So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear." (Luke 14:33-35)

### **Joyful volunteer – Always first Love**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

**Eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to understand comes by your faith. Setting mind on the things of God, not on the things of man.**

For  
Morning Dew Disciples  
Who turn  
Enemies of the Risen Savior  
Into His footstool  
And prepare for the Rapture:

Feed My sheep so that they may accomplish  
the will of God on earth.

Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?  
(Amos 3:3)

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not  
fulfill the lust of the flesh. (Galatians 5:16)

Eyes to see, ears to hear, heart to understand

### Morning Dew Class Notes



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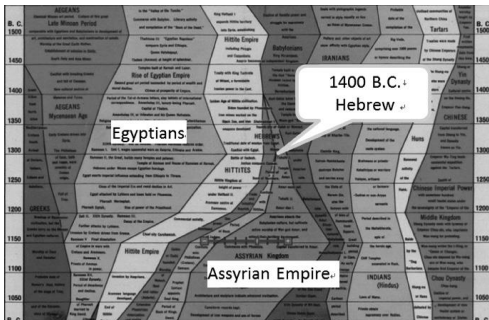
## 66 Histomap

### 66.1 World Perspective in Israel

Follow in the footsteps of the Word and the trials of God's children against their adversaries to develop a Biblical worldview that charts your path to a 'blessed' life. When Abram was called, Egypt was already a great nation that grew even larger, while Israel became enslaved. Why did this happen? See the world from His perspective. The key to a believer's victorious life is to prepare for His second coming. Learn from history how to discern the times and seasons that God sends to each generation.

### 66.2 Israel, Chosen People

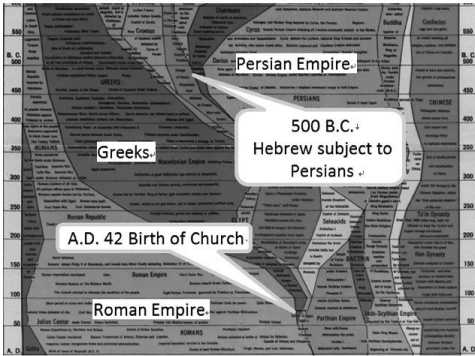
#### 66.2.1 Exodus and birth of the nation of Israel



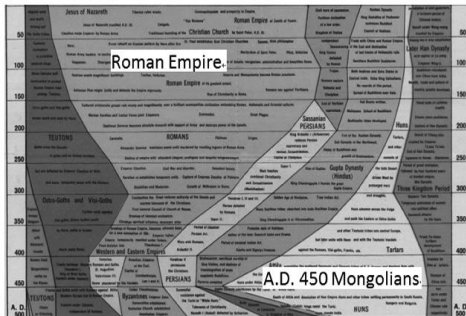
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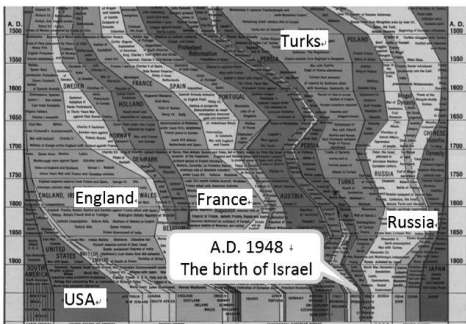
## 66.2.2 Israel and surrounding nations



### Birth of Church and Gospel expansion



### Birth of Israel 1948





It is written: Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it? (Isaiah 43:13 NIV)

I form the light and create darkness,  
I bring prosperity and create disaster;  
I, the Lord, do all these things. (Isaiah 45:7 NIV)

### 66.3 Project Earth

#### **As it is written**

Adam and Eve - Paradise - No Sin  
Fall of Adam - Sin enter - Lost Paradise  
Judgment water - all dead - Noah and Ark  
Babel Tower - not completed (waste time)  
Sodom and Gomorrah - (destroyed)  
Abrahamic Covenant- Faith and Trust  
Moses and Law - Mosaic Covenant  
Temple Law - Priest Nation - Ark of Covenant  
Davidic- Covenant  
Solomon and Division of Nation  
Prophets and promise of Messiah  
Temple Destruction - Fall of Nation  
Ark of Covenant Lost  
Daniel's 70 Weeks revelations  
Israel wondering 2000 years  
Messiah Came - Purchased Church by His Blood  
Holy Spirit sent - Church Begin - Upper-room  
Israel Nation Restored  
    False Peace  
    Rapture of Church  
Begin 7 year Tribulation  
    3rd Temple Construction and Daily Sacrifice  
    144000 First Fruit and Global Revival  
    Anti-Christ rise and Stop Daily Sacrifice  
    Mark of Beast (666) and Death  
    2nd Rapture (?)  
    Great Wrath of God on earth  
    Repenting of Israel Nation  
    Return of Christ  
Millennium Kingdom on Earth and Priest Nation

## 66.4 Temple

### 66.4.1 Temple of heaven

It is written: Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a great hailstorm. (Revelation 11:19 NIV)

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.

There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south, and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (Revelation 21:9-14 NIV)

Do you know the Holy City of Jerusalem is real and is the place for His children?

## 66.4.2 The Third Temple: Ezekiel 40-48

[ ] Why did God design the third temple?

[ ] What does term “the time of grace” mean?

[ ] When does the time of grace end?

FEASTS & FASTS IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF ISRAEL						
Season	Month			Day(s) of Month	Feast or Fast	Attendance by Adult Males
	Sacred	Civil	Modern			
Spring	1	7	March/April	14	<i>Passover</i>	Optional
Spring	1	7	March/April	14-20	<i>Unleavened Bread</i>	Required
Spring	1	7	March/April	The day after the Sabbath following Passover	<i>Firstfruits</i>	Optional
Spring	3	9	May/June	4	<i>Pentecost</i> (a.k.a. Harvest, Weeks)	Required
Fall	7	1	September/October	1	<i>Trumpets</i>	Optional
Fall	7	1	September/October	10	<i>Day of Atonement</i> (the only fast)	Optional
Fall	7	1	September/October	15-21	<i>Tabernacles</i> (a.k.a. Booths, Ingathering)	Required

### Festivity and worship/offering order

When we celebrate Good Friday, we should think not only of Christ's death on the cross for us but also of the first exodus from Egypt, which anticipated our deliverance from the slavery of sin.

At Easter, we recall Christ's resurrection and see in it a pledge of our own resurrection on the last day, just as the first fruits of harvest guarantee an entire crop later on.

At Whitsun (Pentecost), we praise God for the gift of the Spirit and all our spiritual blessings;

the Old Testament reminds us to praise God for our material benefits as well.

Leviticus does not mention the Feast of Purim (lit. lots) that the Jews added to their calendar later in their history. Neither does the Old Testament refer to the Feast of Dedication (Heb. Hanukkah) because the Jews instituted it much later in their history.

Purim celebrates the Jews' deliverance from the Persians in Esther's time. Hanukkah, often called the Feast of Lights, commemorates the revolt and victory of the Maccabees (Hasmoneans) against Antiochus Epiphanes of Syria and the rededication of the temple in 165 B.C.

During the Babylonian captivity, the Jews began to celebrate other fasts as well.

(Dr. Constable Bible Commentary)

	Occasion	Day	Burnt Offerings			Sin Offerings	References
			<i>Bulls</i>	<i>Rams</i>	<i>Lambs</i>	<i>Goats</i>	
A.	Daily	Every Day			2		28:3-8
B.	Weekly	Every Sabbath			2+A		28:9-10
C.	Monthly	First of every new month (the new moon)	2	1	7+A	1	28:11-15 (cf. 10:10; 1 Sam. 20:5, 25, 29)

Relative Intimacy with God (Holiness) under the Old Covenant			
People	Time	Space	Tabernacle Materials
Gentiles ↓ Rebellious Israelites ↓ Sinful Israelites ↓ Unclean Israelites ↓ Clean Israelites ↓ Levites ↓ Nazirites ↓ Imperfect Priests ↓ Normal Priests ↓ High Priest ↓ <b>GOD</b>	Ordinary Days ↓ First day of New Month ↓ Optional Attendance Feasts ↓ Required Attendance Feasts ↓ Sabbath ↓ Day of Atonement ↓ <b>GOD</b>	Outer Gentiles ↓ Buffer Gentile Nations ↓ The Holy Land ↓ Camp of Israel ↓ Tabernacle Courtyard ↓ Holy Place ↓ Holy of Holies ↓ Ark of the Covenant ↓ <b>GOD</b>	Bronze ↓ Badgers' Skins ↓ Rams' Skins ↓ Goats' Skins ↓ Scarlet Fabric ↓ Fine Linen ↓ Silver ↓ Gold ↓ <b>GOD</b>

Occasion	Day	Burnt Offerings			Sin Offerings	References
		<i>Bulls</i>	<i>Rams</i>	<i>Lambs</i>	<i>Goats</i>	
D. Passover	14th of 1st month			1+A		28:16
E. Unleavened Bread	15th - 21st of 1st month			B		28:17-25
	1st day	2	1	7+A	1	
	2nd day	2	1	7+A	1	
	3rd day	2	1	7+A	1	
	4th day	2	1	7+A	1	
	5th day	2	1	7+A	1	
	6th day	2	1	7+A	1	
	7th day	2	1	7+A	1	
F. Firstfruits	4th of 3rd month	2	1	7+A	1	28:26-31
G. Trumpets	1st of 7th month	1+C	1+C	7+A+C	1	29:1-6
H. Atonement	10th of 7th month	1	1	7+A	2	29:7-11
I. Tabernacles	15th - 22nd of 7th month			B		29:12-38
	1st day	13	2	14+A	1	
	2nd day	12	2	14+A	1	
	3rd day	11	2	14+A	1	
	4th day	10	2	14+A	1	
	5th day	9	2	14+A	1	
	6th day	8	2	14+A	1	
	7th day	7	2	14+A	1	
	8th day	1	1	7+A	1	

### 66.4.3 Reference info

Preparations for a Third Jewish Temple

Yearnings for a Third Temple

<http://www.templemount.org/tempprep.html>

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### Wilderness Temple



It is written: “make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.” (Exodus 25:8)

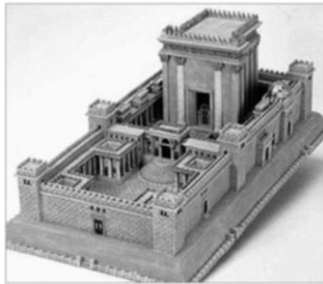
“Then I will dwell among the Israelites and be their God. They will know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of Egypt so that I might dwell among them I am the Lord their God.” (Exodus 29:45-46)

“Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.” (Exodus 25:9)

## Solomon's Temple

Unless the LORD builds the house,  
those who build it labor in vain.  
Unless the LORD watches over the  
city, the watchman stays awake in  
vain. It is in vain that you rise up  
early and go late to rest, eating the  
bread of anxious toil; for he gives to  
his beloved sleep.

Lo, sons are a heritage from the LORD,  
the fruit of the womb a reward. Like  
arrows in the hand of a warrior are  
the sons of one's youth. Happy is the  
man who has his quiver full of them!  
He shall not be put to shame when he  
speaks with his enemies in the gate.  
(Psalm 127)



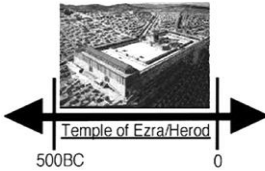
## The Ark of Covenant

Jewish tradition maintains that the  
Ark disappeared during the  
Babylonian sack of Jerusalem in **586  
BCE.**



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#### 66.4.4 Second Temple



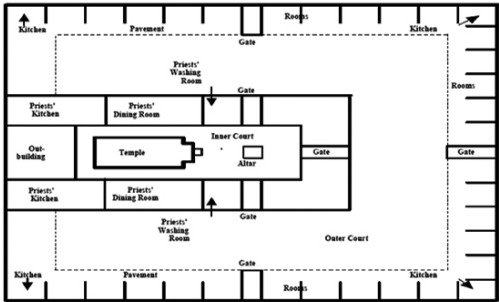
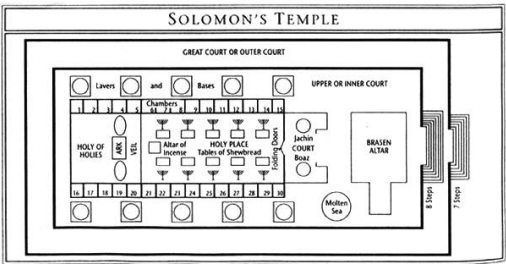
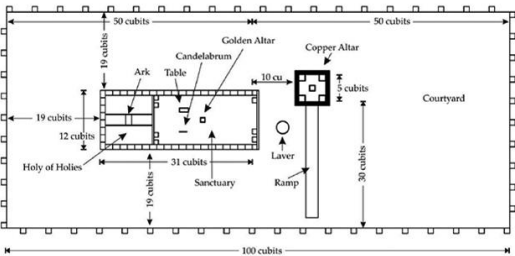
It is written: In the first year of King Cyrus, Cyrus the king issued a decree: "Concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, let the temple, the place where sacrifices are offered, be rebuilt and let its foundations be retained, its height being 60 cubits and its width 60 cubits; with three layers of huge stones and one layer of timbers.

And let the cost be paid from the royal treasury. Also let the gold and silver utensils of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, be returned and brought to their places in the temple in Jerusalem; and you shall put them in the house of God." (Ezra 6:3-5)





Second Temple



### 66.4.5 Church, Temple in the heart

It is written: Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple. (1 Corinthians 3:16-17 NIV)



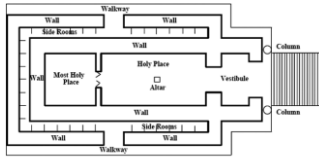
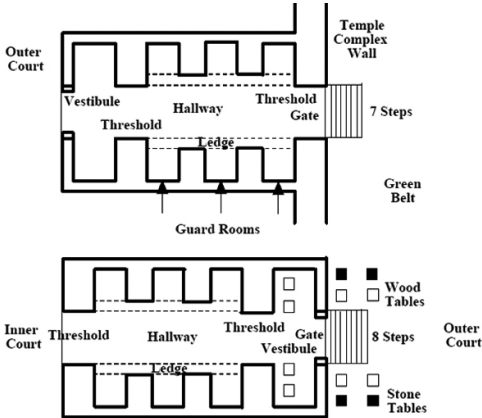
### 66.5 Third Temple (Ezekiel Temple 40-48)

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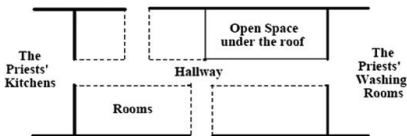
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## Third Temple



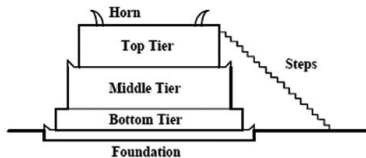
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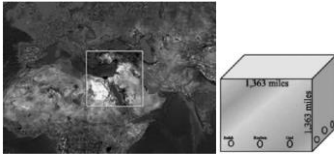


South Facade Facing the Temple

### THE PRIEST'S EATING AND DRESSING ROOMS



## Perspective OF SIZE of New Jerusalem



Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth had disappeared, and there was no sea anymore. And I saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It was prepared like a bride dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Now God's presence is with people, and he will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them and will be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death, sadness, crying, or pain, because all the old ways are gone."

The One who was sitting on the throne said, "Look! I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this, because these words are true and can be trusted."

The One on the throne said to me, "It is finished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give free water from the spring of the water of life to anyone who is thirsty. Those who win the victory will receive this, and I will be their God, and they will be my children. But cowards, those who refuse to believe, who do evil things,

who kill, who sin sexually, who do evil magic, who worship idols, and who tell lies—all these will have a place in the lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last troubles came to me, saying, “Come with me, and I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” And the angel carried me away by the Spirit to a very large and high mountain. He showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It was shining with the glory of God and was bright like a very expensive jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. The city had a great high wall with twelve gates with twelve angels at the gates, and on each gate was written the name of one of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south, and three on the west. The walls of the city were built on twelve foundation stones, and on the stones were written the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod made of gold to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. The city was built in a square, and its length was equal to its width. The angel measured the city with the rod. The city was 1,500 miles long, 1,500 miles wide, and 1,500 miles high. The angel also measured the wall. It was 216 feet high, by human

measurements, which the angel was using.

The wall was made of jasper, and the city was made of pure gold, as pure as glass. The foundation stones of the city walls were decorated with every kind of jewel. The first foundation was jasper, the second was sapphire, the third was chalcedony, the fourth was emerald, the fifth was onyx, the sixth was carnelian, the seventh was chrysolite, the eighth was beryl, the ninth was topaz, the tenth was chrysoprase, the eleventh was jacinth, and the twelfth was amethyst. The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate having been made from a single pearl. And the street of the city was made of pure gold as clear as glass.

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the city's temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God is its light, and the Lamb is the city's lamp. By its light the people of the world will walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. The city's gates will never be shut on any day, because there is no night there. The glory and the honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing unclean and no one who does shameful things or tells lies will ever go into it. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will enter the city. (Revelation 21:1-17)

## 67 Rise of False Prophets

### 67.1 The history of false prophets

[ ] What is the gift of prophecy?

[ ] How and when prophecy could destroy both the speaker and the listener?

[ ] Are they using gifts of prophecy to satisfy personal needs?

[ ] How do you discern if miracle workers and prophets are genuine?

It is written: If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods' which you have not known 'and let us serve them,' you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him, and keep his commandments and obey his voice; you shall serve him and hold fast to him. But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn you away from the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the Lord your God

commanded you to walk. So you shall put away the evil from your midst. (Deuteronomy 13:1-5)

## 67.2 On Earth for me now

[ ] What distinguishes true prophets from false ones?

[ ] How could a prophet deliver a destructive prophecy?

It is written: The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, having put on their robes, sat each on his throne, at a threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made horns of iron for himself; and he said, "Thus says the LORD: 'With these, you shall gore the Syrians until they are destroyed.'" And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for the LORD will deliver it into the king's hand."

Then the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Now listen, the words of the prophets with one accord encourage the king. Please, let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak encouragement." And Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, whatever the LORD says to me, that I will speak." (1 Kings 22:10-14)



And the LORD said, 'Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner. Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will persuade him.'

The LORD said to him, 'In what way?' So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And the LORD said, 'You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.' Therefore, look! The LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you." (1 Kings 22:20-23)

### 67.3 True Prophet

[ ] What proves that Jesus is the messenger?

[ ] Who is a prophet who satisfies listeners like Zedekiah?

[ ] How do people compromise the word of God to attract others?

[ ] Why do speakers compromise or use God's word alongside personal opinions to persuade people?

[ ] What are common symptoms of a leader or followers who have forgotten their calling?

[ ] Why do people seek a prophet?

It is written: In the past, God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has

spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. (Hebrews 1:1-2 NIV)

Many prophets prophesied victory if you fight in Ramoth Gilead, but beware of false prophets. For instance, King Ahab disguised himself and was killed. Jehoshaphat dressed as a king, yet Micaiah did not compromise; instead, he clearly prophesied what God had said.

#### **67.4 Are you an anointed leader?**

Do you want to bring blessings to your people? You should be in position to say "YES" to the following questions.

1. Do you keep away from idol worship?
2. Do you honor God's name?
3. Do you keep the Sabbath Day holy?
4. Do you honor your parents?
5. Do you have no hate in your heart?
6. Do you keep your body pure?
7. Do you not steal from others?
8. Do you testify, not for your good?
9. Do you not covet what others have?

Leaders pray to have a proper character for His people. Do you have these qualities?

#### **Do you have these within you?**

1. The poor in spirit seeking to know Him
2. The mourning for the lost and deprived
3. The meek and humble attitude

4. The hunger and thirst for righteousness
5. The merciful for those in need
6. The pure in heart, walking in His presence
7. The peacemakers
8. The persecuted because of righteousness

Sin deafens ears to the right sound and clouds minds, preventing them from making righteous decisions or performing virtuous acts. Piety is essential for leaders and His children alike. Leaders should embody these qualities to bring blessings to His people: the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those persecuted because of righteousness.

### **67.5 The power of God in and through your life**

It is written: But I will come to you shortly if the Lord wills, and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power. (1 Corinthians 4:19)

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (2 Corinthians 3:17)

#### **A. Discern pollution**

[ ] What tried swallow up your life?

[ ] How do you discern a false prophet?

[ ] How can you have circumcised ears that can hear the true meanings of what is said, and guide people to tune their lives accordingly?

[ ] What are the symptoms of uncircumcised ears?

[ ] Why is it that false prophets could not cause sinners to repent?

But they also have erred through wine, and through intoxicating drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through intoxicating drink, they are swallowed up by wine, they are out of the way through intoxicating drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. (Isaiah 28:7)

The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' and those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers also transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit. (Jeremiah 2:8)

An astonishing and horrible thing has been committed in the land: the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power, and my people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end? (Jeremiah 5:30-31)

"Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them, everyone is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals falsely. They have also healed the hurt of my people slightly, saying, 'Peace, peace!' when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they

had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; nor did they know how to blush.

Therefore, they shall fall among those who fall; at the time I punish them, they shall be cast down," says the LORD. Thus says the LORD: "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk-in it; then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.' Also, I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not listen.'" (Jeremiah 6:13-17)

#### **B. Discern false vision**

[ ] What are the three kinds of prophecies?

[ ] What are the common traits of false prophets, pastors, and teachers?

[ ] Why is only the word of God able to distinguish between a false prophet and the works of God?

[ ] What would be more detrimental than the pollution of God's word?

[ ] Why and how do people pollute the word of God?

It is written: Your prophets have seen for you false and deceptive visions; they have not uncovered your iniquity, to bring back your captives, but have envisioned for you false prophecies and delusions. All who pass by clap their hands at you; they hiss and shake their heads at the daughter of

Jerusalem: "Is this the city that is called 'The perfection of beauty, the joy of the whole earth?'" All your enemies have opened their mouths against you; they hiss and gnash their teeth.

They say, "We have swallowed her up! Surely this is the day we have waited for; we have found it, we have seen it!" The LORD has done what he purposed; he has fulfilled his word which he commanded in days of old. He has thrown down and has not pitied, and he has caused an enemy to rejoice over you; he has exalted the horn of your adversaries. (Lamentations 2:14-17)

It is written: Woe to her who is rebellious and polluted, to the oppressing city! She has not obeyed his voice, she has not received correction; she has not trusted in the LORD, she has not drawn near to her God. Her princes in her midst are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves that leave not a bone till morning. Her prophets are insolent, treacherous people; her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

The LORD is righteous in her midst; he will do no unrighteousness. Every morning he brings his justice to light; he never fails, but the unjust knows no shame. "I have cut off nations, their fortresses are devastated; I

have made their streets desolate, with none passing by. Their cities are destroyed; there is no one, no inhabitant. I said, 'Surely you will fear me, you will receive instruction' so that her dwelling would not be cut off, despite everything for which I punished her. But they rose early and corrupted all their deeds. (Zephaniah 3:1-7)

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. (Matthew 7:15)

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12 NIV)

For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, and slander. (Matthew 15:19 NIV)

## **67.6 The hypocrisy of false prophets**

[ ] Why do people not repent, but instead try to cover their sins?

[ ] Who can speak the truth in the face of insults and persecution?

[ ] What could be the penalty for prophets who steal words?

[ ] What has the power to free those under the bondage of sins?

[ ] Why do false prophets trying to gain fame among people?

It is written: For the people do not turn to him who strikes them, nor do they seek the LORD of hosts. Therefore, the LORD will cut off head and tail from Israel, palm branch, and bulrush in one day. The elder and honorable, he is the head; the prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail. For the leaders of these people cause them to err, and those who are led by them are destroyed. (Isaiah 9:13-16)

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, the prophets say to them, 'You shall not see the sword, nor shall you have famine, but I will give you assured peace in this place.'" And the LORD said to me, "The prophets prophesy lies in my name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart. Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who prophesy in my name, whom I did not send, and who say, 'Sword and famine shall not be in this land' By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed!" (Jeremiah 14:13-15)

### **67.7 Beware foolish prophets**

[ ] What does it mean follow Christ daily with your own cross?



[ ] What would be your cross in His power?

It is written: "Therefore behold, I am against the prophets," says the LORD, "who steal my words every one from his neighbor. Behold, I am against the prophets," says the LORD, "who use their tongues and say, 'He says.' Behold, I am against those who prophesy false dreams," says the LORD, "and tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore, they shall not profit these people at all," says the LORD. (Jeremiah 23:30-32)

Thus says the Lord God: "Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing! O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts. You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the day of the LORD. They have envisioned futility and false divination, saying, 'Thus says the LORD!' But the LORD has not sent them, yet they hope that the word may be confirmed." (Ezekiel 13:3-6)

For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are in your midst deceive you, nor listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed. They are prophesying lies to you in My name. I have not sent

them, declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 29:8-9 NIV)

### **67.8 Beware those who speak without His yoke**

[ ] What do they prophesy, pointing to the word of God?

It is written: Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. (Matthew 10:38)

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:30)

And it happened in the same year, at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year and in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, who was from Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of the Lord in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, "Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: 'I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

Within two full years, I will bring back to this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried to Babylon. And I will bring back to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah who went to Babylon,' says the LORD, 'for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.'"

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of the LORD, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! The LORD do so; the LORD perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of the LORD's house and all who were carried away captive, from Babylon to this place.

Nevertheless, hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries and great kingdoms of war and disaster and pestilence. As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, the prophet will be known as one whom the LORD has truly sent."

Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke off the prophet Jeremiah's neck and broke it. And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Even so I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years.'" And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

Now the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from the neck of

the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "Go and tell Hananiah, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "You have broken the yokes of wood, but you have made in their place yokes of iron."

For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him. I have given him the beasts of the field also."

Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, "Hear now, Hananiah, the LORD has not sent you, but you make these people trust in a lie. Therefore, thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will cast you from the face of the earth. This year you shall die because you have taught rebellion against the LORD.'" (Jeremiah 28:1-16)

## **67.9 Discern the day of punishment, and foolish prophet**

[ ] Who favors the false prophecy, and why?

It is written: The days of punishment have come; The days of recompense have come. Israel knows! The prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is insane, Because of the greatness of your iniquity and great enmity. The watchman of Ephraim is with my God; but the prophet is a fowler's snare in all his ways—Enmity in the house of his God. They are deeply corrupted, as in the days of Gibeah. He will

remember their iniquity; he will punish their sins. (Hosea 9:7-9)

Her heads judge for a bribe, her priests teach for pay, and her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean on the LORD, and say, "Is not the LORD among us? No harm can come upon us." (Micah 3:11-12)

### **67.10 The heartlessness of false prophets**

[ ] What is lacking in these people?

[ ] What, who, and how can clean the House of God?

[ ] What causes blessings to flow through your life?

[ ] Why is disobedience like idol worship?

[ ] How does greed causes disobedience?

[ ] Why is greed like idol worship?

[ ] Why would true prophets not exchange the word of God for anything of the world?

[ ] Why do false prophets say what people want to hear?

[ ] Why will God not change what He has said?

It is written: "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the LORD, "That the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder." (Jeremiah 4:9)

My heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake. I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine has overcome, because of the LORD, and because of his holy words.

For the land is full of adulterers; for because of a curse the land mourns. The pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up. Their course of life is evil, and their might is not right. "For both prophet and priest are profane; yes, in my house I have found their wickedness," says the LORD. (Jeremiah 23:9-11)

The kings of the earth, and all inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy could enter the gates of Jerusalem because of the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests, who shed in her midst the blood of the just.

They wandered blind in the streets; they defiled themselves with blood so that no one would touch their garments. They cried out to them, "Go away, unclean! Go away, go away, do not touch us!" When they fled and wandered, those among the nations said, "They shall no longer dwell here." (Lamentations 4:12-15)

"For I have not sent them," says the LORD, "yet they prophesy a lie in my name, that I may drive you out, and that you may perish, you and the

prophets who prophesy to you." Also, I spoke to the priests and to all these people, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, "Behold, the vessels of the LORD's house will now shortly be brought back from Babylon"; for they prophesy a lie to you.'" (Jeremiah 27:15-16)

because of all the evil of the children of Israel and the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger them, their kings, their princes, their priests, their prophets, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

And they have turned to me the back and not the face; though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not listened to receive instruction. But they set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it. (Jeremiah 32:32-34)

The conspiracy of her prophets in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured people; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in her midst. Her priests have violated my law and profaned my holy things; they have not distinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known the difference between the unclean

and the clean; and they have hidden their eyes from my Sabbaths so that I am profaned among them. Her princes in her midst are like wolves tearing the prey, to shed blood, to destroy people, and to get dishonest gain. (Ezekiel 22:25-27)

"It shall be in that day," says the LORD of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land. It shall come to pass that if anyone still prophesies, then his father and mother who begot him will say to him, 'You shall not live, because you have spoken lies in the name of the LORD.' And his father and mother who begot him shall thrust him through when he prophesies.

And it shall be in that day that every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies; they will not wear a robe of coarse hair to deceive. But he will say, 'I am no prophet, I am a farmer; for a man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.' "(Zechariah 13:2-5)

And behold, a man of God went from Judah to Bethel by the word of the LORD, and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. Then he cried out against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, "O altar, altar! Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, a child,



Josiah by name, shall be born to the house of David; and on you, he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and men's bones shall be burned on you.'"

And he gave a sign the same day, saying, "This is the sign which the LORD has spoken: Surely the altar shall split apart, and the ashes on it shall be poured out." So it came to pass when King Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, who cried out against the altar in Bethel, that he stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Arrest him!" Then his hand, which he stretched out toward him, withered so that he could not pull it back to himself.

The altar also was split apart, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD. Then the king answered and said to the man of God, "Please entreat the favor of the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me." So the man of God entreated the LORD, and the king's hand was restored to him and became as before. Then the king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward."

But the man of God said to the king, "If you were to give me half your house, I would not go in with you; nor

would I eat bread nor drink water in this place. For so it was commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'You shall not eat bread, nor drink water, nor return by the same way you came.'" So he went another way and did not return by the way he came to Bethel. (1 Kings 13:1-10)

Now an old prophet dwelt in Bethel, and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel; they also told their father the words which he had spoken to the king. And their father said to them, "Which way did he go?" For his sons had seen which way the man of God went who came from Judah.

Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him, and he rode on it, and went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak. Then he said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am." Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread." And he said, "I cannot return with you nor go in with you; neither can I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place. For I have been told by the word of the LORD, 'You shall not eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by going the way you came.'"

He said to him, "I too am a prophet as you are, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'Bring

him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.'" (He was lying to him) So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water. Now it happened, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back; and he cried out to the man of God who came from Judah, saying,

"Thus says the LORD: 'Because you have disobeyed the word of the LORD, and have not kept the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you, but you came back, ate bread, and drank water in the place of which the LORD said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water," your corpse shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.'" So it was after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, the prophet whom he had brought back. When he was gone, a lion met him on the road and killed him. And his corpse was thrown on the road, and the donkey stood by it. The lion also stood by the corpse. (1 Kings 13:11-24)

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. (2 Timothy 4:3-4 AKJV)

### **67.11 Jesus warned us**

The elect spoken of by Jesus is followers of Christ. If the anti-Christ can deceive those guided by the Holy Spirit, how much more easily will he be able to deceive those who don't know Jesus to eternal destruction?

[ ] How can you believe that a trial is from God who loves you?

It is written: For there shall arise false Christ, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; in so much that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (Matthew 24:24 AKJV)

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begins at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? (1 Peter 4:17 KJV)

Trials purify your heart further and make your light shine brighter.

### **67.12 God's Word written how the worldwide deception will come about**

[ ] Why is a person who seeks signs and miracles, rather than the word of God, vulnerable to the evil spirit?

[ ] How can you overcome temptations from the world?

[ ] How can you stand firm in the word of God and avoid the traps of evil?

It is written: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them, that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. (2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 KJV)

And deceives them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had the power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

And he had the power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. (Revelation 13:14-15 KJV)

Pray that you will not be deceived when the final false messiah anti-Christ comes.

It is written: The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs, and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

For this reason, God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in

wickedness. (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 NIV)

### **67.13 All blessings opened to the church in Christ**

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, so that we may follow all the words of this law. (Deuteronomy 29:29)

He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. (Matthew 13:11)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3)

in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2:3)

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. (2 Peter 1:3)

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him, the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. (2 Corinthians 1:20)

## 67.14 Church

The hall of Church History

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Why are there so many denominations in the within Christianity?

Church

- ☐ Is a temple considered a church?
- ☐ Is a building a church?
- ☐ What elements are necessary for a place to be considered a church?
- ☐ What activities should take place in a normal church?
- ☐ What happens if those are missing?
- ☐ What defines a church?
- ☐ What does not qualify as a church?
- ☐ Do you know who purchased the church?
- ☐ What are the seven churches mentioned in the book of Revelation?

## 68 Special Call

### 68.1 Call

[ ] What is idol worship and a greedy mind, and how can you stay away from them?

[ ] How can you be part of the first resurrection?

[ ] What is the special call?

[ ] What will be seen in your written book of record, which include all you have spoken?

It is written: Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished.

But after these things, he must be released for a little while. And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands.

And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.



Blessed and holy is he who has a part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to

their works, by the things which were written in the books.

The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20)

## **68.2 Disciple**

### **68.2.1 God has chosen you**

[ ] What works produce the fruits that will last?

[ ] What authority was given in the name of Jesus Christ?

[ ] Who is a sinner?

[ ] Why Jesus called sinners, not the righteous?

[ ] How can you become a fisher of men?

It is written: You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear first fruit—that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. (John 15:16 NIV)

Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—

that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons.

These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder); Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. (Mark 3:13-19 NIV)

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples.

When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Matthew 9:9-13 NIV)

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19 NIV)

### **68.2.1 Call to the first Disciple**

[ ] What is the good news of God? Have you heard His call?

[ ] Why did Jesus called the disciples while they are working?

It is written: After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee, and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay, he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. (Mark 1:14-20 NIV)

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he

saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. (Matthew 4:18-22 NIV)

### 68.2.3 From John's Disple

[ ] Why do you want the Messiah?

[ ] How did you found the Messiah?

It is written: The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi (which means Teacher), where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah (that is, the Christ)." And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas (which, when translated, is Peter)." (John 1:35-42 NIV)

#### **68.2.4 The sick need doctors**

[ ] Who were Jesus' friends and followers?

It is written: Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.

When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Mark 2:13-17 NIV)

#### **68.2.5 Call of Saul**

[ ] Why did God allow Saul to persecute His church?

[ ] How did God give detail instructions?

[ ] How do you pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

[ ] How do you prove that Jesus is the Christ?

[ ] Why do we need Barnabas in the church?

It is written: Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind and did not eat or drink anything.

In Damascus, there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision,

"Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision, he has seen a man named Ananias come and place

his hands on him to restore his sight." "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who caused havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?"



Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ. After many days had gone by, the Jews conspired to kill him, but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept a close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall. When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple.

But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.

He talked and debated with the Grecian Jews, but they tried to kill him. When the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened, and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord. (Acts 9:1-31 NIV)

### 68.2.6 Used or Useful

God asks, "Would I seek people's recommendations to select my disciple? It is my decision and my unconditional election. I give my work to the one who will obey me. I will give more to those who obey me faithfully." These are people using Jesus' name, exploiting the church for their own profit, doing what pleases them and satisfies their desires.

[ ] Why do we seem to see many weeds in the church?

[ ] Why did God allow weeds to grow together in the church?

[ ] How do we know that we are working diligently with what He has given?

[ ] Why does God despise laziness?

"I Never Knew You." (Matthew 7:21  
"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.")

Among the 12 disciples, who was used by evil? There are two types of people: one is used by evil, the other by God. The one devoted to God is like a clean vessel used only by Him. To those, He will say on the Day of Judgment, "You good and faithful servant, come and join the banquet that is ready" But the one who is used by both evil and God, He will say "Depart from me, you lawless person!" God has told us clearly that the wheat will be

gathered into the barn, but the weeds will be gathered to be burned.

It is written: Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' "'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time, I will tell the harvesters: First, collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" (Matthew 13:24-30 NIV)

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them,

and made another five talents. And likewise, he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his Lord's money.

After a long time, the Lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His Lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His Lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.'

Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

But his Lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you

knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming, I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore, take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’" (Matthew 25:14-30)

### **68.2.7 Volunteer for the task**

[ ] How does earth display God's glory?

[ ] What can take away your guilt?

[ ] How did you hear His voice asking, "Whom shall I send"?

[ ] Why were the Israelites left in the darkness?

It is written: In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their

voices, the door posts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" He said, "Go and tell these people: 'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.' Make the heart of these people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise, they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." Then I said, "For how long, O Lord?" And he answered: "Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitants until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged until the LORD has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken. And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste. But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are

cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land. " (Isaiah 6:1-13)

### **68.2.8 The cost being His Disciple**

[ ] Why did Jesus asked follow Him while He has even with no place to sleep?

[ ] Why is the requirement to become His disciple is the complete surrender of all you possess?

It is written: When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake. Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." Another disciple said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus told him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead." (Matthew 8:18-22 NIV)

In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:33 NIV)

He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. (Hebrews 11:26 NIV)

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. (Philippians 3:7 NIV)

## **69 Rejoice in Persecution**

### **69.1 Peter**

[ ] What is the proper attitude toward the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

[ ] How were the apostles able to obey the Lord rather than man, boldly and fearlessly preaching the Gospel?

[ ] How can you have His righteousness before taking action?

[ ] What attitudes must a witness of the Gospel have?

[ ] How can we have the same attitude and obedience as witness?

[ ] How do you overcome fear?

[ ] How did Jesus purchased the Church, and what are the rights of the Church?

[ ] How can you rejoice when you are persecuted for standing for Jesus?

It is written: Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in a public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life."

At daybreak, they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. When the



high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent them to the jail for the apostles. But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, "We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside."

On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were puzzled, wondering what would come of this. Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men! The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead—whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted

him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.

But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. Then he addressed them: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. Therefore, in the present case, I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God." His speech persuaded them.

They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of

Jesus, and let them go The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ. (Acts 5:17-42 NIV)

## 69.2 Stephen

[ ] Why couldn't the persecution of the church stop the spreading of the gospel?

[ ] Why does the world religion blind people?

[ ] Why can signs and wonders not create new life?

[ ] Why does doctrine without the Spirit of the Lord harden hearts?

It is written: And Saul was there, giving approval to his death. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison. (Acts 8:1-3 NIV)

## 69.3 Qualification 3

### 69.3.1 No compromise: checklist of disciples of Jesus Christ

[ ] If you are not a disciple, what are you?

[1] “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

[2] And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it — lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish?

Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

[3] Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is

neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" (Luke 14:26-35)

#### 69.4 Disciple's quality

Hold on to His teaching

[ ] What makes you free?

[ ] What is a slave?

[ ] What is "descendant of Abraham" mean?

It is written: To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

I know you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are ready to kill me because you have no room for my word. I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you do what you have heard from your father."

"Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's

children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did. As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. You are doing the things your own father does." "We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself." (John 8:31-41 NIV)

## **69.5 Know that the flesh counts for nothing**

### **69.5.1 Why do you follow Him**

[ ] What does it mean that Jesus said, "the flesh counts for nothing"?

[ ] What does it mean that "born again" is the will of the Father in heaven but also your choice?

It is written: On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe."

For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, "This is why I told you

that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. "Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." Then Jesus replied, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!" (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.) (John 6:60-71 NIV)

### **69.5.2 Take up your cross**

[ ] What interrupt you when you become in charge of your life?

[ ] How can we find what our cross is?

[ ] What does it mean deny yourself daily?

[ ] What does it mean to have eternal life for your soul?

It is written: And anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. (Matthew 10:38 NIV)

And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:27 NIV)

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23 NIV)

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24 NIV)

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:34-38)

### **69.5.3 Set the Lord always before you**

[ ] What can make you be His delight?

[ ] What are your inheritance in Christ?

[ ] How do you set the Lord always before you?

It is written: Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.

O my soul, you have said to the LORD,  
"You are my Lord,  
My goodness is nothing apart from You."

As for the saints who are on the earth,



“They are the excellent ones, in whom  
is all my delight.”

Their sorrows shall be multiplied who  
hasten after another god;

Their drink offerings of blood I will  
not offer,

Nor take up their names on my lips.

O LORD, You are the portion of my  
inheritance and my cup;

You maintain my lot.

The lines have fallen to me in  
pleasant places;

Yes, I have a good inheritance.

I will bless the LORD who has given  
me counsel;

My heart also instructs me in the  
night seasons.

I have set the LORD always before me;  
Because He is at my right hand I shall  
not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my  
glory rejoices;

My flesh also will rest in hope.

For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,  
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to  
see corruption.

You will show me the path of life;

In Your presence is fullness of joy;

At Your right hand are pleasures  
forevermore. (Psalms 16)

#### **69.5.4 First love and no compromise**

[ ] What does it mean living a life worthy of Christ?

[ ] What does it mean honoring the Words over all  
others?

[ ] Why God gave Ten Commandments?

It is written: Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. (Matthew 10:37 NIV)

If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:26 NIV)

And if anyone still prophesies, his father and mother, to whom he was born, will say to him, 'You must die because you have told lies in the LORD's name.' When he prophesies, his own parents will stab him. (Zechariah 13:3 NIV)

Why do you scorn my sacrifice and offering that I prescribed for my dwelling? Why do you honor your sons more than me by fattening yourselves on the choice parts of every offering made by my people Israel? (1 Samuel 2:29 NIV)

He said of his father and mother, 'I have no regard for them.' He did not recognize his brothers or acknowledge his own children, but he watched over your word and guarded your covenant. (Deuteronomy 33:9 NIV)

## 70 Passing the Test

### 70.1 Abraham's and Isaac's test

[ ] Why do people fail (not accepted) to obey what they hear from God?

[ ] Why is obedience a prerequisite for receiving blessings?

And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Then on the third day, Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it upon Isaac his son, and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

And they came to the place which God had told him of, and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.

And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba, and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba. (Genesis 22:1-19)

## 70.2 Jesus' wilderness test

[ ] Why are the Words "it is written" the only way to defeat attacks from Satan?

[ ] What does "It is written" said by Jesus, mean?

It is written: Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on

every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. (Matthew 4:1-11 NIV)

### 70.3 Disciple's privilege

[ ] How can we advance toward the Kingdom?

[ ] How can we refresh our hearts to be loyal to the Lord?

[ ] Why did the Spirit of the Lord come?

[ ] How can we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire?

It is written: From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it. (Matthew 11:12 NIV)

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. (2 Chronicles 16:9a NIV)

Baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire is for you; ask, seek, knock.

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of

righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified. (Isaiah 61:1-3)

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (Matthew 3:11)

#### **70.4 The Word of the Lord**

The eyes of the Lord roam the whole earth to find people to assign His work. He will show His might to hearts that are loyal to Him.

Do you have this loyal heart and fully obey God's commandments? This committed heart is like the disciple of the upper room, gathered in obedience and prayer. Disciples received promised power from above at the appointed time and tasted the mighty power of God.

Only those who have experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit know this power.

Are you presenting yourself as His disciple to the world, yet mixing your works with God's? If you do not have God's power from above, then think, if you are obstructing His work.

The purpose of calling disciples is to live a life with His power and proclaim His gospel.

He will establish churches that offer acceptable worship: pure and holy. This worship will not be diluted by man's schemes, methods, or doctrines. It will be like the purity of the upper room worship in Acts. Many



disciples have received this message. Some are working hard to accomplish this call.

Consider how the disciples gathered in the upper room and waited until the appropriate time, and how they changed after the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Do not ask others to change when you have not changed. Receive this power from God and encourage others to experience the same power.

Be aware the word given is not a recorder nor an extracurricular teacher but a commandment. Whoever listens, obeys, and follows God's words are His disciples. Blessings will follow.

Those who judge what God says are against God. They may call themselves His disciples, yet those who are self-righteous, proud, and disobedient have nothing to do with God. They will be cast aside on the Day of Judgment.

The 120 disciples in the upper room were ready to become martyrs if necessary. They were able to walk with God because the love of the cross overflowed in their hearts. So, you too should become a Spirit-filled person and love others with God's love. Was there even one among the disciples who were not filled with the power from above, or not diligent in sharing the Good News?

The world is under the influence of evil, and it will only intensify as sin begets sin. Be alert.

Be aware that there is no such thing as tomorrow in missions. Deal with others with

the attitude and heart as if your first meeting may be your last.

There will be people opposing leaders or missions because of their prejudice or preconception, like those who were prejudiced against Nazareth and could not believe that the Messiah could come from there.

They will try to drive others toward unbelief. The fruit of the miraculous conception will take place for those who seek and obey without doubt like Mary. Do not grumble or complain, but pray against those who hinder the power of the Holy Spirit with prejudices.

### **70.5 Listen, My disciples**

Listen. God wants us to proclaim the good news to the people and to show them the Way. God's knowledge is limitless, and His wisdom is endless. God will come close to whoever seeks Him with their whole heart. God respects those who respect Him. He grants wisdom and understanding to those who trust and follow Him. He cannot care for those who do not care for themselves.

YHWH made Egypt wealthy and strong for the sake of Israel and destroyed it in the Red Sea. He is holding Israel in his hand and using the U.S. as He did with Egypt. Think about the purpose of nations in history.

Be wise and discern the times. Do not miss the opportunity to glorify His name!

It is written: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and

all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!" (Revelation 5:13 NIV)

Be thankful in every situation. When trials and difficult times come, be thankful. Do not waste your time and energy worrying or being anxious.

"Proclaim what I have shown you. Satan loves it when you stop working. Fear not. I will send you people. I will accomplish what I have said. I am the living God. I am coming soon. Do not be careless with my words. I do as I have said. I love those who keep my words, who read my word, and who believe and practice my word."

## **70.6 Purpose accomplished**

[ ] What is the sign that you are the victor in this world?

[ ] What does it mean that all things are from Him and through Him?

It is written: Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, your island, and all who live in them. Let the desert and its towns raise their voices; let the settlements where Kedar lives rejoice. Let the people of Sela sing for joy; let them shout from the mountaintops.

Let them give glory to the LORD and proclaim his praise in the islands. The LORD will march out like a mighty man,

like a warrior he will stir up his zeal;  
with a shout, he will raise the battle  
cry and will triumph over his enemies.  
(Isaiah 42:10-13 NIV)

Oh, the depth of the riches of the  
wisdom and knowledge of God! How  
unsearchable his judgments, and his  
paths beyond tracing out!

Who has known the mind of the Lord?  
Or who has been his counselor? Who  
has ever given to God, that God  
should repay him? For from him and  
through him and to him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever! Amen.  
(Romans 11:33-36 NIV)

## **70.7 Martyr**

### **70.7.1 Obedience of Abraham and Isaac on the Altar**

[ ] Why did Isaac offer himself as a living sacrifice?

It is written: When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. (Genesis 22:9-10 NIV)

### **70.7.2 Stephen, the first breakthrough**

[ ] Who is behind false witnesses, and why are they doing it?

[ ] What are the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven?

[ ] What is the sign that the "fullness of the Gentiles" will be fulfilled?

It is written: Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia. These men began to argue with Stephen, but they could not stand up against his wisdom or the Spirit by whom he spoke. Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, "We have heard Stephen speak words of blasphemy against Moses and God." So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law.

They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin. They produced false witnesses, who testified, "This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and the law. For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us." All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel. (Acts 6:8-15 NIV)

It is written: He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them, it has not been given. (Matthew 13:11)

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. (Romans 11:25)

Stephen was a fruit of righteousness among an evil generation—a descendant of Adam— who knows good and evil.

[ ] Why did Abram receive blessing?

[ ] Why is doing things your way is a sin in His sight?

[ ] What does it mean to use Him and His resources for your own purposes?

[ ] What makes a place holy on earth?

[ ] What does it mean that the Israelites were adopted as heavenly children, possessing glory, covenants, law, service, promises, worship, and fellowship with the living God, but lost it all upon rejecting the Messiah?

[ ] Why does it seem that our needs are not met even though promised in Christ?

[ ] What does it mean that all were created for Christ, through Christ, and that our duty as servants is obedience?

[ ] What causes us to cover our ears and ignore the righteous voice, letting anger control our actions in the church?

[ ] How can we stand firm in our testimony and rejoice in the Lord even during persecution?

It is written: Then the high priest asked him, "Are these charges true?" To this, he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia before he lived in Haran.

'Leave your country and your people,' God said, 'and go to the land I will show you.' So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living. He gave him no inheritance here, not even a foot of ground. But God promised him that he and his descendants after him would possess the land, even though at that time Abraham had no child.

God spoke to him in this way: 'Your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and ill-treated for four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves,' God said, 'and afterward, they will come out of that country and worship me in this place.' Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. And Abraham became the father of Isaac

and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.

Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave in Egypt. But God was with him and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt; so he made him ruler over Egypt and all his palaces. Then a famine struck all of Egypt and Canaan, bringing great suffering, and our fathers could not find food.

When Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our fathers on their first visit. On their second visit, Joseph told his brothers who he was, and Pharaoh learned about Joseph's family. After this, Joseph sent for his father Jacob and his whole family, seventy-five in all. Then Jacob went down to Egypt, where he and our fathers died. Their bodies were brought back to Shechem and placed in the tomb that Abraham had bought from the sons of Hamor at Shechem for a certain sum of money. As the time drew near for God to fulfill his promise to Abraham, the number of our people in Egypt greatly increased.

Then another king, who knew nothing about Joseph, became ruler of Egypt. He dealt treacherously with our people and oppressed our forefathers



by forcing them to throw out their newborn babies so that they would die. At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child. For three months he was cared for in his father's house. When he was placed outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her son. Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.

"When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his fellow Israelites. He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian. Moses thought that his people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not. The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, 'Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?' But the man who was ill-treating the other pushed Moses aside and said, 'Who made you ruler and judge over us? Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?' When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons.

After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai. When he saw this, he was amazed at the sight. As he went over to look more closely, he heard

the Lord's voice: 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.' Moses trembled with fear and did not dare to look.

Then the Lord said to him, 'Take off your sandals; the place where you are standing is holy ground. I have indeed seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their groaning and have come down to set them free. Now come, I will send you back to Egypt.' This is the same Moses whom they had rejected with the words, 'Who made you ruler and judge?' He was sent to be their ruler and deliverer by God himself, through the angel who appeared to him in the bush. He led them out of Egypt and did wonders and miraculous signs in Egypt, at the Red Sea, and for forty years in the desert.

This is Moses who told the Israelites, 'God will send you a prophet like me from your people.' He was in the assembly in the desert, with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers; and he received living words to pass on to us. But our fathers refused to obey him. Instead, they rejected him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt.

They told Aaron, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who led us out of Egypt—we don't know what has happened to him!' That was the time they made an

idol in the form of a calf. They brought sacrifices to it and celebrated in honor of what their hands had made. But God turned away and gave them over to the worship of the heavenly bodies.

This agrees with what is written in the book of the prophets: 'Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings for forty years in the desert, O house of Israel? You have lifted the shrine of Molech and the star of your god Rephan, the idols you made to worship. Therefore, I will send you into exile beyond Babylon.

Our forefathers had the tabernacle of the Testimony with them in the desert. It had been made as God directed Moses, according to the pattern he had seen. Having received the tabernacle, our fathers under Joshua brought it with them when they took the land from the nations God drove out before them. It remained in the land until the time of David, who enjoyed God's favor and asked that he might provide a dwelling place for the God of Jacob. But it was Solomon who built the house for him. However, the Most High does not live in houses made by men.

As the prophet says: 'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me? says the Lord. Or where will my

resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things?'

You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears!

You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him—you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it."

When they heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him.

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city, and began to stone him.

Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not

hold this sin against them." When he said this, he fell asleep. (Acts 7 NIV)

CALL TO BE

AND

CALL TO DO

Enoch walked with God.

Noah obeyed God.

Abraham followed the Word.

Joshua stayed in the Word.

Elisha stood for God.

David loved God.

Paul lived with God.

## **71 Faith and Obedience**

No judgment, if you are in the love of God.

No resentment, if you are in the love of God.

All patience, if you are in the love of God.

All power, if you are in the love of God.

All provided if you are in the love of God.

### **71.1 Set the Lord before you; walk with Him.**

[ ] What hinders you from having peace with God?

[ ] What prompt our mind to give presents?

[ ] What compels us to give to God and desire to be with Him?

[ ] What does the hope of resurrection mean?

[ ] How can you achieve victory in the trials set before you?

It is written: Preserve me, O God,  
for in You I put my trust.

O my soul, you have said to the Lord,  
"You are my Lord,  
My goodness is nothing apart from  
You."

As for the saints who are on the earth,  
"They are the excellent ones, in whom  
is all my delight."

Their sorrows shall be multiplied who  
hasten after another god;

Their drink offerings of blood I will  
not offer,

Nor take up their names on my lips.

O Lord, You are the portion of my  
inheritance and my cup;

You maintain my lot.  
The lines have fallen to me in  
pleasant places;  
Yes, I have a good inheritance.  
I will bless the Lord who has given me  
counsel;  
My heart also instructs me in the  
night seasons.  
I have set the Lord always before me;  
because He is at my right hand I shall  
not be moved.  
Therefore, my heart is glad,  
and my glory rejoices; My flesh also  
will rest in hope.  
For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,  
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to  
see corruption.  
You will show me the path of life;  
in Your presence is fullness of joy;  
at Your right hand are pleasures  
forevermore. (Psalm 16:1-11)

King David believed in the resurrection and rejoiced in that hope. Your offering reveals where your heart lies. Those in heaven understand the purpose behind their giving and rejoice in their offerings. Do you enjoy giving to the Lord?

## **TO BE**

### **71.2 Be A "Normal" Person**

In Genesis chapter one, it is written, 'And God saw that it was good.' This sets the standard for what 'normal' should be: being 'good in His sight' and living a balanced life. This balance allows the power of God to flow through you. Keep the Lord before you in your thoughts,



walk with Him, and align with His timing, ways, and will, so that His grace may empower you.

When you lose this balance, you risk straying onto the cursed road—the path of sinners. Despite your best efforts, you may unwittingly contribute to the devil's kingdom. Jacob and Rebecca, while seeking to fulfill God's will, chose their own methods over His way and faced serious consequences.

### **71.3 "normal" life**

Stay on the path that God has set for you. Striving for excellence in your field is commendable, but resorting to immoral and unethical means is unacceptable. If your actions deviate from what is right, it's crucial to pause and reassess. Investments are wise, but reckless speculation is not.

Seek to encounter the living God according to His teachings; embrace His guidance and training. God has provided ways to connect with Him through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit at the appropriate times. The Holy Spirit comes to those who live uprightly in God's eyes and follow His guidance.

If a married person pursues another love, their household faces ruin, departing from what is considered normal. Loving two people simultaneously divides the mind and heart. Similarly, God desires our wholehearted devotion to Him alone. Those who demonstrate this normal, devoted love for God receive His blessings.

### **71.4 Signs of normality**

Characteristics of 'normal' children of God:

True children of God seek to meet Him daily. Their hearts yearn to encounter Him throughout each day, whether through television, news, meditation on His words, radio, praise and worship, or in everyday places like street corners, marketplaces, and workplaces. The living God responds to the earnest longing of such hearts.

How often do you meet with the living God, especially in extreme and difficult times? How often do you prioritize meeting with loved ones if given the chance? How strong is your desire to meet with Jesus Christ, who continually knocks at your door? Do you understand why He persists in knocking? Have you recognized His knocking and opened the door for Him to enter? Have you shared a meal with Him at your table?

## **SALT**

### **71.5 Be a trustworthy**

[ ] How can you identify those who have come from the devil to destroy you?

[ ] What cause you to struggle when sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with others?

It is written: Simon Peter, a servant, and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. (2 Peter 1:1-2 NIV)

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one Spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.

This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have. (Philippians 1:27-30 NIV)

## 71.6 Husband and wife

[ ] Why is obeying what is written in the Word equivalent to obeying God?

[ ] What does it mean to "submit to your husband"?

[ ] What does it mean love your wife as He loved you?

The love of God is demonstrated at home through fidelity and love for one another. This is your expression of love for God.

It is written: Wives, in the same way, be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the Word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives,

when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. Your beauty should not come from outward adornments, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. Husbands, in the same way, be considerate as you live with your wives and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life so that nothing will hinder your prayers. (1 Peter 3:1-7 NIV)

## **71.7 Become like morning Dew in His sight**

**What does it mean to live like Dew?**

Water can be contaminated, oil can be contaminated, But Dew cannot. Evil and people dilute the Word of God. Evil and its followers dilute the work of the Spirit, but they cannot dilute the morning dew. Dew is an uncompromising, uncontaminated, and pure form of water.

All go through the wilderness trials to learn that we live not only by bread but also by the

Word. He is the creator and owner of the heavens and earth. We must learn what it means and why we are instructed to seek God's kingdom and His righteousness first. We must understand why we are separated from the world and how to be like Jesus.

An example of Dew is Jesus Christ, who did not compromise even while on the cross. He fulfilled the Word of God and refused to drink the offered vinegar with gall. Dew is a victor against the power of evil and the world.

Dew is a person who keeps the Word of God and commits to it. He gladly obeys the Author of life and the Eternal Groom. He keeps his first love and is faithful even to death as a martyr.

Dew is a person who offers pure worship—holy and acceptable worship. He worships with a faithful servant's heart, with proper sacrifices, and where the anointing of the Holy Spirit overflows. These are the best blessings His creation can receive.

Dew obeys the commandments of the Lord without condition. Dew supplies strength to the one who partakes. Do not miss the opportunity given to glorify His name!

It is written: And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that is in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever! (Revelation 5:13)

## **71.8 Israel's rejection of Christ**

[ ] Why should we have a love for lost souls and pray for them so they may seek and reach the love of Christ?

[ ] Who in your community requires the most and least help?

It is written: I tell the truth in Christ, —I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, —that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen. (Romans 9:1-5)

## **71.9 Ephesians 1**

### **Greeting**

It is written: Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:1-2)

### **Redemption in Christ**

[ ] How do you count the blessings you have received?

It is written: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth in Him.

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. (Ephesians 1:3-12)

The purpose of life on earth is to glorify God through the fruits received from Him and to offer the "praises and worship" that His glory

and name deserve. Are you fulfilling this purpose?

### **Prayer for Spiritual Wisdom**

[ ] What is prejudice, and how does it form?

[ ] What can be an act of prejudiced?

[ ] Who desires wisdom from the Spirit, knowledge in Christ, and an understanding mind, and why?

It is written: In Him, you also trusted after you heard the Word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory dominion, and every name that is named,

Therefore, I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He



raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

And He put all things under His feet and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (Ephesians 1:13-23)

## 71.10 Ephesians 2

[ ] What are the differences between being dead and alive in Christ?

[ ] Why peace made by man does not last?

[ ] What is your foundation of your life, why?

It is written: And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the Spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the

heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Therefore, remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who

were far off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:1-22)

## 71.11 Psalm 110

[ ] What cause us struggle to bear the fruits from Him in your life?

[ ] How does the willing Dew of the Lord act differently than others on the day of battle?

It is written:

The Lord says to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion;

you will rule in the midst of your enemies.

Your troops will be willing on your day of battle.

Arrayed in holy majesty,

from the womb of the dawn, you will receive the Dew of your youth.

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind:

"You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

The Lord is at your right hand;  
he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.

He will judge the nations,  
heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.

He will drink from a brook beside the way;

therefore, he will lift up his head.  
(Psalm 110:1-7 NIV)

I will be like the Dew to Israel; he will blossom like a lily. Like a cedar of Lebanon, he will send down his roots.  
(Hosea 14:5 NIV)

### **71.12 Ruth's life approved as Dew**

Ruth is not just a story about a mother-in-law and daughter-in-law. Instead, Ruth's story is a testimony of what life as "Morning Dew" should be.

It is written: "The Lord had visited His people by giving them bread" (Ruth 1:6)

#### **71.12.1 Discern the time**

[ ] What does it mean to believe that God's wisdom is unlimited and His counsel is beyond your imagination?

It is written: Listen and hear my voice;  
pay attention and hear what I say.  
When a farmer plows for planting,  
does he plow continually? Does he

keep on breaking up and harrowing the soil? When he has leveled the surface, does he not sow caraway and scatter cumin? Does he not plant wheat in its place, barley in its plot, and spelled in its field?

His God instructs him and teaches him the right way. Caraway is not threshed with a sled, nor is a cartwheel rolled over cumin; caraway is beaten out with a rod, and cumin with a stick. Grain must be ground to make bread; so one does not go on threshing it forever. Though he drives the wheels of his threshing cart over it, his horses do not grind it. All this also comes from the LORD Almighty, wonderful in counsel and magnificent in wisdom. (Isaiah 28:23-29 NIV)

### **71.12.2 Ruth depended upon God in all**

Ruth relied on God for everything. She served and honored Naomi, despite Naomi having nothing to offer her. This exemplifies obeying God's Word to honor our parents, as outlined in the Ten Commandments. Ruth possessed a humble and faithful spirit. It's important to cultivate a similar mission mindset in your service, assistance, and work.

Ruth selflessly loved the elderly and frail Naomi, demonstrating obedience to God's command to love Him and our neighbors. Serving with selfish motives is akin to the deceitful faith of Ananias and Sapphira.

Reflect on the kind of love you exhibit. Ruth faced life's hardships, such as the deaths of

her father-in-law and husband. Do you stand firm with a heart of steadfastness? By loving unconditionally, according to God's Word, you will partake in Ruth's blessings.

### **71.12.3 Ruth walked with God. How did she do?**

Missionaries must support the needs of their families, much like Enoch. Enoch lived for sixty-five years and begot Methuselah. After Methuselah's birth, Enoch walked with God for three hundred years, had sons and daughters, and supported his family while maintaining his walk with God without neglecting their needs.

Ruth had nothing, but she worked diligently with all her heart. She was faithful, gathering leftover grain, enduring ridicule, sweating through her tasks, and ignoring discrimination due to her love for God and Naomi.

God blessed Ruth with Boaz as a gift, recognizing her steadfast and unconditional dedication.

God chose David for his faithful care of the few sheep he tended. This is Dew's character.

## **72 Lifestyle of Dew**

Be not defiled by the world; stay pure and holy.

Keep the mind pure,

Keep your thoughts pure,

Keep the body pure,

Keep life pure.

Do not compromise with the world

Do not be afraid of trials and persecutions; know that the dew, which is pure and beautiful in the sight of God, is produced through the cold night and early morning. Dew is the present form of the coming glory of the living God. Dew surrenders his heart to the living God. Dew fears the Lord, is honest, wise, follows wisdom, and refrains from the quick fixes offered by the world. Dew understands that only the person who follows the will of God qualifies to be with the Lord. Dew knows the difference between living and dead faith. The living God will not be found in dead faith. Learn to speak the right words; be willing to obey; be ready to undergo trials if necessary. Think about how the calves carried the lost ark of the Lord and how they displayed obedience. Disobedience means deserting God. Consider what Satan would do in that situation.

### **72.1 Code of Dew and the Daily Word**

Rejoice always,

Pray without ceasing,

Give thanks for everything,

Meditate on the Word of God day and night.

Continuously read the same text deeply until

you hear from the Lord. The Word of God is eternal; therefore, we must regularly consume and imbibe it.

## **72.2 Pick up your cross daily and follow**

Ruth's faith is demonstrated in her decision to take up her cross and follow God's Word. She left her parents, country, and people to obey God, and the unfamiliar place became familiar as she found refuge in the shadow of the Almighty. Though her situation was challenging and resources were scarce, Ruth learned to care for herself and honor Naomi. The disciple's journey is to "take up your cross daily and follow [Jesus]."

Do not fear the danger of the mission field.

## **72.3 Showed how to do mission work properly**

Learn from Ruth's example and how she was cared for in that foreign land. Gathering heads of grain is not glamorous work. Nevertheless, her attitude honored Naomi, and her service shone brightly, causing the community to praise her efforts. Before you receive the gifts the Lord has prepared for you in the mission field, your work must first be approved. God accepted Ruth for her faithfulness, diligence, humility, and service. She was diligent in her tasks. God seeks diligent workers who use their hands, not just their minds. Why did Ruth have to gather the heads of grain? Not all grain is edible; it needs to be sorted. Nearly half of the gathered grain is inedible. Recognize that not all workers are equal; you must discern and separate to find what is good. Gleaning grain is demanding labor, yet it is



foundational. Put forth effort and do not be ashamed of your assigned tasks. Ruth's and Tamar's faithful and obedient actions did not conform to worldly standards. While their actions may seem unconventional by worldly measures, they found favor, and the Lord blessed their deeds. Their actions fulfilled God's will.

#### **72.4 Focus on accomplishing the will of God**

God observed Ruth's faithful and humble attitude, noting her best efforts in difficult circumstances. Recognizing her qualifications, God appointed her to be part of the Messiah's family lineage and blessed her with Boaz as her husband. Similarly, when God chose David to be king, He found him to be a person after His own heart. Reflect deeply on these examples and also on the wisdom of Proverbs 31 to understand who qualifies as acceptable in God's eyes. Difficult trials serve as God's touchstone, shaping the character of His children. Through these trials, the love of God flows abundantly.

It is written: He also chose David, His servant, and took him from the sheepfolds; From following the ewes that had young He brought him, to shepherd Jacob His people, and Israel His inheritance. So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands. (Psalm 78:70-72)

[ ] How do you become qualified workers of God?

The Lord repay your work, and a full reward is given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge." Then she said, "Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me, and have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants." (Ruth 2:12-13)

Psalm 91 is fulfilled in Ruth's life.

[ ] What qualifies that your work is beneficial for people and within the boundary of His blessing?

## **72.5 Obedience brings peace and joy**

Why obey?

Why do we need to obey the Word of God?

Why are you working so hard?

For what?

For what purpose?

The world stores resources for a rainy day, but God's children store provisions to do the will of God. Trust and know that in His kingdom, there is no need to save for rainy days. God's disciples stored provisions so they could share whenever the Lord needed them to.

God's work is established only through obedience to His Word. Discipline yourself according to the Spirit within you. Learn the difference between working by the wit of the world and obedience to God's Word. The power of God comes only through His Spirit. When we work through God, our actions affect the hearts of people.

Moses' work in the wilderness was not done by his hard work but by obedience to God's Word. God's work was accomplished through the Spirit of obedience.

The principles in Genesis and the Ten Commandments were not calls to work hard but to obey what you hear. Work hard with all your heart, mind, and strength, with the desire to please the Lord. The Word of God is the only power that can overcome Satan. Prove your faith through your obedience and accomplish His work. All the world's works and accomplishments are like vapor, but the works of the Lord are your reward and eternal glory.

[ ] What does it mean that careless speech, misconduct, or greedy actions measure your worth on the Day of Judgment?

It is written: So Samuel said: Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is like the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is like iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the Word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king." (1 Samuel 15:22-23)

Obey without reason or doubt; acknowledge the limitations of your understanding. Learn to obey God's words without reasoning and questioning. Know the limits of your knowledge, and you will gain a greater understanding as your knowledge increases.

Obey and be blessed through obedience to His words. This is a blessing that you cannot find otherwise. God desires to show us that He is alive, but we limit Him by perceiving Him as only existing in the past or placing Him in a distant place. He came to sit next to you, but you do not invite Him to join you, or you are stained with a dirty heart and mind, rejecting His living words. Therefore, make a holy place of blessed worship and live a life that is separated from the world.

God measures our dedication. He weighs our hearts to see if we are ready to receive His blessings before He fulfills His promise. Everything is His; He has assigned what is His to us, and we must account for our actions on the Day of Judgment.

God wants us to become like morning dew, pure and holy. Some may find the Lord while searching for a good meal, others while striving to become the best in their profession. Some may find Him as they seek and knock; they will find the living God when they search as if seeking treasure. Draw a picture of the Dew communities in you. Ask in the name of Jesus Christ.

[ ] What confirms that you are meant to do what you have been called to do?

It is written: Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be

glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray to the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever. (John 14:12-16)

## **72.6 Where do you belong?**

It is written: To everything, there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Where do you belong?

Where does your family belong?

To what country do you belong?

The people who belong to God focus on His will. Where do you focus? God told Noah to build an ark with gopher wood. He told Moses to go to the Red Sea. Know that the works of God are done by divine knowledge and power through your prayer and faith, not by your intellect. When you obey God as He instructs, He will bring results and satisfaction. We are His servants, and a servant's work is to obey what the master says. Run without considering the result. To cross the wilderness to the Promised Land should have taken only 11 days, but the Israelites took 40 years. This was not a failure of God but an exercise to fulfill the will of God.

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### **73.1 Sacrifice**

[ ] How can you reinforce the weak spots in your life or on your path?

[ ] How do you find the answer to your prayer that seemed silent?

A prayer asked in Jesus' name, in faith, without greed or the desire of flesh, will find an answer.

It is written: Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9 NIV)

Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:3 NIV)

Nevertheless, the righteous will hold to their ways, and those with clean hands will grow stronger. (Job 17:9 NIV)

Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. (Isaiah 64:4 NIV)

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. (Luke 18:1 NIV)

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. (2 Corinthians 4:1 NIV)

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; (2 Corinthians 4:8 NIV)

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. (2 Corinthians 4:16 NIV)

## 73.2 Faithful

[ ] What can be counted as faithful to your assignment from God?

[ ] What is the proper attitudes for the assignments you have received from God?

[ ] How do you find that your identity and duty are given by God?

It is written: Simon Peter, a servant, and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. (2 Peter 1:1-2 NIV)

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God, by His resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:1-7 NIV)

So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We



are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.' (Luke 17:10)

### 73.3 Accept a weaker one

[ ] What is a winning attitude to face a conflict of opinion?

[ ] How do you control your tongue and avoid causing others to stumble?

[ ] How can you prevent emotions from clouding your decisions under challenging tasks?

It is written: Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him.

Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master, he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike.

Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and

gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone.

If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord; Every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.' So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way. As one who is in the Lord Jesus, I am fully convinced that no food is unclean in itself.

But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for him it is unclean. If your brother is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy your brother for whom Christ died. Do not allow what you consider good to be spoken of as evil.

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men.

Let us, therefore, make every effort to do what leads to peace and mutual edification. Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a man to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything else that will cause your brother to fall. So whatever you believe about these things, keep between yourself and God.

Blessed is the man who does not condemn himself for what he approves. But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats because his eating is not from faith, and everything that does not come from faith is sin. (Romans 14:1-23 NIV)

### **73.4 Loyal**

[ ] How do you attain discernment?

[ ] Why does God searching our hearts and motivations?

It is written: For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. (2 Chronicles 16:9a)

He who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do. (Psalm 33:15 NIV)

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. (Hebrews 4:13 NIV)

[ ] How can you win the war within?

[ ] How do you discipline yourself to fulfill His call, ensuring His will be done on earth?

[ ] How can you demonstrate that you are on the right track through your actions?

[ ] Why does the enemy persist in trying to destroy your life?

[ ] What is the only path to victory against the enemy?

[ ] What does it mean that returning to the living God is as close as your mouth in this time of grace?

[ ] How do you invite Him in when you need help?

[ ] What did Jesus signify by saying, "It is written," in the face of temptation?

Overcome evil with patience and good deeds, inviting the Lord into your heart. Daniel ruled over all the provinces of Babylon and served the country faithfully until the end, understanding that dying there was God's will for him. Thus, he chose to obey God's will.

God raised Moses not to follow the idols of Egypt but to become the spiritual leader of Israel. Only God knows how He will use people.

### 73.5 Honor

[ ] What does it mean that Jesus teachings come from eternity?

[ ] How do you hear what the Spirit says to you?

It is written: If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know him, for He lives with you and will be in you.

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.

Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching.

These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you now before it happens so that when it does happen you will believe. I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. Come now; let us leave." (John 14:15-31 NIV)

### 73.6 Integrity

[ ] What does it mean that there are two types of people on earth: children of God who have inherited eternal life, and children of the world who have inherited eternal damnation?

[ ] How do you daily cleanse yourself with His words, and why is it important?

## Motivation, Heart

It is written: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will have not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. He who does what is sinful is of the devil because the devil has been sinning from the beginning.

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are:

Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother. (1 John 3:1-10 NIV)

I will sing of mercy and justice; To You, O Lord, I will sing praises. I will behave wisely in a perfect way. Oh, when will You come to me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. (Psalm 101:1-2)

### 73.7 Humble

[ ] What might constitute idol worship within your church community?

Know you are grafted branches

It is written: Again I ask: Did they stumble to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring! I am talking to you Gentiles. In as much as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them.

For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as the first fruits are holy, then the



whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches. If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not boast over those branches.

If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in. Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree! (Romans 11:11-24 NIV)

### 73.8 Harmony with one another

[ ] What is the only thing we should fear?

[ ] What signs do you witness in your worship?

It is written: Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this, you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech.

He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened. But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.

Always be prepared to answer everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. It is

better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

For Christ died for sins once and for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it, only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience towards God.

It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him. (1 Peter 3:8-22 NIV)

### 73.9 Courage

[ ] Should we submit to all authorities, regardless of their qualifications?

[ ] Why does God command us to obey?

It is written: Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is

God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.

Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, and honor the king.

Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate but also to those who are harsh. For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God.

But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this, you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. "He did not sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats.

Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds, you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have

returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (1 Peter 2:13-25 NIV)

Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them. (Jeremiah 1:17 NIV)

The terms I commanded your forefathers when I brought them out of Egypt, out of the iron smelting furnace. I said, "Obey me and do everything I command you, and you will be my people, and I will be your God." (Jeremiah 11:4 NIV)

### **73.10 Self-controlled and alert**

[ ] What traps in your life make you helpless and pitiful?

[ ] How do you break out of that trap?

It is written: Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of suffering.

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 5:8-11 NIV)

### **73.11 Honor the elderly**

[ ] What are the proper manners of respect toward others in assembly?

[ ] What are the cultural practices of respect permitted by God?

It is written: Young men, in the same way, be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility towards one another, because, God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. (1 Peter 5:5-6 NIV)

### **73.12 Endurance**

[ ] How could we participate in the world mission outreach?

[ ] What characteristics must a good servant of Christ possess?

It is written: We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among

yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name."

Again, it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to him, all you peoples." And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:1-13 NIV)

### **73.13 Perfect**

Imagine how different the world would be if someone were completely filled with the Holy Spirit! What percentage of yourself is filled with the Holy Spirit?

When Pharaoh asked, "Where can we find a person filled with the wisdom of the Spirit?" he immediately recognized Joseph as such a

person. Do you also recognize those who are filled with the Spirit?

God will separate those who follow the Spirit from those who do not. Jesus removed those who would not follow Him or hear His disciples' words. They were seeking the Lord for their own gain and profit that day, and therefore, cannot be part of God's team.

Do not be like someone who spends many years in the Lord but does not grow in faith, remaining unchanged. Remember that everything has its time and limitations. Discern the seasons and times.



## 74 Attitude

### 74.1 Rejoice in all

[ ] How do you find peace in the Lord who controls today and tomorrow?

[ ] How do you practice sharing and giving in your daily life?

[ ] What can parents do to bless their children?

[ ] What does it mean to cast your cares on to Him?

[ ] What are the patterns of hard work that ultimately lead to your future destruction?

It is written:

Do not fret because of those who are  
evil or be envious of those who do  
wrong;  
for like the grass, they will soon  
wither;  
like green plants,  
they will soon die away.

Trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and enjoy safe  
pasture.

Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of  
your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will do this:  
He will make your righteous reward shine like the  
dawn,  
your vindication like the noonday sun.

Be still before the LORD

and wait patiently for him;

do not fret when people succeed in  
their ways when they carry out their  
wicked schemes.

Refrain from anger and turn from  
wrath;

do not fret, It leads only to evil.

For those who are evil will be  
destroyed,

but those who hope in the LORD  
will inherit the land.

A little while and the wicked will be  
no more; though you look for them,  
they will not be found.

But the meek will inherit the land and  
enjoy peace and prosperity.

The wicked plot against the righteous  
and gnash their teeth at them;

but the Lord laughs at the wicked,  
for he knows their day is coming.

The wicked draw the sword and bend  
the bow to bring down the poor and  
needy,

to slay those whose ways are upright.

But their swords will pierce their own  
hearts, and their bows will be broken.

Better the little that the righteous  
have than the wealth of many wicked;  
for the power of the wicked will be  
broken, but the LORD upholds the  
righteous.

The blameless spend their days  
under the LORD's care,

and their inheritance will endure forever.

In times of disaster, they will not wither;

in days of famine, they will enjoy plenty.

But the wicked will perish:

Though the LORD's enemies are like the flowers of the field,

they will be consumed;

they will go up in smoke.

The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously;

those the LORD blesses will inherit the land,

but those he curses will be destroyed.

The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him;

though he may stumble,

he will not fall,

for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

I was young and now I am old,

yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken

or their children begging for bread.

They are always generous and lend freely;

their children will be a blessing.

Turn from evil and do good;

then you will dwell in the land forever.

For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones.

Wrongdoers will be completely destroyed;

the offspring of the wicked will perish.

The righteous will inherit the land  
and dwell in it forever.

The mouths of the righteous utter  
wisdom and their tongues speak what  
is just.

The law of their God is in their hearts;  
their feet do not slip.

The wicked lie in wait for the  
righteous,  
intent on putting them to death;  
but the LORD will not leave them in  
the power of the wicked or let them  
be condemned when brought to trial.

Hope in the LORD and keep his way.  
He will exalt you to inherit the land;  
when the wicked are destroyed,  
you will see it.

I have seen a wicked and ruthless  
man flourishing like a luxuriant  
native tree,  
but he soon passed away and was no  
more; though I looked for him,  
he could not be found.

Consider the blameless,  
observe the upright;  
a future awaits those who seek  
peace.

But all sinners will be destroyed;  
there will be no future for the  
wicked.

The salvation of the righteous  
comes from the LORD;  
he is their stronghold in times of  
trouble.

The LORD helps them and delivers  
them;

he delivers them from the wicked and saves them because they take refuge in him.

(Psalm 37:1-40 NIV)

## 74.2 Thanks in all

### 74.2.1 Work out your salvation

[ ] What cause people to withdraw their hands from those who ask for help?

[ ] What does it mean, and how can one devote their whole life when God shows it is worthwhile? Have you found that?

It is written: Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.

But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me. (Philippians 2:12-18 NIV)

### **74.2.2 All are beneficial if you know how to view things through His eyes**

[ ] How and when do you share the gospel?

[ ] What does peacemaker do?

[ ] What does it mean to acknowledge God in your entire path?

It is written: Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.

Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly. It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.

But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this, I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has

happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. (Philippians 1:12-19 NIV)

Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends! I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. (Philippians 4:1-3 NIV)

### **74.2.3 In Anywhere**

[ ] How do you corporate with God, who began a good work in you, to accomplish what He has begun?

[ ] How do you fill your life with the fruits of righteousness?

It is written: Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work

in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me.

God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1:1-11 NIV)

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding — indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. (Proverbs 2:1-5 NIV)

#### **74.2.4 Remember the people of God**

[ ] who is the least among you, and why?

[ ] What do you do about those who cause division in the church?



[ ] What is the power in the gospel that strengthens you?

[ ] How do you share that you have with the ones who nurtured you in Christ?

[ ] What marks prove that you belong to Jesus Christ's kingdom?

[ ] What are the qualities of the good and faithful?

[ ] Who qualifies for His kingdom, and why?

It is written: I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church in Cenchrea. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been a great help to many people, including me. Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them.

Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia. Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you. Greet Andronicus and Junias, my relatives who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. Greet Ampliatus, whom I love in the Lord. Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my dear friend Stachys. Greet Apelles, tested and approved in Christ.

Greet those who belong to the household of Aristobulus. Greet Herodion, my relative. Greet those in the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord. Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who work hard in the Lord. Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord. Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too. Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers with them. Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas and all the saints with them. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings.

I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery, they deceive the minds of naive people. Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I am full of joy over you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. Timothy, my fellow worker, sends his greetings to you, as do Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my relatives. I, Tertius, who wrote down

this letter, greet you in the Lord. Gaius, whose hospitality I and the whole church here enjoy, sends you his greetings. Erastus, who is the city's director of public works, and our brother Quartus send you their greetings.

Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him—to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen. (Romans 16:1-27 NIV)

With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark. Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ. (1 Peter 5:12-14 NIV)

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus

Christ. But you know that Timothy has proved himself because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon. (Philippians 2:19-24 NIV)

But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill.

Indeed, he was ill and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. Therefore, I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me. (Philippians 2:25-30 NIV)

### **74.3 Love of God separates from all others. This is a gift from above.**

Ask for these gifts: anointing God from above, that His will be done through you, in Jesus' name.

[ ] What does it mean that love is a gift that comes from above?

[ ] How do you pray for the gift of love from above?

It is written: Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now, we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13)

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:5-8 NIV)

## 75 Prattice

### 75.1 Tame your tongue

[ ] Why do we need put our tongues under the control of the Lord, and how?

[ ] Why is it difficult to tame your tongue?

It is written: Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts.

Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With the tongue, we praise our Lord and Father, and with it, we curse men who have been made in God's likeness.

Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring?

My brothers, can a fig tree bear olive or a grapevine bear fig? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water. (James 3:1-12 NIV)

## 75.2 Holy

Holy means separated, belonging to Him, following a different code.

[ ] What is holy, and why?

[ ] Deuteronomy 6 commands how to take care of children at home. Do you know what they are and why?

[ ] What does disobedience bring to life?

It is written: And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. (Genesis 2:3 NIV)

It is written: The LORD said to Moses, "Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether man or animal. Then Moses said to the people," Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the LORD brought



you out of it with a mighty hand. Eat nothing containing yeast.

Today, in the month of Abib, you are leaving. When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Hivites, and Jebusites the land he swore to your forefathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey—You are to observe this ceremony in this month: For seven days eat bread made without yeast and on the seventh day hold a festival to the LORD.

Eat unleavened bread during those seven days; nothing with yeast in it is to be seen among you, nor shall any yeast be seen anywhere within your borders. On that day tell your son, 'I do this because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.' This observance will be for you like a sign on your hand and a reminder on your forehead that the law of the LORD is to be on your lips. For the LORD brought you out of Egypt with his mighty hand.

You must keep this ordinance at the appointed time year after year. After the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites and gives it to you, as he promised on oath to you and your forefathers, you are to give over to the LORD the first offspring of every womb. All the firstborn males of your

livestock belong to the LORD."  
(Exodus 13:1-12 NIV)

### **75.3 Keep away from idols**

[ ] How do you live a life as a child of God,  
saved from eternal condemnation and living  
in indescribable grace?

[ ] How can you attain your heavenly  
passport, marked as a pilgrim on earth?

It is written: I write these things to  
you who believe in the name of the  
Son of God so that you may know that  
you have eternal life.

This is the confidence we have in  
approaching God: that if we ask  
anything according to his will, he  
hears us. And if we know that he  
hears us—whatever we ask—we know  
that we have what we asked of him.

If anyone sees his brother commit a  
sin that does not lead to death, he  
should pray and God will give him life.  
I refer to those whose sin does not  
lead to death.

There is a sin that leads to death. I  
am not saying that he should pray  
about that. All wrongdoing is sin, and  
there is sin that does not lead to  
death.

We know that anyone born of God  
does not continue to sin; the one who  
was born of God keeps him safe, and  
the evil one cannot harm him. We  
know that we are children of God, and  
that the whole world is under the

control of the evil one. We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Dear children, keep yourselves from idols. (1 John 5:13-21 NIV)

#### **75.4 Baptized into His death**

[ ] What does it mean to be united in Him through the death of Christ?

[ ] How can we be free from the slavery of sin, and what does that mean?

[ ] What does it mean to offer our bodies not to evil desires but to the goodness of God?

It is written: What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we

should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once and for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. (Romans 6:1-14 NIV)

## 75.5 As He is Holy

[ ] How do we live life to the fullest in the hope of grace given to us in Christ?

[ ] How do you let God, the Holy Spirit, to fully arise in your heart?

It is written: Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is

revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written "Be holy, because I am holy."

Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

He was chosen before the creation of the world but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him, you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever. And this is the word

that was preached to you. (1 Peter 1:13-25 NIV)

### **75.6 Be separated from the world**

- You are separated from the world and belong to Jesus Christ.
- Open your eyes and do not be like the blind leading the blind.
- Take the lower seat in this world.
- Serve others first.
- Love one another as Christ loved His disciples.
- Humble yourself. Be a person God is searching for: a humble and contrite spirit.
- Have the mind of Christ.
- Be a person of unity and a peacemaker.
- Be like dew.
- Do not defile your body.
- Do not defile your mind.
- Do not defile your life.
- Have a heart and mind blessed by following the Beatitudes.
- Do not fear trials and persecutions.
- Hold the sign. God is separating and selecting people. He gave you the sign of separation.
- Do not miss the chance that God has given to repent.
- Hold your criticisms and judgments. They belong to God. Remember, Jehovah God

visited the adulterous woman who had five husbands.

- Appreciate and follow His example of love. God sent His only Son to redeem one lost soul.
- Preserve God's word, keep God's word, proclaim the Gospel.
- Be diligent. Do not eat if you do not want to work; it means you deserve "death."
- Be the kind of person who knows His love, practices His love, and loves God. Is God poor? Does He lack money? God desires a loving relationship with you.
- God seeks a person of love who knows how to love their neighbor.

### **Characteristics of a Kingdom Child**

"Just a while" is but a moment in Earth's history in His sight. "All works of man" are futile in His sight, and "Jesus' words" are for the spirit, the eternal, not for the flesh. The great privilege in life is to have the opportunity to give the Creator God the acceptable sacrifices of love and dedication.

All things are possible to those who believe; this challenge is given to us. Do you believe it? Do you speak of the great works done by God?

### **75.7 Pure**

[ ] How does the world know your identity in Christ even when you do not proclaim it, while they are watching?

[ ] How do you shine your light and why is that important?

[ ] Why is it that the paradoxical truth of fellowship within the light is revealed only through recognizing sin?

The power of being the salt of the earth is not in what you do, but in the purity of Christ that is in you.

It is written: Who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:5 NIV)

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:13-16 NIV)

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him, there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one



another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. (1 John 1:5-10 NIV)

## **75.8 Sin and sins**

### **75.8.1 Sexual immorality**

[ ] Why being aloof and neglecting those who sin is a great sin? Are you sensitive and repentant of sins?

[ ] How can we maintain our first love?

[ ] How can we win the battle raging against our flesh?

[ ] Why bodily purity is not an option for His children?

It is written: It is reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans: A man has his father's wife. And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have been filled with grief and have put out of your fellowship the man who did this? Even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. And I have already passed judgment on the one who did this, just as if I were present. When

you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, hand this man over to Satan so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord.

Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.

I have written to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case, you would have to leave this world. But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat. What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those insides? God will judge those outsides. Expel the wicked man from among you. (1 Corinthians 5:1-13 NIV)

About this, we have no other practice nor do the churches of God. (1 Corinthians 11:16)

You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right-hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. (Matthew 5:27-30 NIV)

### **75.8.2 Disobey God's Word**

[ ] What are the schemes of your enemy?

It is written: When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. (Genesis 3:6-7 NIV)

### **75.8.3 Be a righteous person**

[ ] What happen to you if you are entangled with the world?

[ ] What is striving to grow into the fullness of His word and not that of the world?

It is written: Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. Indeed, I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

For us through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love. (Galatians 5:1-6)

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.

The power of being the salt of the earth is not in what you do, but in the purity of Christ that is in you. (1 Peter 2:1-3 NIV)

## **76 Light - "SOLUM GLORIA"**

### **76.1 Agape**

Jehovah God is a loving father who is merciful and tender. He desires to discuss everything with us in detail like a good friend.

Love is not knowing but doing.

[ ] What "all of my heart" means?

It is written: Jesus replied: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. (Matthew 22:37 NIV)

#### **76.1.1 Love that comes from above is the best and highest gift.**

[ ] How do you maintain a pure heart in obedience to the Word?

Maintain your heart holy and pure that you may have this gift that has the power to change a person's heart. Love requires action. God says that love without action is dead. It is not enough to know what love is; it must be acted upon.

When you have the anointing from the Spirit, you will naturally practice the gifts of the Spirit. Likewise, when you are soaked with God's words, you will have the ears to listen to His voice and heart to understand, and you will be able to exercise His will like overflowing water.

Your obedience, stemming from rediscovering your first love in Christ, will lead you to joyfully obey His commandments.

It is written: This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. (Romans 13:6-8 NIV)

### **76.1.2 Why love Christ more than others**

God instructs us to love Him more than we love our parents or children. What does this mean? It means knowing His overflowing, overpowering, and abundant true love. Through this, you gain the power and understanding of true love towards those you care for, which leads to life. Overflowing, overpowering, abundant love is a gift from above.

[ ] What is God's hierarchy of relationships that underpins everything?

It is written: He who loves his father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves his son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life

for My sake will find it. (Matthew 10:37-39)

To be a doer of love is more important than to be a talker of love. God will give us His overflowing love, and that love will flow from us to others. God's love is not the kind of love that we casually talk to others about, or pass on in grace, or struggle with on our own, but it is a gift, the power, from Him that moves us from thinkers to doers.

God's love touches other lives, like Paul's love for Onesimus or that of the Good Samaritan. Receive this love from God as you love Him with all of you. Ask for this kind of love from God. Be a doer of love. The first step is to love the Lord with all of you. Seek, ask, and knock for the gifts of love in His name.

Know God's word. Believe that His love comes from above as His gift. Exercise that love in your life, and fulfill the law as written. All of God's laws that He gave us cannot be understood until we learn that His laws are given in love. We need that love from God to see, hear, perceive and do His work to glorify His name.

## **76.2 True love that is from above lasts eternally**

### **76.2.1 True love has the power to change hearts because it originates from above.**

While your desire to act in love may be genuine, human efforts alone can provide only temporary relief rather than true transformation. Love that comes from above, however, has the capacity to change a

person's heart and saturate their soul with God's power. This is why love is the most potent and valuable spiritual gift. The divine love bestowed from above is pure, powerful, and capable of standing firm against the forces of evil. God's love is righteous and empowers us to walk in step with the Holy Spirit. It is the very power imparted by the Holy Spirit.

### **76.2.2 True love from above rejoices in all circumstances.**

It enables us to navigate through difficult and sorrowful times with joy and to continually offer thanks and praise.

### **76.2.3 True love respects His people, receives His Words.**

[ ] When did you hear His knocking on your door?

It is written: Now this is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. And he said: "The Lord came from Sinai, and dawned on them from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran, and He came with ten thousands of saints; From His right hand Came a fiery law for them. Yes, He loves the people; All His saints are in Your hand; They sit down at Your feet; Everyone receives Your words. (Deuteronomy 33:1-3)

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat



with that person, and they with me.  
(Revelation 3:20 NIV)

#### **76.2.4 True love is always gracious, not rude.**

[ ] What is lavished love?

It is written: And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty handed. (Exodus 3:21)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will — to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. (Ephesians 1:3-10 NIV)

**76.2.5 True love hates evil and rejects evil men.**

[ ] Why and how does God give authority to someone who would abuse it and stand against God?

It is written: Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good.

But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore, you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience's sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not

murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law. And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now, our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. (Romans 13)

"You can give without love but cannot love without giving." Amy

### **76.2.6 True love makes you become a friend.**

[ ] What could summarize true love?

[ ] How and what could define a true friend?

It is written: As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that

your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other. (John 15: 9-17 NIV)

When the men got up to leave, they looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way. Then the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him." (Genesis 18:16-19 NIV)

## **76.2.7 True love is not greedy when helping the needy.**

[ ] Who is your neighbor awaiting your love of Christ?

It is written: In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'" (Luke 10:30-35 NIV)

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit —fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other. (John 15:9-17 NIV)

## **77 Practice Love from above**

**Cannot trust false love, or emotional Love**

### **77.1 Zephaniah 3**

[ ] What do you do for your neighbor who awaits your love of Christ?

[ ] Why is it that even the most severe punishments could not turn rebellious hearts?

[ ] What is the heart of God and His determination regarding rebellious people?

[ ] How would justice fall on rebellious leaders?

[ ] How would rewards come to those who kept their faith?

[ ] What are the characteristics of the remnant of Israel received by God?

It is written: Woe to her who is rebellious and polluted, To the oppressing city! She has not obeyed His voice, she has not received correction; She has not trusted in the Lord, and she has not drawn near to her God. Her princes in her midst are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves that leave not a bone till morning. Her prophets are insolent, treacherous people; her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

The Lord is righteous in her midst; He will do no unrighteousness. Every morning He brings His justice to light; He never fails, but the unjust knows

no shame. "I have cut off nations, their fortresses are devastated; I have made their streets desolate, with none passing by. Their cities are destroyed; there is no one, no inhabitant. I said, 'Surely you will fear Me, you will receive instruction' so that her dwelling would not be cut off, despite everything for which I punished her. But they rose early and corrupted all their deeds. "Therefore wait for Me," says the Lord, "Until the day I rise up for plunder; My determination is to gather the nations to My assembly of kingdoms, to pour on them My indignation, all My fierce anger; all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of My jealousy.

"For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language, that they all may call on the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one accord. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, My worshipers, the daughter of My dispersed ones, shall bring My offering. In that day, you shall not be shamed for any of your deeds in which you transgress against Me; for then I will take away from your midst those who rejoice in your pride, and you shall no longer be haughty in My holy mountain.

I will leave in your midst a meek and humble people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord. The remnant of Israel shall do no unrighteousness and speak no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their



mouth; for they shall feed their flocks and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid."

Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away your judgments; He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall see disaster no more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." "I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, who are among you, to whom its reproach is a burden.

Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, and gather those who were driven out; I will appoint them for praise and fame in every land where they were put to shame. At that time, I will bring you back, even at the time I gather you; for I will give you fame and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I return your captives before your eyes," says the Lord. (Zephaniah 3)

## 77.2 1 Corinthians 13

[ ] What does it mean that great sacrifice profit nothing, and why?

[ ] What could remain eternal without changing?

[ ] What are the differences between a child and an adult in Christ?

It is written: Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we

prophecy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now, we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)

### 77.3 John 5

[ ] The Sabbath is not merely a religious ritual but a time to meet with our loving Father, God. How do you observe the Sabbath, and why?

[ ] Eternal life is a gift from God for those who believe. How do you express gratitude for salvation, for the price He paid for your sins?

[ ] Why was the nation paralyzed for 38 years, wandering in the wilderness, never giving thanks to God but instead complaining and murmuring?

[ ] Why did the man healed from 38 years of paralysis, given a second chance to see Jesus face to face, not give thanks for the healing received? Instead, he sought favor from religious leaders at the expense of Jesus, who had healed his misery. What does this tell us?

[ ] What evidence shows that you are following God rather than men or the world?

[ ] What does it mean to you that you believe the Bible is the written Word of God?

[ ] What does "resurrection of condemnation" mean to you?

It is written: After this, there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity of thirty-eight years.

When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately, the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

The Jews, therefore, said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He

answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.

Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. For this reason, the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." Therefore, the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. Then Jesus answered and said to them,

"Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so, the Son gives life to whom He will.

For the Father judges no one but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself and has given Him authority to execute judgment also because He is the Son of Man.

Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me. “If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true.

You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light. But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish the very works that I do bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me.

You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form. But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. "I do not receive honor from men. But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.

I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his name, him you will receive. How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God? Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you Moses, in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not

believe his writings, how will you believe My words?" (John 5)

"Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings during the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? (ESV) (Amos 5:25)

When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the LORD of hosts. (ESV) (Mal 1:8)

#### **77.4 Galatians 3**

[ ] Who or what is bewitching you, and how are they doing it?

[ ] Why are they bewitching you?

[ ] Why are you bewitched?

[ ] What does it mean that the blood of Jesus Christ has justified you?

[ ] What are inheritances that the children of God have in Christ?

It is written: Oh Foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? Have you



suffered so many things in vain if indeed it was in vain?

Therefore, He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." Therefore, know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you, all the nations shall be blessed." So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them." But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith." Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them." Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it.

Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ. And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one. Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law.

But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.

Therefore, the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Galatians 3)

### 77.5 1 John 3

[ ] What does it mean to walk with the Lord?

[ ] What does striving to live a holy and pure life as a child of God entail, and why do we strive for it?

[ ] How can we practice righteousness, and why is it important?

[ ] What are His commandments in practice?

It is written: Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him, there is no sin. Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no

murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

By this, we know love because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.

For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us. (1 John 3)

## 77.6 1 John 4

It is written: Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of

God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him.

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, I love God, yet hates his

brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother. (1 John 4:7-21 NIV)

### **77.7 Romans 13**

[ ] What drives people to impatience?

[ ] What does it mean to offer a living sacrifice to the Lord, and how do we do that?

[ ] What does it mean that God lives in you if you confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and what is the proof?

[ ] Who is behind the actions of darkness that try to destroy God's creation, harmony, beauty, and peace?

It is written: Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. The commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not covet, and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: Love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law. And do this, understanding the present time.

The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we

first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature. (Romans 13:8-14 NIV)

### 77.8 Other practice

[ ] What are actions that follow the desires of the flesh and the world?

[ ] What are the symptoms of people who cause trouble in the church?

It is written: But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:4-7)

Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told



you these things? And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time.

For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. (2 Thessalonians 2:4-7)

For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. (Romans 5:10-11)

For we, through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love. (Gal 5:5-6)

You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you. A little leaven leavens the whole lump. I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is. And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased. I could wish that those who

trouble you would even cut themselves off! For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another! (Galatians 5:7-15)

Love the Lord with all your heart, mind, and strength. When you practice this love for God, you will experience the love that comes from above: agape love.

The love of God has no judgment.

The love of God has no resentment.

The love of God forgives all.

The love of God supplies all.

The love of God is all-powerful.

It is written: He who loves his father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves his son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. (Matthew 10:37-39)

Be a doer of the word, not just a talker. Let the love of God overflow through your life. Do not merely give lip service to kindness, but act. Actions done in love refresh the spirit. Paul

extended this love to Onesimus, who was a slave. Paul's love was not based on the law but was a genuine love rooted in the cross.

[ ] How do you engrave His Word in your heart?

[ ] How are you reminded of His love when you experience success and peace?

It is written: Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.

Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates.

When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plan—then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. (Deuteronomy 6:5-12 NIV)

## **78 Yearn His love**

### **78.1 Love the Lord with all your heart**

The path of the righteous is smooth level; O upright One, you make their way smooth!

[ ] What does it mean that you can see His righteousness in you before the Day of Judgment?

It is written: Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts. My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you. When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness. Though grace is shown to the wicked, they do not learn righteousness; even in a land of uprightness, they go on doing evil and regard not the majesty of the LORD. O LORD, your hand is lifted high, but they do not see it. Let them see your zeal for your people and be put to shame; let the fire reserved for your enemies consume them. (Isaiah 26:8-11 NIV)

### **78.2 Seek in this manner**

#### **78.2.1 The Parable of the Talents**

[ ] What describes serving the Lord with a joyful heart?

It is written: "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And

to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise, he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his Lord's money.

After a long time, the Lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His Lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His Lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.'

Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his Lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming, I would have received back my own with interest.

Therefore, take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" (Matthew 25:14-30)

### **78.2.2 Respect**

[ ] What hinders acknowledge Jesus Christ before men?

It is written: Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven. (Matthew 10:32-33 NIV)

### **78.2.3 Judge not**

[ ] What does it mean that judgment belongs to God and is not your to pass?

Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way as you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?

You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces. (Matthew 7:1-6 NIV)

#### **78.2.4 Humility / In Action**

[ ] What does humility achieve that others cannot?

It is written: Do not be envious of others or complain about your work. Acknowledge that all given to you is from Him for good. Do not grumble. All of your grumblings will be judged and punished. Obey God with an attitude of thanksgiving. Do not be arrogant, haughty, or proud when you are successful.

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes

wisdom. Wisdom's instruction is to fear the LORD, and humility comes before honor. Before a downfall the heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor. Humility is the fear of the LORD; its wages are riches and honor and life. (Proverbs 11:2; 15:33; 18:12; 22:4 NIV)

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger. (Zephaniah 2:3 NIV)

I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. (Acts 20:19 NIV)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, (Philippians 2:3 NIV)

### **78.2.5 Practice Matthew 5**

[ ] What humility could open that others cannot?

[ ] What do you learn from the least of the kingdom of God?

[ ] How can you control your rising anger?

[ ] How does the Holy Spirit searching your heart cause you to repent?

[ ] What does it mean to walk as He walked?

It is written: Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and



say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

Whoever, therefore, breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and

Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hellfire.

Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First, be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary delivers you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more

profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. Furthermore, it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.' But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore, you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. (Matthew 5:11-48)

### **78.2.6 Consider others better**

[ ] Why seeking praise among people is considered an abomination in the sight of God?

It is written: If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being

like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others.

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross!

It is written: Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:1-11 NIV)

## **78.3 Fruits of the lips**

### **78.3.1 Bearing the fruits of the lips**

It is written: A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth, and the recompense of a man's hands will be rendered to him.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is

wise. A fool's wrath is known at once, but a prudent man covers shame. He who speaks truth declares righteousness, but a false witness, deceit. There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, but the tongue of the wise promotes health. The truthful lip shall be established forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment. (Proverbs 12:14-19)

Are you doing things that you believe are right according to your own preferences and desires?

### **78.3.2 Do not press down on others with words from your lips**

Critical, destructive, and negative comments weigh down another person's spirit. Stop judging, condemning. Speak good words. Stop vain speech and frustrating remarks. Think before you speak.

### **78.3.3 Speak words that praise the living God.**

Let your lips be dedicated to prayer, meditating on God's word. Let them speak praises and words of encouragement, gratitude, and thanksgiving.

### **78.3.4 Gentleness, do not deceive yourself**

[ ] What does it mean to live to satisfy yourself?

[ ] What does it mean to live to fulfill the word of God?

[ ] What have you seen in your life, and what harvest do you expect?

[ ] How do you keep your heart from becoming weary?

Do not deceive yourselves. If any one of you thinks he is wise by the standards of this age, he should become a "fool" so that he may become wise. (1 Corinthians 3:18 NIV)

As for those who seemed to be important whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not judge by external—appearance those men added nothing to my message. (Galatians 2:6 NIV)

## **78.4 Simplicity**

### **78.4.1 Maintain self-control**

It is written: Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy, the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 5:8-11 NIV)

### **78.4.2 Control your thoughts; worry not**

Simplicity is the keynote of His Kingdom. Always choose simple things. Love and revere

the humble and the simple. Let only simple things be here. Your standard must never be the world's standard.

[ ] How do you win the war within yourself?

[ ] How do you practice prayer as soldiers of Christ?

[ ] What marks humble and straightforward persons in your group?

It is written: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33 KJV)

### **78.4.3 Sharing**

Have good and diligent hands. To help others is not simply giving things away but serving others. Be aware that love or power from God is not something you receive in one large amount that needs to be doled out little by little. Instead, ask and receive from God as much as you need and share accordingly. God will supply His power and love in the right amount as you need it. Simply practice the cycle of asking, receiving, and sharing.

Share wisely with a heart of service that God has given to you. With all of your heart, give and sacrifice until others' needs are met; be wise to maintain your foundation in God to ensure that you are giving from His resources and not yours. Ask, receive and share. Learn your boundaries of giving and sharing.

Do not be unwise in your giving and service. Do not let yourself be tempted or trapped by evil. There is no such thing as a tomorrow



mentality in ministry. Work as if you think today may be the last time you see someone. God's power of love will come and fill you for each meeting.

#### **78.4.4 Possession**

[ ] What motivates you to help when you see your fellow believers in need?

[ ] Love is shown through action, not thought. How do you demonstrate a living faith?

It is written: All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power, the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales, and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. (Acts 4:32-35 NIV)

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our

hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us. (1 John 3:17-24 NIV)

#### **78.4.5 Burden**

[ ] Why is sharing each other's burdens considered true love?

It is written: Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load. (Galatians 6:1-5)

### **78.4.6 Knowledge**

It is written: Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have an opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Galatians 6:6-10)

[ ] What are good seeds that you are sowing today that can bear the fruits of the Lord tomorrow?

### **78.4.7 Received freely share freely**

Learn and experience the joy of sharing. All that you have received is from above. Therefore, share without greed or begrudging. Instead, give and serve with what is given to you.

### **78.4.8 Two ways to share your offerings**

Share with anyone who asks. Your action is akin to the miracle of the five fish and two loaves of bread. God will supply enough for you to share in situations where there are no other means to meet someone's needs. Find a person in need and share, like Elijah visiting the widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon

during the drought or Christ visiting the woman at the well in Samaria. Then, as situations arise, think about which of the two ways mentioned above is the most appropriate for sharing and act accordingly.

What is the motivation for sharing? Is it because you want to be used by God? God provided water from a dry rock and brought partridges for the millions of Israelites wandering in the desert. Is not God able to turn rock or stones into bread? Is God not able to provide for those who cry out to Him wholeheartedly? Nevertheless, know that the principle code of our lives is "sowing and reaping." Therefore, such miracles do not happen to us these days. Sowing wild seeds is not earnest work. Demanding that God supply your needs without doing any work is evil. Jesus said, "What you sow, that you shall harvest."

There will always be people in difficult situations. Do you think God cannot provide for all humanity's needs? That He cannot create a world without disease or pain? Remember that God has a plan to make a new heaven and earth, which is coming. Being impatient and trying to take shortcuts hinders the work of God. Such actions can also be sins that cause difficulty in your life.

The principle of sharing is to meet someone's needs appropriately. For example, if something costs \$200, then you should give only \$200. God will provide the right amount of people to supply that exact amount. This follows God's explanation of a harvest of 30, 60, or 100 fold. Do not apply improper

economic principles or try to force someone's obedience.

Be careful not to spoil another person's faith with your generosity because it seems easy. Rather, discern from the Lord what is appropriate and act accordingly.

Your attitude of offering and its quality should be an "acceptable aroma unto God." Offer with the prayer, "May it be used according to your will." Then your offering will be used with God's blessings. Do not make your offering out of a sense of duty but with a heart of thanksgiving and faithfulness. You are giving from the portion that God has given you. Consider all that He has provided for your life. Make your offering a sweet aroma unto Him.

[ ] Why does God require a tithe offering from His people in this material world?

It is written: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the LORD Almighty. "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty. (Malachi 3:10-12 NIV)

## 79 Faith is

Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. It supplies us with hope in God's power. Faith comes only through faith: the secret of faith. All the blessings of heaven come through faith: the mystery of faith.

[ ] What display that God keep all of His promises as it is written?

[ ] How could you be faithful to your promises?

It is written: Immediately, the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24)

Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. (Psalm 37:5)

Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established. (Proverbs 16:3)

Who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." (Romans 4:18)

If indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the Gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister. (Colossians 1:23)

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who

promised is faithful. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 10:23; 11:1)

He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him! (Psalm 22:8)

### **79.1 Search yourself and stand in faith,**

Examine whether you have traces of good works within you. Next, determine if the Holy Spirit is present within you. Ask yourself: Am I following the Holy Spirit or the desires of the flesh? If you are not following the Spirit, it will not produce the substance and evidence of faith.

### **79.2 Foundation of Faith questionnaire**

[ ] Why is Jesus Christ the only savior?

[ ] How do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?

[ ] How do I know that Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary?

[ ] Why did Jesus Christ died on the cross to redeem me from my sins?

[ ] What does it mean that believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ and that I, too, will be resurrected?

[ ] How do you know that Jesus Christ ascended to heaven and living eternally?

[ ] Why will Jesus Christ return?

[ ] What does it mean God will judge the living and dead, and that He will rule the earth until the end?

[ ] How can we anticipate His second coming?

Beware that faith is not merely about building churches, starting orphanages, or performing good deeds, but about restoring your first love. Faith operates according to the principle of the mustard seed parable.

Learn from Proverbs 31 about the virtuous woman. The attitude and actions of the latest generation should reflect those of the virtuous woman, who glorifies the Lord God and honors her husband at the gate. Her hard work brings honor among the people and channels blessings to those around her, thus displaying God's favor. God promises to bless those who are willing and ready, believing and working like the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31. Similarly, God's instructions to His children explain how to overcome and subdue evil.

Do not be arrogant and attempt to build a tower of Babel that will eventually crumble. Instead, understand that God selects people with obedient hearts, those who desire to build their endeavors on the solid foundation of His words. He uses those who obey like little children.

Remember when Peter asked if he could walk on water. Jesus said yes. Believing these words, Peter acted in faith and walked on water. However, Peter faltered, began to sink, and cried out for help. Did anything change between Peter walking and sinking? Nothing



changed; everything remained the same except Peter's focus shifted from Jesus Christ to the waves. Where does your faith originate? Your faith stems from your first love. Maintain that faithful love.

Abraham followed God's words faithfully. Joseph trained to follow God's words, and they were fulfilled in his life. Live a life that glorifies Jehovah God in all that you do.

Abraham did not harbor grand plans; rather, he faithfully followed God's words, glorifying Him through obedience. Likewise, we should desire to glorify God's name through a faith like Abraham's—deep, wide, holy, and well-prepared.

Understand that the high priest's duty is to prepare a burnt offering acceptable to God. Remember the instructions given to you and the role assigned to you. Do not attempt to supersede God's will, positioning yourself in judgment.

### **79.3 Learn faith from blind man Bartimaeus**

[ ] What prevents your mind from pausing and seizing the opportunity to encounter the living God? Is it intimidation from within yourself or from those around you?

[ ] What empowered the blind beggar Bartimaeus to overcome such intimidation?

He recognized Jesus Christ as the Son of David, the promised Messiah, and knew the Messiah was present. Determined not to miss his only chance for healing, despite his blindness, Bartimaeus perceived what truly mattered. He persisted in crying out to Jesus Christ for

mercy until he was heard. Thus, he encountered the Messiah and thereafter walked with Him.

It is written: Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you." And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road. (Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43; Matthew 20:29-34)

## **79.4 Work of Faith**

### **79.4.1 Faith and Work, Issues in Perspective**

[ ] When do you witness His awesome glory and the beauty of His love in nature?

[ ] Where do you discover the beauty that reflects the image of God?

[ ] What is causing the destruction of that beauty?

[ ] How can you restore the broken beauty of His image?

It is written: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them, He has set a tabernacle for the sun. (Psalm 19:1-4)

Day by day, night by night, build a city on the water through works done in faith—a testament to the miraculous power of God. Life's ebb and flow, like low and high tides, follow the seasons. Storms arrive to fulfill His Word in due time for those who hold fast to faith, accomplishing His plan on earth.

Establish an altar as He has instructed, but take care not to erect an improper altar in His name. Let it be known among the people that it is the living God who answers our prayers.

#### **79.4.2 Keep the Sabbath and the Ten commandments.**

It is written: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater

works than these he will do because I go to My Father. (John 14:12)

Jesus came not to establish a better world, but to establish His kingdom on earth. Know that Jehovah is the only God. Obey what He says and follow Him. This is how you establish God's kingdom on earth.

Call His workers on earth and teach them. The truth, the Word, is alive, and the Spirit of God never ceases working. Remember Philip: when he started moving toward the wilderness as God said, God immediately lifted him up and moved him.

Understand life correctly. Teach why one must earn money, stay healthy, engage in business, and study, etc., if they understand the valid reasons. Know why God calls us to obey. Why do they work so hard? What is the purpose of their work?

### **79.4.3 Principle of Faith**

If what you plan to do is achieved with your own resources, then it is not accomplished by faith; it is worldly work. Any success will glorify you, not God. Therefore, base your plans not solely on what you already possess, but on His guidance and promises found in His Word through the Holy Spirit.

Jehovah, God, will provide you with the power and resources necessary to fulfill His work. Be a willing servant of faith to carry out His will. These are the builders of His kingdom. Faith is voluntarily submitting to the Word of God.

### 79.4.4 Work of Faith

It is written: 'If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." (Mark 9:23 NIV)

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing, and detestable idolatry. They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you. But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. (1 Peter 4:1-5 NIV)

Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, like the latter and former rain to the earth. (Hosea 6:3)

### 79.4.5 Racing a life of faith

[ ] Who could confess that Jesus is Lord?

[ ] What does that confession prove in your life?

What does it mean to run the race of faith? It means persevering until the end. In the race of faith, there is no concept of retirement; we run until we receive our crown from God. We must strive to become people of faith because faith is the channel through which all blessings flow. It is a great gift from God.

It is written: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, (Ephesians 2:8)

How does the gift of faith come to us? Faith comes through hearing the word of God. Do we have the proper tools to effectively communicate the pure Gospel to different people, languages, cultures, religions, and situations?

Faith grows as we learn the word of God taught by the Spirit and exercise the gifts He has given us. We invite, confess, and acknowledge Jesus Christ, who forgives our sins and makes us as white as snow. Understand the truth that our bodies are temples of God and will be resurrected.

It is written: Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however, you were led.

Therefore, I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are

differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to other gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one. (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

## Gift from the Holy Spirit

Power

Upper-room

Wisdom

Knowledge

Prophecy

Power

Healing

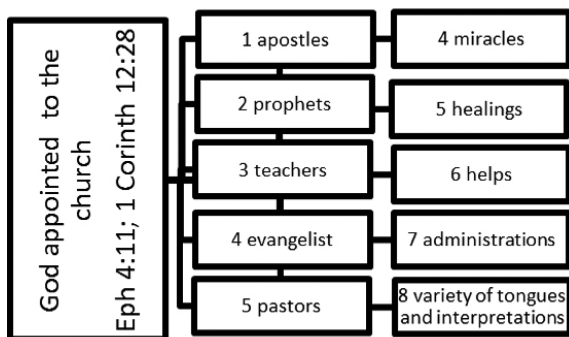
Interpretation  
of Tongue

Tongue

Faith

Love

## Assignment from the Holy Spirit





#### **79.4.6 An attitude of a faithful person**

- a) Be thankful that God has adopted me as His child.
- b) Be thankful that He has redeemed me from my sins.
- c) Be thankful that He has made me a righteous person in Christ.
- d) Be thankful that He has given me eternal life.
- e) Think daily about what pleases Him.
- f) Acknowledge Him in all your ways.
- g) Lean not on your own understanding, but on God.
- h) Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil.
- i) Honor the Lord with your possessions, offering the first fruits.
- j) Keep His commandments and meditate on them.

#### **79.4.7 Make daily confessions, a mighty man of valor**

- a) I am lacking, but He is complete, and there is no lack in Him.
- b) I am incapable, but He is almighty.
- c) I am weak, but He is strong and mighty.
- d) I am limited in space and time, but He is omnipresent.
- e) I am limited in everything, but there is no limit to His knowledge, and nothing is impossible for Him.

## 80 Proven faith

### 80.1 Through trials

[ ] Why are trials required to prove your faith?

[ ] What are the differences between living and dead hope?

[ ] What brings victory through trials?

It is written: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this, you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:3-9 NIV)

## 80.2 Worry not

[ ] Why worry is act of unbelief against God?

[ ] Worry does not solve problems, Worry invites anxiety, and that is a sign that you are heading towards the wrong path.

[ ] Do you know how to change that to the right path?

[ ] Do you know why the Israelites crossed the Red Sea but not the Jordan River; why they could not enjoy the Promised Land?

[ ] What does it mean “commit” to the Lord, and how do you do that?

Materials and money are needed, yet they are just tools for convenience, not the solution.

It is written: Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7 NIV)

Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was

dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6:25-34 NIV)

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and He will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. (Psalm 37:5-6 NIV)

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed (Proverbs 16:3 NIV)

### 80.3 Centurion

[ ] What do we need to pray with assurance that the Lord will answer our prayer?

[ ] Who deserves this assurance, and why?

[ ] How do we attain a living faith, assuring us as words lead us?

[ ] What does it mean "I am the Truth"?

[ ] How and when did the Holy Spirit come, and how is this different from the anointing gift of the Holy Spirit?

It is written: When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering." Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him."

The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the

subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour. (Matthew 8:5-13 NIV)

#### 80.4 Cornelius

[ ] How can we be acknowledged by God like David, the shepherd who become a King of Israel?

[ ] What are the good works that God recognizes?

It is written: At Caesarea, there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.

One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!" Cornelius stared at him in fear.

"What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea." When the

angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa. (Acts 10:1-8 NIV)

### **80.5 Faith worked example, Hebrews 11**

Faith: Only through the gate of faith do we find God and His power among us; the promised word becomes alive in man's lives through that person's faith.

Pictures of the future become certain through faith:

Only through faith you make your vision that you do not see and hope for become real in time.

Understands the Universe:

Only by faith do you know that the universe was formed at God's command; know that what is seen is not made of what was visible.

Offers a Better Sacrifice:

Only by faith did Abel offer God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith, he was commended as a righteous man when God spoke well of his offerings.

Speaks beyond time:

And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

Lives a rapture-ready life:

By faith, Enoch was taken from this life so that he did not experience death; he could not be found because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

Find that He is and He rewards even in detail:

And without faith, it is impossible to please God because anyone who comes to him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Saves family:

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear, built an ark to save his family. By his faith, he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Builds homes:

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place, he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the Promised Land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise, for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

As many as stars came from those as good as dead:



By faith Abraham, even though he was past age—and Sarah herself was barren—was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise. From one man, who was as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Admits aliens and strangers on Earth:

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.

Pilgrim's journey:

People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had the opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

Reasoned beyond the impossible, the dead will rise:

By faith, Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God tested him. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him,

"It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.

Blessings flow:

By faith, Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

Beyond death is seen:

By faith, Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones.

Able to go beyond Fear:

By faith, Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

Chooses eternal value, not temporal glory:

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be ill-treated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt because he was looking ahead to his reward. By faith, he left Egypt, not fearing the king's

anger; he persevered because he saw Him who is invisible.

Kept and saved from the wrath of the Lord:

By faith, he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

Passed through the sea on foot:

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

Conquered Jericho and self:

By faith, the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days.

Saved life from coming wrath:

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

Overcame the world's attack:

And what more shall I say? Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became

powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

Women received their dead, raised to life again.

Others were tortured and refused to be released so that they might gain a better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. They were stoned; they were sawn in two; they were put to death by the sword.

They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted, and ill-treated; the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.

God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

## 81 Hope in Christ

### 81.1 All works for His glory in Christ

[ ] Why is there famine in the land, and what caused it?

[ ] Why did God tell Isaac to farm during the famine, even though he is not a farmer?  
What does that mean to you?

[ ] How does God turn difficult times into a testimony for His people, and in what ways?

[ ] What testimony describes Isaac was different than others?

[ ] How did God protect Isaac from evil, and what does that mean to you?

It is written: Now there was a famine in the land beside the earlier famine of Abraham's time, and Isaac went to Abimelech, king of the Philistines in Gerar.

The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live. Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants, I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father, Abraham. I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring, all nations on earth will be blessed because Abraham obeyed me and kept my requirements, my commands, my decrees, and my laws." So Isaac stayed in Gerar.

When the men of that place asked him about his wife, he said, "She is my sister," because he was afraid to say, she is my wife. He thought the men of this place might kill me on account of Rebekah because she is beautiful. When Isaac had been there a long time, Abimelech, king of the Philistines, looked down from a window and saw Isaac caressing his wife, Rebekah. So Abimelech summoned Isaac and said, "She is really your wife! Why did you say, 'She is my sister'?" Isaac answered him, "Because I thought I might lose my life on account of her." Then Abimelech said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the men might well have slept with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us."

So Abimelech gave orders to all the people: "Anyone who molests this man or his wife shall surely be put to death." Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold because the LORD blessed him. The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him. So all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth. Then Abimelech said to Isaac, "Move

away from us; you have become too powerful for us." So Isaac moved away from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar and settled there.

Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them. Isaac's servants dug in the valley and discovered a well of fresh water there. But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen and said, "The water is ours!" So he named the well Esek because they disputed with him. Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over that one also; so he named it Sitnah. He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarreled over it. He named it Rehoboth, saying, "Now the LORD has given us room and we will flourish in the land." From there he went up to Beersheba.

That night the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham." (Genesis 26:1-24 NIV)

Categorization examples of Abraham

**Law:** The covenant of circumcision (Genesis 17:10-14) could be categorized under "law," as it was a

commandment given to Abraham and his descendants as an everlasting covenant with God.

**Requirements:** The requirement to sacrifice Isaac (Genesis 22) could be categorized under "requirements," as it was a specific condition Abraham had to face as a test of faith.

**Command:** God's command for Abraham to leave his country and go to a land that God would show him (Genesis 12:1-4) is a clear example of a command that Abraham obeyed.

**Decree:** The decree that Abraham's descendants would be as numerous as the stars (Genesis 15:5) and the covenant God made with Abraham regarding land and blessings (Genesis 12:7) are examples of decrees made by God.

## 81.2 Resurrection

[ ] How do you strive to be the best in your field? Is your effort pleasing in His sight?

It is written: Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh. For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.



But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. (Philippians 3:1-11 NIV)

### **81.3 More than conquerors**

[ ] What does it mean to be called according to His purpose? You did not choose Him, but He has chosen you.

[ ] What does it mean that there is no power greater than God, and no love deeper than God's love for us?

It is written: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also

called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?

It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died more than that, who was raised to life is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written for your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:28-39 NIV)

#### **81.4 Prove your identity and quality**

### **81.4.1 Children of God**

[ ] What does it mean to walk as Jesus walked?

[ ] How do you live in Christ? What is that mean?

[ ] Why is loving your brothers the best way to live life?

[ ] Who is your brother, and where is he?

#### **God rules the earth with this principle**

It is written: My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands.

The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is

passing and the true light is already shining.

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

I write to you, dear children because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. I write to you, fathers because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children because you have known the Father. I write to you, fathers because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one. (1 John 2:1-14 NIV)

#### **81.4.2 Abraham**

[ ] Do you know how long the word of God had been absent on earth until the word came to Abram?

It is written: So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. He

took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated, and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. (Genesis 12:4-6 NIV)

### 81.4.3 Israelite

[ ] Why do people add to, subtract from, or dilute the written word of God, and who is behind these actions?

[ ] Why does the Book of Revelation give stern warnings about this subject and caution against changing the prophecy?

It is written: Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you. You saw with your own eyes what the LORD did at Baal Peor. The LORD your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, but all of you who held fast to the LORD your God are still alive today.

See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the LORD my God commanded

me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. Observe them carefully, for this will show your Wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people."

What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and their children after them.

Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when he said to me, "Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children." You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain while it blazed with fire to the very heavens, with black clouds and deep darkness. Then the LORD spoke to you out of the fire. You heard the sound of words but saw no form; there was only a voice. He declared to you his covenant, the Ten

Commandments, which he commanded you to follow and then wrote them on two stone tablets. And the LORD directed me at that time to teach you the decrees and laws you are to follow in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. (Deuteronomy 4:1-14 NIV)

## **81.5 Walking with Wisdom**

### **81.5.1 From above**

[ ] What is the difference between wisdom that comes from above and wisdom from people?

It is written: But the Wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness. (James 3:17-18 NIV)

### **81.5.2 Know where Wisdom flows to:**

Wisdom flows to a humble heart, not to an arrogant, haughty, or proud spirit, but to a contrite heart. Be wise: search and seek after God's blessings. He will bless you at the proper time and place when you approach with humility and contrition.

### **81.5.3 How did religious people perceive Jesus?**

[ ] Do you know what stops you from becoming part of the miracle that glorifies God?

[ ] How do you cleanse your heart?

It is written: So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel. (Matthew 15:31)

The wisdom of God flows through lowly and humble hearts. Consider how religious people perceived Jesus. What motivated them? What compelled the woman at the well to leave her water jar, run to the village, and proclaim Jesus with such boldness?

She encountered the living Jesus and had a clear conviction about her calling. Our loving and merciful Father God desires to fill our lives with abundant blessings on earth and in heaven. However, He cannot fill our hearts with heavenly things if they are filled with earthly things. Therefore, we must cleanse our hearts and approach Him with humility."

#### **81.5.4 Discern between old and new wineskin**

[ ] What does it mean to discern the time and prepare a proper meal for the people, and how do you achieve that?

It is written: Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?"

Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as



they have him with them. But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.

No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse.

And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, he pours new wine into new wineskins.  
"(Mark 2:18-22 NIV)

## **81.6 Not from the earth**

### **7 Pillars of Wisdom**

[ ] How do deeds done from above display differently than those from the world?

[ ] What are the small gates and narrow roads presented to you?

It is written: Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from Wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. (James 3:13-16 NIV)

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. (Matthew 7:13-14 NIV)

## 81.7 Prudence

[ ] What is considered normal in His sight?

Experiencing the Word of God

It is written: I, Wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, and the perverse mouth I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound Wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength. (Proverbs 8:12-14)

I am Wisdom—Common Sense is my closest friend; I possess the knowledge and sound judgment. If you respect the LORD, you will hate evil. I hate pride and conceit and deceitful lies. I am strong, and I offer sensible advice and sound judgment.

By my power kings govern, and rulers make laws that are fair. Every honest leader rules with help from me.

I love everyone who loves me, and I will be found by all who honestly search. I can make you rich and famous, important and successful.

What you receive from me is more valuable than even the finest gold or the purest silver.

I always do what is right, and I give great riches to everyone who loves me. (Proverbs 8:12-21 CEV)

## **82 Walking with the Holy Spirit**

[ ] Will you walk in the Spirit?

[ ] Do you know what is “walking in the Spirit”?

[ ] Do you know how to overcome the passions and desires of the old nature?

It is written: I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such, there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited,

provoking one another, envying one another. (Galatians 5:16-26)

### **82.1 Favor to Noah, walked with God**

[ ] What could attain the favor from God?

It is written: But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. (Genesis 6:8-9 NIV)

### **82.2 Continue in the teaching**

[ ] How do you discern if teachings are in Christ and pure?

It is written: The elder, To the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in the truth—and not I only, but also all who know the truth—because of the truth, which lives in us and will be with us forever: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love. It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us. And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands.

As you have heard from the beginning, he commands that you walk in love. Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming

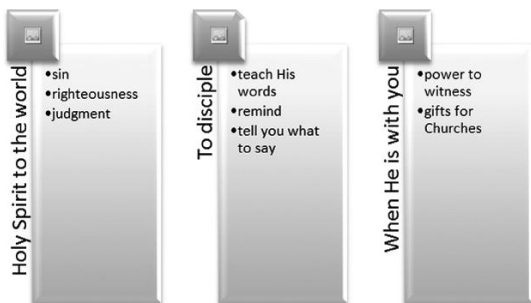
in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or welcome him. Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work. I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete. The children of your chosen sister send their greetings. (2 John 1:1-13 NIV)

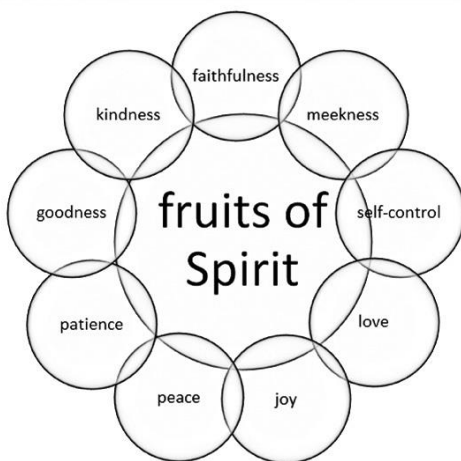
### **82.3 Empowerment is from above**

[ ] What marks you the one He is looking for?

It is written: For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. (2 Chronicles 16:9a NIV)



Holy Spirit works



Fruits of Spirit

#### **82.4 Love is NOT:**

- Proud,
- rude,
- boastful,
- self-seeking

#### **82.5 Love is:**

- kind,
- patient,
- protective,
- keeps no record of wrong,
- not easily angered,
- not delighting in evil



## 83 Dedication

Heaven's gate of blessing is ready to open. The gateway unlocks with an acceptable dedication. Completing a task and declaring it dedicated to the Lord is commendable, yet it remains your effort alone. True work of God begins with a foundation of dedication to Him. A proper offering of dedication is a sweet aroma to the Lord, yielding rewards and reflecting His glory.

Understand what makes a dedication offering pleasing to God. Your offering should be within your means to fulfill. It must stem from what God has provided. An accepted, proper dedication offering marks the beginning of your victory and the glory of the Lord.

### 83.1 What is dedication

Give your dedication offering from what God has given you. Trust God and offer yourself as a joyful living sacrifice. Dedication means offering yourself with all your heart and mind.

[ ] How do you renew your mind and transform your life onto the right pathway?

It is written: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (Romans 12:1-2)

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore, from now on you shall have wars. (2 Chronicles 16:9)

### **83.2 Why is He seeking dedicated people?**

[ ] What does it mean that Jesus Christ is your shepherd?

[ ] What has He promised to His sheep?

It is written: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23)

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for

the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. (John 10:10-12)

### **83.3 What can we dedicate?**

We dedicate our body, time, talent, belongings, and heart with love and thanksgiving. These all bear one fruit, in one action, and in one Spirit.

[ ] Why is your body a temple of God, and what does that mean?

[ ] What kind of dedication is pleasing to God?

[ ] What is commanded to be included with all offerings?

It is written: Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? (1 Corinthians 6:19)

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in Psalm and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father

in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. (Ephesians 5:15-23)

For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. (Matthew 25:14)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such, there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Being pushy and insisting on your own way in God's name is not dedication. Similarly, your actions do not reflect dedication if they seek to display your glory rather than the power of Jesus.

Four qualities should characterize dedication to God: the widow's mite, Lydia's hospitality, the jar of perfume, and the widow's provision from Zarephath. Consider what these offerings have in common. Understand the true qualities of dedication.

God accepts only perfect dedication; anything less will be rejected and will fail to display His glory. It becomes a wasted offering.

Consider Abraham's dedication—he was willing to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. As a

result, they received eternal blessings due to their wholehearted dedication to God.

Do not withhold your best or offer your second best. Make no excuses and do not rely on others' opinions. When your offering is made from the best you have, your mission will gain great strength. Jehovah God Almighty is merciful and provides miracles to those who desire to do His work.

Gifts, whether big or small, that come from a burdened heart hinder both the receiving and giving of blessings. Gifts cannot soften a closed mind. Beware of Satan, who may offer grand gifts—do not fall into this trap by seeking a lavish offering.

Revisit Proverbs 31 to learn the correct path and method for receiving a blessed life. Providing comfort during the painful suffering of someone on their deathbed is an opportunity for that soul to repent and enter God's kingdom, not to face eternal suffering in hell after death.

Understand that God created the world and gave mankind the authority to multiply and subdue everything.

### **83.4 Dedication quality**

Blessed are those who see and do not miss the first opportunity for dedication. Blessings are diminished for the second opportunity. There is no such thing as a third chance.

Water supplied properly is a big help for farming and quenches thirst. Likewise, materials given to you must be used when needed, not when you want to. Like a servant

obeying his master, a trained disciple and child of God dedicates his materials to Father God for His work on earth. Discern what and how to make a dedication offering.

Due to an incorrect understanding of sacrificial giving, many people offer everything they have to the church, which is wrong. Learn what constitutes a proper offering from the parable of the talents. The appropriate offering is sharing the profits made from seed funding. Sharing the blessings earned from the principal is the correct understanding of sharing. You must first establish a proper base for yourself and financial independence. Build a solid financial foundation for you and your family first, and then share with others from your earnings.

This proper sharing will carry God's blessings and bring a 30, 60, and 100-fold increase in income. People are foolish and store materials for judgment against them. Do not lean to the left or right, but follow God's words and stay within His boundaries of blessings.

The Word of God explains a proper offering clearly, but people misunderstand and interpret it for their own benefit. They are driven by greed, which is idol worship. Greedy hearts make people blind and deaf to the word of God. Therefore, do not accept all offerings brought to you. Instead, ask if it is an offering made according to the words of the Lord.

God looks at the heart, not the outward appearance. Just as we remember those who have impressed our hearts, how much more will the Father, God of love, remember and

reward those who have made a dedication from the heart?

Understand that there are two different kinds of help: aiding God's work and supporting the business of a mission. Assisting a mission in running a business is seed money, and an investor should expect returns like a bank.

### 83.5 Type of dedication

**Barnabas** dedicated his field—giving a portion of what he owned.

**Paul** offered his life, giving it for service.

**Stephen** offered his life, sacrificing himself for a greater cause.

**The forgiven woman** dedicated a jar of perfume and her hair in proper season and love.

**The Widow of Zarephath** offered the last of her food, all that she had.

**Isaac** offered himself as a burnt offering, completely as God asked.

Giving that was called for, being separated, declared ownership by God, like the firstborn of Israelites.

**Tabitha's** serving hands and heart of love, seeking the best that a person can offer.

Breaking the alabaster jar, offering the best. Dedication from an inheritance.

a) Accepted lifestyle: Cornelius

God accepted his efforts to help others, his prayers, and his attitude that had proper fear of the Lord. The difference between liking and loving; "I like Jesus" is not correct, "I love Jesus" is. Jesus loves you with all of His life and gave His life for you.

- b) Asked for dedication by God:  
Abraham and Isaac's offering of life.  
The Widow of Zarephath's last bread.
- c) From the very best of yours: Mary  
Who broke her jar of perfume and washed  
Jesus' feet with her hair.
- d) A portion of yours as your heart desires:  
Barnabas' offering of land.  
First Believers' dedication of their property.
- e) Little but all you have:  
The Widow's two mites.  
Five fishes and two loaves.

### **83.6 Wrong dedication**

- [ ] What is mixing your interests with the offering or in service for the Lord?
- [ ] How could you discern that all will be revealed and judged by God, whether it is good or evil?

It is written: Now, a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge, he kept back part of the money for himself but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You



have not lied to men but to God." When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died.

And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out, and buried him. About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land? Yes, she said, that is the price." Peter said to her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."

At that moment, she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events. (Acts 5:1-11 NIV)

The defiled or impure is not allowed in the Kingdom of God; only the repenting and contrite spirit are permitted.

## **84 To Do: Prayer**

[ ] What does it mean that your work is to maintain a clean vessel for Him to be used in His time, not directing?

It is written: In a large house, there are articles not only of gold and silver but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. (2 Timothy 2:20 NIV)

### **84.1 Praying the right way**

Pray to receive blessings and guidance as promised in the Bible: in qualified places, proper dress, according to God's word, in Jesus' name, in your faith, with a heart of thanksgiving, and for His glory.

### **84.2 Pray until your cup of prayer overflows**

While in exile, Daniel read Solomon's prophecy, believed in the written promise of Jerusalem's restoration, and began praying three times each day, persistently claiming God's promise until his prayers were answered.

[ ] What action do you take after you read the scripture?

[ ] What does it mean take actions like Daniel?

[ ] How do you persistently continue in prayer until you have an answer?

[ ] What does it mean that all will work out for good for those who love the Lord?

[ ] How do you believe that the words of Jesus are true?

[ ] What proves that you love the Lord?

The cup overflowing prayers of believers and God's plan mark the time of action."

It is written: Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it:

"Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting. (Mark 9:23-29)

This kind only comes out through prayer and fasting. So, what does 'this kind' mean? It means to focus all your desires and strength on the will of God. Believe and do not doubt your actions when you act in Jesus' name. Be humble, be a servant, learn to rejoice in others' success, and be wholehearted. This is the proper attitude to commune with God the Father.

It is written: And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thundering, lightning, and an earthquake. (Revelation 8:2-5)

### **84.3 Have a warrior attitude in prayer**

Pray earnestly and with all your heart and mind. Seek to restore the relationship between God and humanity. Pray continuously, day and night, especially in these challenging times. Safeguard your spirit through prayer; intercede for your own calling and for your loved ones. Do you understand the purpose and calling of those around you? Pray that God's will be fulfilled through those He has chosen for His work.

Instead of pursuing worldly success, aim for victory in fulfilling God's will. Remember, we are temporary residents in this world until His kingdom arrives. Avoid comparing yourself to others. Seek discernment through prayer, especially if you are feeling judged by God or called to repentance.

[ ] What can you do when you are in trouble beyond all description?

[ ] Why were the first words "wonderful works of God" uttered by the Holy Spirit through anointing on the first day of His visitation "repent"?

It is written: indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. (Proverbs 2:3-5 NIV)

I cried out to God with my voice, and He gave ear to me. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; my hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing; my soul refused to be comforted. I remembered God, and was troubled; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah

You hold my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak. I have considered the days of old, The years of ancient times. I call to remembrance my song in the night; I meditate within my heart, and my spirit makes a diligent search. Will the Lord cast off forever? And will He be favorable no more? Has His mercy ceased forever? Has His promise failed forevermore? Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has He in anger shut up His tender mercies? Selah

And I said, "This is my anguish, But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Highest." I will remember the works of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old. I will also meditate on all Your work, and talk of Your deeds. Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary; Who is so great a God as our God? You are the God who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the peoples. You have with Your arm redeemed Your people, The sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah

The waters saw You, O God; the waters saw You, they were afraid; The depths also trembled. The clouds poured out water; the skies sent out a sound; Your arrows also flashed about. The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; the lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook. Your way was in the sea, Your path in the great waters, and Your footsteps were not known. You led Your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron. (Psalm 77)

#### **84.4 Prayer is the breath of the Spirit**

[ ] Why is prayer like spiritual breathing?

[ ] How do you pray for God to break down the iron gates and walls of the enemy, and open the door to hear the gospel?

[ ] How do you pray for the restoration of the rightful owner and the authority of the nations?

[ ] What does it mean that all sins must face judgment?

[ ] Why does God commands us to live a pure and holy life?

[ ] How do you cry out for insight and understanding?

[ ] How did Daniel cried out for the nations and children to be set free from the bondage of sins, imprisoned, and in sickness, so that His kingdom come in this generation?

It is written: Call to Me, and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.' (Jeremiah 33:3)

And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. (John 14:13-14)

Always inquire whether your thoughts and desires align with the will of the Father. Seek His commands and instructions daily.

It is written: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; let the earth be moved!

The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all the peoples. Let them praise Your great and awesome name. He is holy.

The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool; he is holy.

Moses and Aaron were among His priests, and Samuel was among those who called upon His name; they called upon the Lord, and He answered them. He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar; They kept His testimonies and the ordinance He gave them.

You answered them, O Lord our God; You were to them God Who Forgives, though You took vengeance on their deeds. Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy. (Psalm 99)

It is written: Why do the nations conspire and the people plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up, and the rulers band together against the LORD and against his anointed, saying, "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles."

The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

"I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain."

I will proclaim the LORD's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your Father. Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them



to pieces like pottery." Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. Kiss his son, or he will be angry, and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. (Psalm 2 NIV)

### **84.5 Pray and claim in His promise**

[ ] How do you raise your voice to the Lord God Almighty that He send His power for us to proclaim the gospel boldly?

[ ] Who are the passive onlooker to the issues around you?

[ ] How do you pray for boldness against the power of darkness and the protection of His outstretched arms?

It is written: On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "You made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our Father David: 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples' plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the

Lord and against his Anointed One.' Indeed, Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. (Acts 4:23-31 NIV)

#### **84.6 Promise: Seek, Ask and Knock**

[ ] How do we pray not only asking for our needs to be met, but also seeking to know and fulfill His will?

It is written: Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in

heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 7:7-12 NIV)

### **84.7 Pray and Rejoice**

[ ] When anxiety rises, how do you bring your concerns into prayer?

It is written: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7 NIV)

### **84.8 Lord's prayer - The summary of prayer**

[ ] How are your prayers related to His will being done on earth?

[ ] How does the answer to your prayer bring glory to His name, and is it aligned with His will?

It is written: And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your

room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. This, then, is how you should pray:

'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. (Matthew 6:5-15 NIV)

### **84.9 Pray for your base and enlarge your tent for His glory**

[ ] How would you describe the greatness of our God?

[ ] What limitations do you perceive in your relationship with Him?

It is written: "Sing, O barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than

of her who has a husband," says the LORD. "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities." (Isaiah 54:1-3 NIV)

#### **84.10 Pray regularly for the task before the day begins**

[ ] What prayer patterns reflect the priority of His kingdom and righteousness?

It is written: Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else to the nearby villages so that I can preach there also. That is why I have come." So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. (Mark 1:35-39 NIV)

#### **84.11 The reason for no answer to your prayer**

[ ] What could be blocking His answer to your prayer?

It is written: Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your

iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you so that he will not hear.

For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken lies, and your tongue mutters wicked things. (Isaiah 59:1-3 NIV)

## **84.12 Silent for His glory**

[ ] Why do I feel like my prayers go unanswered?

The silence of the Lord is also an answer to your prayer. He is silent so that His glory can be made manifest in your prayer.

God honors prayer that seeks to know and speak what He is saying in your heart. True prayer seeks His desires in your life. Do not pray for something that is not for His glory. Do not pray for your satisfaction about what to eat or what to drink. Pray that His will is fulfilled through your life. He will answer that prayer.

The God of today is the same God of Moses and Elijah. God said that the prayers of a righteous person avail much. Not all of your prayers will be answered, but when a righteous person prays in faith, that prayer will yield much. Prayer without faith will not be answered. Prayer for the desires of the flesh will not be answered. If it seems that you receive

an answer to that kind of prayer, the answer causes you a trap.

## 85 Prayer example and lesson

### 85.1 Learn from Hezekiah's prayer

[ ] What brought the answer to Hezekiah's prayer: a broken and contrite spirit before the Lord, or good works?

[ ] What offering qualifies to the Lord for His grace and healing?

[ ] What is the purpose of the creation and election of His people?

It is written: In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, "This is what the LORD says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover. Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD," Remember, O LORD, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah: "Go and tell Hezekiah, 'This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life.' This is the LORD's sign to you that the LORD will do what he has promised: I will make the shadow cast by the sun go back the ten steps it has gone down on the stairway of Ahaz.'" So the sunlight



went back the ten steps it had gone down.

A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah after his illness and recovery: I said, "In the prime of my life must I go through the gates of death and be robbed of the rest of my years?" I said, "I will not again see the LORD, the LORD, in the land of the living; no longer will I look on mankind, or be with those who now dwell in this world. Like a shepherd's tent, my house has been pulled down and taken from me. Like a weaver, I have rolled up my life, and he has cut me off from the loom; day and night you made an end of me. I waited patiently till dawn, but like a lion, he broke all my bones; day and night you made an end of me.

I cried like a swift or thrush, I moaned like a mourning dove. My eyes grew weak as I looked to the heavens. I am troubled; O Lord, come to my aid!" But what can I say? He has spoken to me, and he himself has done this. I will walk humbly all my years because of this anguish of my soul. Lord, by such things men live; and my spirit finds life in them too. You restored me to health and let me live. Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish. In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back. For the grave cannot praise you, death cannot sing your praise; those

who go down to the pit cannot hope for your faithfulness. The living, the living they praise you, as I am doing today; fathers tell their children about your faithfulness.

The LORD will save me, and we will sing with stringed instruments all the days of our lives in the temple of the LORD. Isaiah had said, "Prepare a poultice of figs and apply it to the boil, and he will recover." Hezekiah had asked, "What will be the sign that I will go up to the temple of the LORD?" (Isaiah 38:1-22 NIV)

## **85.2 Hezekiah, what drove him to do that?**

[ ] What is the attitude of joyfully taking corrections from the Lord for mistakes He points out?

[ ] Why did Hezekiah show everything in the palace storehouse to the Babylonian envoys?

[ ] How did Hezekiah glorify God for the healing he received?

It is written: At that time Merodach Baladan the son of Baladan king of Babylon sent Hezekiah letters and a gift because he had heard of his illness and recovery. Hezekiah received the envoys gladly and showed them what was in his storehouses the silver, the gold, the spices, the fine oil, his entire armory, and everything found among his treasures. There was nothing in his

palace or in all his kingdom that Hezekiah did not show them.

Then Isaiah the prophet went to King Hezekiah and asked, "What did those men say, and where did they come from?" "From a distant land," Hezekiah replied. "They came to me from Babylon." The prophet asked, "What did they see in your palace?" "They saw everything in my palace," Hezekiah said. "There is nothing among my treasures that I did not show them." Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD Almighty: 'The time will surely come when everything in your palace, and all that your fathers have stored up until this day, will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left,' says the LORD." "And some of your descendants, your own flesh and blood who will be born to you, will be taken away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. The word of the LORD you have spoken is good," Hezekiah replied. For he thought, "There will be peace and security in my lifetime." (Isaiah 39:1-8 NIV)

### **85.3 Learn from Bartimaeus, the blind man**

**Example of prayer; blind man Bartimaeus**

[ ] What anguishes your heart enough that you cannot afford to miss the chance to meet the Maker?

[ ] How can we pray to the Lord for that dire need?

It is written: Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you." And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road. (Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43; Matthew 20:29-34)

## **85.4 Fasting and prayer**

### **85.4.1 Fasting wrong**

[ ] How are the fruits given by God different from the fruits of the world?

It is written: Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a

trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the house of Jacob their sins. For day after day, they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God.

They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?'

Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? (Isaiah 58:1-5 NIV)

#### **85.4.1 Fasting correctly**

[ ] What is “the light of the believers”?

[ ] How does God view that action as light, and how does the world see it?

It is written: Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the

cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings. (Isaiah 58:6-12 NIV)

## **85.5 Check your prayer.**

### **85.5.1 Prayer is a commandment**

It is written:

Come, all you who are thirsty,  
come to the waters;  
and you who have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without cost.  
(Isaiah 55:1 NIV)

### **85.5.2 Prayers He will not find an answer**

1. James 1:8 - Double mind
2. Selfish gain
3. Without repentance
4. Revengeful
5. Jealousy and hateful mind

### **85.5.3 Prayer that will find an answer**

1. Productive –  
His power answered (Eph. 4:16)
2. Faithful and Truthful prayer  
(Psalm 145:18-21)
3. Pray always (Luke 18:1-8)
4. Pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17)
5. Prayer in the Spirit (1 John 3:22-24)

### **85.5.4 Worldly prayer**

Luke 18:9-14

Seemingly humble prayer. Pharisees – did not pray to God

Customary, systematic – duty report

### **85.5.5 Elements of prayer answered**

Do not despair after prayer

Pray eagerly

Awakened prayer

### **85.5.6 Prayer answered**

Acceptable by God, Justified by God

This is the prayer that overcomes, wins the world: By Faith (1 John 5:4-5)

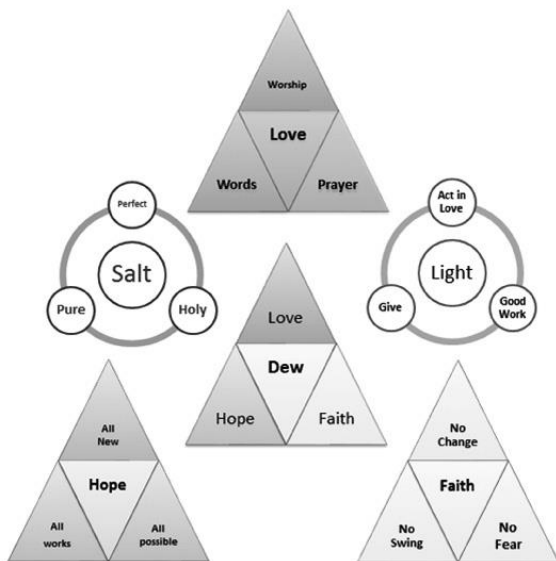
It is written: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 7:7-12 NIV)



## The right prayer

Able to discern blessing and curse, organized life. Dew is built upon "Love, Hope, and Faith," which works and dwells within the eternal, uncontaminated, and pure.



### A. Salt

**Perfect:** Because I am washed by the blood of the lamb and His words.

**Holy:** I am separated from the world for Him.

**Pure:** Always dwell in the first love.

### B. Light

I love to do it because I love the Lord. He gives His love to you through me.

Good work: Work that belongs to His kingdom and in His name

Give: dedication, serving with the heart of gratitude, the act of sacrifice

### C. Love

Worship: with the heart of love, and expectation, make offerings that please the Lord. Words of God are for us to: conquer, subdue, pose and enjoy, direction, instruction, and correction.

Praying for His will be done, and His name is glorified because you love Him. Great Prayer of Elijah that destroyed gods of this world, Baal; many gods of this world.

### D. Faith

You have direction from God. Ask for power, provision, protection from God, and receive

No Fear because He is with me

No vacillation because I know I am with Him, no turning to the left nor the right.

### E. Hope

All New: new heaven and the new earth, future is promised.

All possible: everything is possible for those who have Faith,

All is possible in God.

All Hope: all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord.

## **86 How: instruction and my daily choice**

### **86.1 Direct your path: law, prophecy**

#### **86.1.1 Ten Commandments**

God is love; understand that the Ten Commandments are given in love. Receiving a reward or penalty is my decision, my choice.

[ ] What can bring us freedom from sin and slavery?

[ ] What are God's awesome plans for your life if you obey and follow His commandments?

[ ] How can we faithfully observe the Ten Commandments?

It is written: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

You shall have no other gods before Me.

You shall not make for yourself a carved image any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.

For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord

will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God.

In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.

For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day.

Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's. (Exodus 20:2-17)

And He said: "Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people, I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the Lord. For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.

Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I am driving out from before you the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it is a snare in your midst.

But you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images (for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God), lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot with their gods and make a sacrifice to their gods, and one of them invites you and you eat of his sacrifice, and you take of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods and make your sons play the harlot with their gods.

You shall make no molded gods for yourselves.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread you shall keep. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, in the appointed time of the month of Abib; for in the month of Abib you came out from Egypt.

All that open the womb are Mine, and every male firstborn among your livestock, whether ox or sheep. But the firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you will not redeem him, then you shall break his neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem.

And none shall appear before Me empty-handed. Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in plowing time and harvest, you shall rest.

And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, of the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end.

Three times in the year all your men shall appear before the Lord, the Lord God of Israel. For I will cast out the nations before you and enlarge your borders; neither will any man covet your land when you go up to appear before the Lord your God three times in the year. You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leaven, nor shall the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover be left until morning. The first of the first fruits of your land you shall bring to the house of the

Lord your God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk."

Then the Lord said to Moses, Write these words, for according to the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel. So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. (Exodus 34:10-28)

And the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; you only heard a voice. So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone. And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might observe them in the land which you cross over to possess. (Deuteronomy 4:12-14)

So I made an ark of acacia wood, hewed two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain, having the two tablets in my hand. And He wrote on the tablets according to the first writing, the Ten Commandments, which the Lord had spoken to you in the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly; and the Lord gave them to me. Then I turned and came down

from the mountain, and put the tablets in the ark which I had made; and there they are, just as the Lord commanded me. (Deuteronomy 10:3-5)

### **86.1.2 New Commandment (John 14)**

[ ] Why are disciples required to keep the commandments and codes of God?

[ ] How are we keeping the New Commandment?

[ ] What does it mean, and how does the promise in Christ for those who believe apply to our life?

[ ] What did Jesus promise for those who have faith?

It is written: Love another as I have loved you and keep the unity as ONE in me. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. (John 13:34 KJV)

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the



way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority, but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. If you love Me, keep My commandments.

And I will pray to the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. On that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words, and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here." (John 14)

### **86.1.3 Understanding the Ten Commandments**

Would our laws exist without the Ten Commandments? What does it mean to 'press on to take hold of that for which Christ took hold of me'? Blessing is the exact opposite of judgment.

[ ] What have you attained in Christ?"

It is written: Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained. (Philippians 3:12-16 NIV)

## **86.2 Normal life, normal worship, normal fellowship, normal believer**

To lead a normal life as a worshipper, in fellowship, and as a faithful believer means to press on with what you have already obtained through Christ's sacrifice on the cross. When you first confessed with a heart of thanksgiving and called Christ 'Rabboni,' your gratitude enabled you to open your spirit and receive Christ's love. No one can confess Jesus as Christ except by the Holy Spirit. If you were able to make that confession, then you are born of God and placed on the path of blessing.

As a child of God, will you voluntarily commit to the Ten Commandments?

- 1) **No other Gods:** My household and I will serve the Creator God and worship Him alone. I will strive to live truthfully, boldly, and graciously through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.
- 2) **No idols:** My household and I will not make or keep any idols or objects resembling idols, nor will we indulge in any form of greediness.
- 3) **Honor the Lord's name:** My household and I will honor the name of the Lord and refrain from using it in vain or as a curse. I will encourage my children to serve on a

mission for a minimum of two years before marriage.

- 4) **Weekly Sabbath:** I will observe one day, either Saturday or Sunday, as a Sabbath day. I will keep it holy and dedicate it to holy fellowship with other believers. This Sabbath day is not for entertainment or festivities but an opportunity for our community of believers to gather in a designated place. The Sabbath begins at sundown and ends at the following sundown. We will commence worship at the agreed time and conclude the service as led by the worship leader through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. During our worship, we will pray, seek counsel, study the Scriptures, share, fellowship, and tithe our first fruits as prepared from our income. Our offerings will first support families in need within our community, then the broader community, and beyond. The committee will distribute these offerings to those in need. My giving is a joyful testimony of the Lord's abundant blessings upon us, as 'it is written.'
- 5) **Daily meditation on God's word:** I will meditate on God's word every morning and evening, keeping notes of our time with the Lord.
- 6) **Respect for parents and family care:** I will cherish and protect our children, honor my parents, and care for them.
- 7) **Respect for life:** I will respect the lives of others and assist them in times of need. Our lifestyle will be in harmony with our community. I will share my wealth and

resources wisely and anonymously. I will serve one another with the gifts bestowed upon me by the Holy Spirit.

- 8) **Maintain moral purity:** I will uphold fundamental moral standards and abstain from sexual immorality until marriage.
- 9) **Commitment to marital vows:** When I marry, I will honor my marriage vows made before God between a man and a woman. I will not break my vows nor encourage others to break theirs, recognizing God's desire for holy offspring.
- 10) **Gratitude and contentment:** I will not steal, bear false witness, lie, covet, or judge others, but will give thanks and acknowledge that God's provision is best.

### **86.3 Direction, stay inside the boundary of God's protection**

Left: Sin - following desires of the flesh, the desire of the mind, proud of life

Right: Zeal for the Lord - overriding His instruction, going ahead of Him

[ ] Why is it that the only way to possess the Promised Land is through His power and your complete obedience?

[ ] What does it mean to be strong and courageous?

[ ] Why should you make decisions with the end in view?

[ ] What separates the foolish from the wise?

[ ] Why do decisions made by the unfaithful seem to work at times but ultimately ruin a life?

It is written: After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them to the Israelites.

I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates all of the Hittite country to the Great Sea on the west.

No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous.

Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it.

Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:1-9 NIV)

The Promised Land is given to chosen people; do you know what your lot is?

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end, it leads to death. (Proverbs 14:12 NIV)

What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! (Romans 6:21 NIV)

All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD. (Proverbs 16:2 NIV)

All a man's ways seem right to him, but the LORD weighs the heart. (Proverbs 21:2 NIV)

The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advise. (Proverbs 12:15 NIV)

A man's own folly ruins his life, yet his heart rages against the LORD. (Proverbs 19:3 NIV)

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity. (Proverbs 11:3 NIV)

Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are



famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. (Isaiah 8:21 NIV)

For the fool speaks folly, his mind is busy with evil: He practices ungodliness and spreads error concerning the LORD; the hungry he leaves empty and from the thirsty he withholds water. (Isaiah 32:6 NIV)

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you so that he will not hear. (Isaiah 59:2 NIV)

Your wrongdoings have kept these away; your sins have deprived you of good. (Jeremiah 5:25 NIV)

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV)

What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? (Mark 8:36 NIV)

## **87 Why should we live differently?**

### **Because of the fear of the Lord**

#### **87.1 Discern the time in which you live**

[ ] Who decide the time of action?

[ ] How do you discern the time?

It is written: There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.

What do workers gain from their toil?  
I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart, yet no one can fathom what

God has done from beginning to end.  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 NIV)

When she heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, Naomi and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there.  
(Ruth 1:6 NIV)

## **87.2 What time is it?**

A blessed heart bears fruit that brings glory to the living God and satisfies one's soul; this is manna from God. There is a time for everything. Discern the time of blessing and how God provides. Look at His timing: when and where does He bless you? How and through whom? Pay attention to God's ways, and you will understand the secret of His blessings. Do not miss your turn!

## **87.3 Beware of God's Word**

How I choose to obey His Word determines my life: sowing and reaping.

- [ ] Do you sow in doubt yet expect results?
- [ ] Do you sow little yet expect a large harvest?
- [ ] Is your soil well-prepared?
- [ ] What is your mustard seed?
- [ ] Do you have protection plans?
- [ ] Verify if you are choosing the right path.

## **87.4 Before you make a decision, ask yourself**

- [ ] Is this the truth or not?
- [ ] Is this real or a lie?
- [ ] Is this because of love or hate?
- [ ] Is this act fair or unfair?

[ ] Is this an investment or a gamble?

[ ] Is this the path of obedience or disobedience?

Jesus warned the Pharisees and scribes to gather the wheat into a heavenly barn, but they did not listen and faced the consequences.

God says to diligently obey and carefully observe His Word: Do as I have said. Be cautious in how you live according to My words. I love those who keep My words, obey My commands, seek My guidance, and follow what is written. I love you, but repent, evildoers!

### **87.5 Check your foundation**

Do not regret or grumble when you face failures or disasters. When your work fails, recognize that it was not founded on God's Word. Instead, repent of the anger against evil in your heart.

If our work is not based on God's Word, then it is vulnerable to the enemy's influence without protection. If what you consider success is merely temporary relief or a false start, how can it be a blessing? Be patient and build everything on the foundation of God's Word. His Word will intricately guide your path. Seek His counsel as you would seek silver or hidden treasure in His Word. Discover the path of blessing concealed in the 'fear of the Lord.' If you do so, your work will not falter, for His words uphold everything by His power.

Are you a doer of the Word or merely a listener? Are you building your foundation on solid rock?

### **87.6 Remember how the virtuous woman worked in Proverbs 31**

It is written: When you sit down to eat with a ruler, consider carefully what is before you; and put a knife to your throat if you are a man given to appetite. Do not desire his delicacies, for they are deceptive food.

Do not overwork to be rich; because of your own understanding, cease! Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle toward heaven. (Proverbs 23:1-5)

Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before unknown men. (Proverbs 22:29)

### **87.7 Not according to the world, but by His Word**

Do your work not according to what the world says, but according to God's Word. God's loving character is likened to that of a mother eagle caring for her young. Just as God carried the Israelites as an eagle carries her young on her wings, He continues to carry His people today.

He searches the world for those whose hearts are wholly dedicated to Him, so that He can bless them with power and life. Life is found

in the Holy Spirit, and power resides in Jesus Christ. He has given His children the Holy Spirit and the authority of His name.

God never departed from His people as He promised.

[ ] What proves that the Spirit of the Lord is in you from the moment you accept Jesus as your Savior?

[ ] What guarantees your birthright?

[ ] What secures your eternal birthright?

It is written: Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that hovers over its young, so the Lord spread out his wings and took him, he lifted him up on his pinions. The Lord alone was guiding him; no foreign god was with him. (Deuteronomy 32:11-12 NIV)

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. (Psalm 85:9 NIV)

My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. (Ezekiel 37:27 NIV)

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9 NIV)

Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:3 NIV)

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God (1 John 4:2 NIV)

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he is in God. (1 John 4:15 NIV)

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. (John 14:16 NIV)

As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him. (1 John 2:27 NIV)

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. (2 Peter 1:16 NIV)

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. (John 1:12-13 NIV)

He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. (Revelation 19:13 NIV)

## **87.8 Build your works upon God's Word, not your emotion or will or scheme**

Anything not built upon God's Word is futile and will eventually be uprooted. Works and accomplishments not grounded in God's Word are susceptible to falling under evil's control.

[ ] What right does an "alien" have?

It is written: We know that we are children of God and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. (1 John 5:19 NIV)

Do not hoard, but instead distribute your God-given wealth to the needy as directed by Him. Just as animals are given enough drinking water and servants are fed good meals to maintain health and strength for their work, so should you steward your resources in Christ.

In all your endeavors, build upon the Word of God, not on your experiences or worldly schemes. Everything not founded on His Word is destined for destruction in due time.

Remember: destruction may come from someone you trusted, or even a coworker influenced by worldly ways instead of God's Word. They may build their success through unrighteousness and injustice, exploiting others without fair compensation. Such actions will inevitably lead to their downfall.

[ ] What seeds are you sowing, and are they given by God?

[ ] What seeds are given by God?

[ ] How do we practice what we have heard?

[ ] Why did He emphasize practice?



[ ] Who are the people with zeal but lack knowledge?

But He answered and said, "Every plant which My Heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. (Matthew 15:13)

Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on a rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash. (Matthew 7:24-27 NIV)

Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a fool whose lips are perverse. It is not good to have zeal without knowledge, nor to be hasty and miss the way. A man's own folly ruins his life, yet his heart rages against the Lord. (Proverbs 19:1-3 NIV)

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his

conduct, according to what his deeds deserve."

Like a partridge that hatches eggs, it did not lay is the man who gains riches by unjust means. When his life is half gone, they will desert him, and in the end, he will prove to be a fool. (Jeremiah 17:9-11 NIV)

But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' (Luke 12:20 NIV)

Woe to him who builds his palace by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, making his countrymen work for nothing, not paying them for their labor. (Jeremiah 22:13 NIV)

### **87.9 Be vigilant and discern the time,**

The time is fraught with evil and full of sin! Be careful, watchful, and patient. The devil tempts and entices you to destroy your work by pushing you to act hastily, quickly, and foolishly. Discern the right time for action. Be prepared. Do not miss the opportunity for God's blessing.

Be cautious, prudent, and discerning. Meditate on your work as if you were building a high-rise on the water to establish a new city. Check and re-check your blueprints. Plan carefully for all contingencies based on the foundation of God's Word.

Test everything with God's Word as you build your foundation and set up your pillars. Be

careful in your work. Your building will be destroyed unless your foundation and plans are strong. Do not try to repair a broken or damaged building. Instead, build anew on God's Word. A wrong start will bring a wrong outcome.

It is written: The wicked are overthrown and are no more, but the house of the righteous will stand. A man will be commended according to his wisdom, but he who is of a perverse heart will be despised. (Proverbs 12:7-8)

God says, 'I am weighing your motivations and actions.' Receive a blessing from YAHWEH. Desire to accomplish not what you want, but what Jehovah God has placed in your heart. Come to Me with your prayers, knowing that they could bring an answer.

Building based on worldly experience is like building on sand. The result can be strife, lawsuits, destruction, scandal, murder, separation, failure, and death. Psalm chapter one outlines two paths with their respective destinies. Your work is futile and destined for failure if not built on God's Word. All your labor is in vain, and ultimately, you will face the consequences of sin for wasting God's time.

Are you following the desires of a greedy heart? Greed leads to anxiety, frustration, and harm. Conversely, the fruits of blessing bring glory to the Lord and satisfaction to your soul.

Manna is the blessing of the wilderness; the Lord visited and blessed His people (Ruth 1:6).

Discover how the Lord visits and blesses His people. Learn His timing, for that is the key to receiving His blessings.

### **87.10 Seek and Knock**

Seek and knock as you envision your work in faith. Envision your business like the mustard seed, and anticipate its growth. Cover each stage of growth with God's blessings and promises.

Let your business grow in your mind's eye. Continually sketch your vision until it becomes reality. Pray and use your imagination, trusting in His Word.

Consider how Peter caught a bounty of fish from deep waters, where such a harvest seemed impossible. Cast your net into the depths, like Peter, and avoid worldly ways. When your work is accomplished through God's Word, it will yield miracles.

God's ways of providing for His children are different from the world's. Sanctify yourself, stay within the boundaries of His blessings, and bless your team wholeheartedly in Jesus' name.

Establish everything with proper structure and systems. Conduct all affairs with justice grounded in His instructions. Pursue what was promised to you — His glory on earth. Bless your people abundantly.

### **87.11 Prophecy is**

Do not despise prophecy. Prophecy is given to guide and instruct, establishing itself upon God's Word. The ultimate goal of blessings is

not merely to live comfortably or prosper personally, but to build His kingdom through us. God will judge all our conduct, words, and actions, weighing our faith both in the temple courts and in the field.

If a prophecy speaks only of personal well-being and promises good business and prosperity, it may be from Satan. However, if the prophecy provides direction and guidance for God's children to further His glory and establish His kingdom on earth, then Jehovah God is speaking to you.

Ask the Lord specific questions, and He will answer. Unfortunately, many people overlook details and miss the timing and instructions of the Lord, focusing only on major events and falling into the traps of idols and the clutches of Satan. Many chase after big events and neglect God's small voice.

Awake! Do your children, spouse, or friends only value big things?

Welcome God, your Father, and invite Him into all your events and plans. God values small details, and He is an awesome God. Satan may accomplish grand deeds, but he cannot perform works that require loving patience. God works with us individually, at the right time.

Recognize that all prophecies have their time and season. They are given to build Jesus' kingdom on earth according to His Word and His ways.

So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is

glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:31-35)

## 88 Blessing or Curse

### 88.1 Accepted

#### 88.1.1 Reason for acceptance:

It is written: When you ascended on high, you led captives in your train; you received gifts from men, even from the rebellious that you, O LORD God, might dwell there. (Psalm 68:18 NIV)

Three times a year all your men must appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Tabernacles. No man should appear before the LORD empty-handed: Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you. (Deuteronomy 16:16-17 NIV)

THREE FESTIVAL, Offer from God's blessings

AGRICULTURAL Feast of:	HISTORICAL	Follower of Christ
Unleavened (Barley Harvest)	Passover – Exodus (Delivered)	Resurrection (Easter)
Weeks (Wheat)	Pentecost - Torah (Feast of week)	Holy Spirit (Church)
Tabernacle (First fruit)	Sukkot – 40 years wilderness (Tabernacle)	Thanksgiving (Jew+Church)

Purim, Rosh Hashanah (Trumpet), Yom Kippur,

[ ] Why does God require an offering when we come to worship?

[ ] Why do the gods of this world not claim that they are from the Creator?

[ ] What is an acceptable quality of offering, and why is it important?

Accepted means He is pleased; the blessing flows from heaven above to you.

Who has gone up to heaven and come down?

Who has gathered up the wind in the hollow of his hands?

Who has wrapped up the waters in his cloak?

Who has established all the ends of the earth?

What is his Name and the Name of his son?

Tell me if you know! (Proverbs 30:4 NIV)

Offering accepted has these qualities:

It is written:

By faith, Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts, and through it, he being dead still speaks.

By faith, Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.



But without faith, it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. (Hebrews 11:4-6)

He observes the steps you've taken towards acceptability, focusing not on the size of things, but on your heart and attitude.

### **88.1.2 Follow the Spirit**

Law of Blessings

[ ] What news gives you the greatest joy, and why?

[ ] Why are things highly esteemed among men abominable in the sight of God?

[ ] How do you discern between good and evil?

It is written: The elder, To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth. Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.

It gave me great joy to have some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you. They have told the church about your

love. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God.

It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men so that we may work together for the truth.

I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will have nothing to do with us. So if I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, gossiping maliciously about us. Not satisfied with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers. He also stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the church.

Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God.

Demetrius is well spoken of by everyone and even by the truth itself. We also speak well of him, and you know that our testimony is true. I have much to write to you, but I do not want to do so with pen and ink. I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face. Peace to you. The friends here send their greetings. Greet the friends there by Name. (3 John 1 NIV)

Blessings mean you are under His provision and protection. You become a channel of God, allowing heavenly blessings to flow to earth.

The doors of blessing from God open when He accepts your sacrifice, and your cup of prayer overflows. His promises and your overflowing cup of prayer signify the time of action.

Curses and subsequent punishment come when the cup of sins overflows (e.g., the Flood, Tower of Babel, Sodom and Gomorrah, Egypt, Babylonia, Assyria, Israel and Judah, Evil entities, etc.). Blessings and curses occur on earth today and will culminate on the final Day of Judgment.

God desires to bless you, but if His word does not shield you because you have rejected it, you expose yourself to the mercy of the enemy, evil. You have been repeatedly warned to repent as your cup of sins fills. The same principle applies to nations, organizations, churches, and individuals. Receiving blessings or curses is your choice, and your past and future serve as a testimony.

### **88.1.3 Fear not the reproach of man**

[ ] What laws do you have in your heart that guide your actions?

[ ] Why do we lack peace of mind when we stray from the right path?

It is written: Hear me, you who know what is right, you people who have my law in your hearts: Do not fear the reproach of men or be terrified by their insults. For the moth will eat them up like a garment; the worm will devour them like wool. But my righteousness will last forever, my

salvation through all generations.  
(Isaiah 51:7-8 NIV)

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life so that you and your children may live (Deuteronomy 30:19)

Furthermore, tell the people, 'This is what the LORD says: See, I am setting before you the way of life and the way of death.' (Jeremiah 21:8 NIV)

## 88.2 Cursed

### 88.2.1 Polluted qualities of manmade, interpreted, will not be accepted

[ ] How do you experience the presence of the living God in your worship?

[ ] What does it tell us when we lack that experience in worship?

It is written: "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is My reverence?" Says the Lord of hosts to you priests who despise My Name. Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised Your name?'

"You offer defiled food on My altar, but say, 'In what way have we defiled You?' By saying, 'The table of the Lord is contemptible.' And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and sick,

is it not evil? Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you favorably?" says the Lord of hosts. "But now entreat God's favor, that He may be gracious to us. While this is being done by your hands, will He accept you favorably?" says the Lord of hosts.

"Who is there even among you who would shut the doors, so that you would not kindle fire on My altar in vain? I have no pleasure in you," says the Lord of hosts, "Nor will I accept an offering from your hands.

For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My Name shall be great among the Gentiles; in every place incense shall be offered to My Name, and a pure offering; for My Name shall be great among the nations," says the Lord of hosts. "But you profane it, in that you say, 'The table of the Lord is defiled; and its fruit, its food, is contemptible.' You also say, 'Oh, what a weariness!' And you sneer at it," says the Lord of hosts. "And you bring the stolen, the lame, and the sick; thus you bring an offering! Should I accept this from your hand?" says the Lord. "But cursed be the deceiver who has in his flock a male, and takes a vow, but sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished—for I am a great King," says the Lord of hosts, "And My name is to be feared among the nations." (Malachi 1:6-14

Faith cannot accept dilution. God dislikes rituals that do not contain a sincere heart. Is your worship full of empty rituals?

### **88.2.2 Looking to an idol for an answer**

[ ] What causes the world to stumble, and why?

[ ] What is the destiny of evildoers?

[ ] Why do evildoers not repent?

It is written: The LORD spoke to me with his strong hand upon me, warning me not to follow the way of this people. He said: "Do not call conspiracy everything that these people call conspiracy; do not fear what they fear and do not dread it.

The LORD Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread, and he will be a sanctuary; but for both houses of Israel, he will be a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. And for the people of Jerusalem, he will be a trap and a snare. Many of them will stumble; they will fall and be broken, they will be snared and captured."

Bind up the testimony and seal up the law among my disciples. I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob. I will put my trust in him.

Here am I, and the children the LORD has given me. We are signs and

symbols in Israel from the LORD Almighty, who dwells on Mount Zion.

When men tell you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living?

To the law and the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. Then they will look towards the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness. (Isaiah 8:11-22 NIV)

### **88.3 To subdue and enjoy: Testimony**

#### **88.3.1 Financial principle**

[ ] How do you bring acceptable tithes into the storehouse, and what does that mean?

[ ] What causes you to bring curses into your home through the curses you hold in your heart, and why do you aid the destroyer of homes who is behind it?

[ ] What opens you to receive blessings from God for your finances?

It is written: "They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion

a man spares his son who serves him."  
(Malachi 10:17)

"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the Lord of hosts; "And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," says the Lord of hosts. (Malachi 3:8-12)

O LORD, be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of distress. At the thunder of your voice, the peoples flee; when you rise up, the nations scatter. Your plunder, O nations, is harvested as by young locusts; like a swarm of locusts, men pounce on it. The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness. He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of



the LORD is the key to this treasure.  
(Isaiah 33:2-6)

### **88.3.2 I was blind, but now I see**

[ ] What is the story behind the hymn  
"Amazing Grace" written by John Newton?

[ ] Who is blind in spirit, and what does that  
mean?

[ ] Where did the boldness and wisdom of the  
healed "blind man" come from?

[ ] Have you seen or heard a testimony  
lately? If not, what does that mean?

[ ] Whose disciple are you—a follower of  
Christ called Christian by others?

It is written: They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was the Sabbath. Therefore, the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes, the man replied, and I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided.

Finally, they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet." The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. "Is

this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?" "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, He is of age; ask him.

A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?"

Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."

The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he

comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." To this, they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out. (John 9:13-34)

## **88.4 Abundant lifestyle / Proverbs 31**

### **88.4.1 Value of life**

[ ] What practices make a trustworthy character?

[ ] How did God blesses them both in good and bad times?

It is written: What, my son? And what, son of my womb? And what, son of my vows? Do not give your strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings. It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, nor for princes intoxicating drink; Lest they drink and forget the law, and pervert the justice of all the afflicted. Give strong drink to him who is perishing, and wine to those who are bitter of heart. Let him drink and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more. Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead

the cause of the poor and needy.  
(Proverbs 3`1:2-9)

### **88.4.2 Virtuous life**

Trustful life

It is written: Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. The heart of her husband safely trusts her; so he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil all the days of her life. (Proverbs 31:10-12)

### **88.4.3 No time to waste**

It is written: She seeks wool and flax, and willingly works with her hands. She is like the merchant ship, she brings her food from afar. She also rises while it is yet night, and provides food for her household, and a portion for her maidservants. (Proverbs 31:13-15)

### **88.4.4 Focused**

It is written: She considers a field and buys it; from her profits, she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength and strengthens her arms. She perceives that her merchandise is good, and her lamp does not go out by night. She stretches out her hands to the distaff, and her hand holds the spindle. (Proverbs 31:16-19)

### 88.4.5 Share naturally and in style

It is written: She extends her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household is clothed with scarlet. She makes tapestry for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple. (Proverbs 31:20-22)

### 88.4.6 Honors follow her

It is written: Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies sashes for the merchants. Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness. She watches over the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all." Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates. (Proverbs 31:23-31)

## **89 To conquer, take charge: Commandment**

### **89.1 Victory and Success**

[ ] What brought victory in your battle?

It is written: A wise man is strong, yes, a man of knowledge increases strength; For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, and in a multitude of counselors there is safety. (Proverbs 24:5-6)

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have an opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Galatians 6:7-10)

Do not lose your first love and passion. Bear fruit through obedience and patience. Recognize victory and success, and receive blessings that come from Jehovah God. Cherish those blessings and acknowledge who grants you victory and where success originates. Plan everything based on this concept and on the word of God.

Success comes through victory. We will achieve victory in all our battles, like Joshua did, by carefully obeying all of His commandments, for He is with us.

## 89.2 Battle in Me

### 89.2.1 Victory through His presence

God dwells in heaven above and with the humble and contrite spirit. Therefore, repent and invite Him into your daily life.

[ ] What builds highways to heaven within you?

It is written: And it will be said: "Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people." For this is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. I will not accuse forever, nor will I always be angry, for then the spirit of man would grow faint before me - the breath of man that I have created.

I was enraged by his sinful greed; I punished him and hid my face in anger, yet he kept on in his willful ways. I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will guide him and restore comfort to him, creating praise on the lips of the mourners in Israel. Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the LORD. "And I will heal them. But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud. There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked." (Isaiah 57:14-21 NIV)

### **89.2.2 Defense**

Repent in thought, repent in mind, repent in action, and invite Him always in all situations.

### **89.2.3 Offense**

Be bold and worry-free. Believe in Words, not emotion. Proclaim Words with confidence. Know that He will act once you release Words in His name. Remind yourself of Words of promise before and after.

### **89.2.4 Holy Spirit interceding for us**

[ ] What stops you from surrendering to the Spirit within you, without reason, like a child?

[ ] What invites the power and blessing that could come from God's promise?

It is written: In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:26-28 NIV)

### **89.2.5 Jericho wall – Myself**

[ ] How can you develop a character who has resisted and overcome sensual indulgence?



[ ] What can counteract the overwhelming force of sensual indulgence, and rage and bring about peace?

It is written: Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility, and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence. (Colossians 2:23 NIV)

For this is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite." (Isaiah 57:15 NIV)

I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, and what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. (Isaiah 46:10 NIV)

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. (Revelation 22:13)

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. (Matthew 24:35)

"Not by might nor by power but by the Spirit!" (Zechariah 4:6)

### **89.2.6 The Wall of Jericho is me.**

Proper prayer in the Spirit can bring down the walls of Jericho. What kind of soil am I today

for His words? God does not reside in your past; He cannot change it. The future is yet to come, so do not worry. He is here today. Live for Him in the present. Only His presence, which "overcomes the world," can defy gravity and your sinful nature.

What seemed right before keeps changing. Nothing is certain. We are constantly seeking improvement. Anything made by man is relevant only in specific situations unless man has the power to create and control nature and history as he wishes. Nothing can be absolute unless you can shape the future according to your desires, even affecting life and death.

He who created everything from nothing declares, "I AM" is in control. Believe in His immutable words; anchor your life in them.

If you have found His will, understood His timing and His word, and have a clear conscience, combine your faith with action and present them at the altar of prayer in His name. Answers will come; be patient and wait. Do not be swayed by circumstances; answers will come like the dawn. He forms blessings, brings peace, and sustains you until answers arrive.

Your prayer and His power together can overcome anything. Current problems are opportunities to glorify His name for those who understand this.

Do not dwell on the past; use it as fertilizer for growth. Store only blessings from Him. Your every breath now is a sign of His blessing and an opportunity given. Bury every fear of

the future: poverty, suffering, loss, unkind thoughts, bitterness, dislikes, resentments, failure, disappointment, gloom, and despair.

### **89.2.7 How to handle difficult times**

In Jesus' name, the chosen disciples were protected, and so should we be. In Jesus' name, we protect our loved ones. Everyone cries out when faced with dire problems, but my people should come to me with my words. That is the difference.

[ ] How do you strive to be perfect, and what does that mean?

[ ] Who is your enemy, and how do you conquer them?

It is written: For you are not a God that has pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with you. (Psalm 5:4 KJV)

You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect,

therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:43-48 NIV)

### **89.3 Battle in the world**

#### **89.3.1 Call upon Him**

[ ] What does it mean to come to the Lord with His promises—His written Word—and earnestly ask for an answer to your prayer?

It is written: Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. (Jeremiah 33:3 NIV)

And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me. (Psalm 50:15 NIV)

He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. (Psalm 91:15 NIV)

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it. (Psalm 81:10 NIV)

This is what the LORD says: "In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances." (Isaiah 49:8 NIV)

For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be

able to resist or contradict. (Luke 21:15 NIV)

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. (John 14:13 NIV)

You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. (John 14:14 NIV)

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. (John 14:16 NIV)

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. (John 14:18 NIV)

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (John 14:3 NIV)

### **89.3.2 Repenting, Inviting Him**

Repeating: Complete repentance is the key to being filled by the Holy Spirit. (Words of God, Repenting, Believe, Bring words and prayers)

### **89.4 Defeated**

When His presence is not with us, we lose battles. When you don't believe, no answer to prayer will come. Believe He is as He said and pray without doubt.

### **89.5 Prayer not answered**

We do not listen:

[ ] What does it mean that listen and turn from your way to His way when He speaks to you?

[ ] Why did God almighty allow Christ to be stricken, his disciples to be scattered, and the persecution of the Church founded on the Blood of the Lamb?

It is written: Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the Lord of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus great wrath came from the Lord of hosts. Therefore, it happened, that just as He proclaimed and they would not hear, "so they called out and I would not listen," says the Lord of hosts. (Zechariah 7:12-13)

"Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is my companion," says the Lord of hosts. "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; then I will turn My hand against the little ones. And it shall come to pass in all the land," says the Lord, "That two—thirds in it shall be cut off and die, but one—third shall be left in it: I will bring the one—third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people' and each one will say, 'The Lord is my God.'" (Zechariah 13:7-9)

## 89.6 Bloody hands

[ ] Why detailed repentance for forgiveness of your sins is necessary?

It is written: When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you; even if you offer many prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood. (Isaiah 1:15 NIV)

Sins not cleansed: Therefore, I bring charges against you again, declares the LORD. And I will bring charges against your children's children. (Jeremiah 2:9 NIV)

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. (Jeremiah 29:12 NIV)

### **89.7 Disrespect the Sabbath**

[ ] What does it mean for believers to keep the Sabbath day, and how?

It is written: But if you do not obey me to keep the Sabbath day holy by not carrying any load as you come through the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, then I will kindle an unquenchable fire in the gates of Jerusalem that will consume her fortresses. (Jeremiah 17:27 NIV)

When you ascended on high, you took many captives; you received gifts from people, even from the rebellious-- that you, LORD God, might dwell there. (Psalm 68:18)

Keep my Sabbaths holy, that they may be a sign between us. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God." (Ezekiel 20:20)

"Tell the Israelites, 'Surely you must keep My Sabbaths, for this will be a sign between Me and you for the generations to come, so that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you. (Exodus 31:13)



## **90 Thy Kingdom on earth**

### **90.1 Why reject Christ**

#### **90.1.1 Love God with all your heart**

[ ] What are the characteristics of worthy efforts that can obtain praise from God?

[ ] What could glorify God in your life?

It is written: But I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God? But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say? (John 5:42-47 NIV)

#### **90.1.2 Traps of evil spirits**

[ ] What does "incarnation" mean?

[ ] Why is the journey of incarnation a one-way journey without a "plan B"?

It is written: Dear friends, do not believe every spirit but test the spirits to see whether they are from

God because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them.

We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us, but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. (1 John 4:1-6 NIV)

### **90.1.3 Teachings of evil spirits**

It is written: Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come.

This is how we know it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going

showed that none of them belonged to us.

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist—he denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also. See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he promised us—even eternal life. I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. (1 John 2:18-26 NIV)

#### **90.1.4 Satan, fallen star**

[ ] Why do people follow the Antichrist?

[ ] How do we remain in the truth and in our first love for God?

[ ] What is Satan's goal?

[ ] Why did Jesus come to earth?

It is written: The grave below is all astir to meet you at your coming; it rouses the spirits of the departed to greet you—all those who were leaders in the world; it makes them rise from their thrones—all those

who were kings over the nations. They will all respond. They will say to you, "You also have become weak, as we are; you have become like us. All your pomp has been brought down to the grave, along with the noise of your harps; maggots are spread out beneath you and worms cover you. How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Highest." But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit.

Those who see you stare at you, they ponder your fate: "Is this the man who shook the earth and made kingdoms tremble, the man who made the world a desert, who overthrew its cities and would not let his captives go home?" All the kings of the nations lie in state, each in his own tomb. But you are cast out of your tomb like a rejected branch; you are covered with the slain, with those pierced by the sword, those who descend to the stones of the pit. Like a corpse trampled underfoot, you will not join them in burial, for you have

destroyed your land and killed your people.

The offspring of the wicked will never be mentioned again. Prepare a place to slaughter his sons for the sins of their forefathers; they are not to rise to inherit the land and cover the earth with their cities. "I will rise up against them," declares the LORD Almighty. "I will cut off from Babylon her name and survivors, her offspring and descendants," declares the LORD. "I will turn her into a place for owls and into swampland; I will sweep her with the broom of destruction, declares the LORD Almighty." (Isaiah 14:9-23 NIV)

## 90.2 Evangelism

### 90.2.1 Seek the Lord while He may be found

[ ] How do you discern the traps of Satan, and what is his goal?

[ ] What was the purpose that Jesus came to earth?

It is written: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. (Isaiah 55:6-7 NIV)

Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near

speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail. (Isaiah 51:4-6 NIV)

### 90.2.2 Death or Grace

[ ] How did God show grace in Christ?

[ ] What does it mean that you are now under grace?

It is written: Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come. But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how

much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, 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 5:14-21 NIV)

### **90.2.3 Justified by faith**

[ ] Why did God give the law?

It is written: Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. (Galatians 3:23-25 NIV)

### **90.2.4 Salvation found only in Him**

[ ] Where did Peter's boldness come from?

[ ] How do your decisions and actions reflect His presence and glory?

It is written: The priests and the captain of the temple guard, and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand.

The next day the rulers, elders, and teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and the other men of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. He is 'the



stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. "What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everybody living in Jerusalem knows they have done an outstanding miracle, and we cannot deny it. But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn these men to speak no longer to anyone in this name."

Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. The man

who was miraculously healed was over forty years old. (Acts 4:1-22 NIV)

### 90.2.5 Born of God

[ ] Why couldn't the people recognize the Messiah?

[ ] Why did the Word, who created heaven, earth, and everything in it, become flesh like one of us?

It is written: He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" From the fullness of his grace, we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the

Father's side, has made him known.  
(John 1:10-18 NIV)

### **90.2.6 Believing in Me is believing in God the Father**

[ ] What causes people to be blind, unable to see or hear the words spoken from the mouth of Jesus Christ?

[ ] What does it mean to love praise from men more than praise from God?

[ ] How do you retain the words you hear?

It is written: Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: "Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" For this reason, they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere: "He has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn and I would heal them."

Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him. Yet at the same time, many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees, they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

Then Jesus cried out, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him.

For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say." (John 12:37-50 NIV)

### **90.2.7 Beautiful feet**

[ ] How do you pray for the safety and protection of those who proclaim the good news among persecuted peoples?

It is written: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:7-10 NIV)

### 90.2.8 Invitation from God

[ ] What does it mean to buy without cost, and how can you achieve that?

It is written: Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader, and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor. (Isaiah 55:1-5 NIV)

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen. (Revelation 22:16-21 NIV)

### **90.2.9 Philip directed to the eunuch**

[ ] How do you hear the Spirit directing you to the place you must go?

[ ] What passage was the Ethiopian eunuch reading that he tried to understand, and do you understand that passage?

[ ] What does it mean to be baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit?

It is written: Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—

the desert road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way, he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet.

The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation, he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?"

Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" And he gave orders to

stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again but went on his way rejoicing.

Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea. (Acts 8:26-40 NIV)

### **90.2.10 Jesus visited the woman at the well**

[ ] Why did Jesus choose to visit the woman at the well, reveal Himself, and seek what God desired, rather than His own people?

[ ] What does it mean to give fresh, living water—not diluted—to the thirsty souls of the world?

[ ] What does your daily life reflect about your preparation to meet your living God?

[ ] God visited the woman at the well, who had five husbands and was rejected by the world, yet He did not utter a single word of judgment. What causes us to judge others?

[ ] What prompted Jesus to visit a woman at the well? Have you heard what God is saying to you about reaching the lost souls?

[ ] How do you worship God in spirit and truth?

[ ] What is a sign that you have met the living Christ?



[ ] What does it mean to work to fulfill His will on earth through your life, not pursuing your desires or bread?

[ ] What do the Words of God mean to you?

It is written: The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John, although, in fact, it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also

his sons and his flocks and herds?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

"Sir," the woman said, I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth."

The woman said, "I know that Messiah (called Christ) is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he." (John 4:1-26 NIV)

It is written: Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want? Or Why are you talking with her? "

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"

They came out of the town and made their way toward him. Meanwhile, his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?"

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the

saying 'One sow and another reaps' is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world." (John 4:27-42 NIV)

### **90.2.11 Salvation sealed in Christ**

[ ] What is your testimony of God within you?

[ ] Who or what makes God out to be a liar, and what will be their destiny?

It is written: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and the three are in agreement. We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart.

Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:1-12 NIV)

## 91 Mission

Participation in short-term and long-term mission programs is both a duty and a privilege for the servants of the Lord. 'Thy will be done' and 'Thy kingdom come' should be the passion of all disciples of Jesus Christ.

It is written: And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient." And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words." (Exodus 24:6-8)

For a testament is in force after men are dead since it has no power at all while the testator lives. Therefore, not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. (Hebrews 9:17-18)

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise. (Proverbs 11:30)

A wise person gains favor with others. The success of our mission is measured by the quality of disciples we raise, who are prepared to follow Him.

The Word of God is eternal and our daily sustenance. We must daily receive His undiluted Word through the Holy Spirit. God

the Father used the wilderness to teach His people that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. We all need to undergo wilderness training and pass; it is not optional.

Do not miss any opportunity given to you. Discern His timing for heavenly blessings. God surpasses our understanding by far, like sand compared to the universe.

Time is precious. Start each day with prayer. Things do not happen by chance or coincidence for God's children. Each day is given to glorify His name, like morning dew that reflects the quality of God's children.

Time comes only once; it will never return. Do not miss your opportunity, your moment to receive favor from the Lord. God does not always offer a second chance for dedication. By forfeiting the credibility of the first chance, you risk losing the second chance of dedication.

Morning dew, sipped by a cow, produces fresh milk, while sipped by a poisonous serpent produces poison. Similarly, how you use five minutes of your time will determine the quality of your life.

Be wise and manage your time; value your time! Meditate and plan in the Word with the Spirit. Build an honorable life that pleases the Lord, who rewards you with fruit that glorifies His name.

Approach each encounter with the attitude that it may be the last time you see someone on earth, and the next time may be in the presence of the Lord.

The Creator God searched the earth far and wide, found a person, and delighted in the land of Bethlehem. David was the son of Jesse, an Ephrathite from Bethlehem in Judah. Be that person.

### **91.1 Good news for Israel**

[ ] What did God promise to Israel in the years to come?

It is written: You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!"

See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. (Isaiah 40:9-11 NIV)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (Isaiah 50:7)

### **91.2 Missionary**

#### **Missionary or Humanitarian**



How did Jesus deal with people's sicknesses and help others? The first qualification for a missionary is to cleanse yourself, be ready for use by the owner, and have the know-how to overcome yourself. Teach others how to overcome the battle with self. Do not focus on numbers but train quality disciples of God. Aim for true disciples of the Lord, not just numbers. Addressing the problems of beggars and poor people is the work of earthly kingdoms. Determine whether the work you are doing is driven by compassion or the love of the Lord.

### **91.3 God's wrath against sinful humanity**

[ ] Why do the darkened hearts not know how to be thankful or express gratitude?

[ ] What are the consequences of communities led by the sinful desires of hearts, corrupting the beauty of love into sexual impurity, and who is behind it?

[ ] What do communities led by shameful lust and those perverting the natural into the unnatural under the guise of intellect look like?

[ ] What images have you seen of communities led by depraved minds?

It is written: The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness since what may be known about God is plain to them because God has made it plain to them.

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore, God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator who is forever praised. Amen.

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way, the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their errors.

Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind so that they do what ought not to be done.

They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed, and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant, and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. (Romans 1:18-32 NIV)

See how sin drives further corruption and causes society to promote evil against God. We witness this daily around us. The world is full of evil. People without God will continue this cycle of corruption and be handed over to sin because they refuse to repent and reject God's Word.

Are you engaged in a mission or humanitarian work? Moses proclaimed a pathway of blessings and curses through Joshua. Are you preparing a path of blessing or repeating what has been done?

A missionary is a disciple-maker, not merely a compassionate driver.

It is written: "Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers. And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone, but man lives by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the Lord your God chastens you.

"Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land

whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper.

When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you.

"Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'

"And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the power to get wealth, that He may

establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the Lord your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. As the nations which the Lord destroys before you, so you shall perish because you would not be obedient to the voice of the Lord your God." (Deuteronomy 8:1-20)

- [ ] What were your wilderness trials led by God?
- [ ] What were the lessons learned during your wilderness pilgrimage?
- [ ] What is the purpose of the school of wilderness?
- [ ] What would you do with what God gave?
- [ ] What does it mean that God wants you to give Him the glory of your fruits?

Missionaries in the wilderness must look up to heaven at the Jordan River and see it open. However, instead, they often find others stepping into God's place under the guise of "help," seeking glory for themselves. These individuals who substitute themselves for God will be judged, and the missionary will return to the wilderness for further lessons. First, it's crucial to distinguish between "missionary" and "humanitarian" works and workers.

#### **91.4 MMCC and Mission Helper**

Starting a business often begins with securing a loan or receiving support from others, but it's essential to trust in God's provision,

especially in missionary endeavors. Just as God guided the Israelites through the Jordan River, He directs supporters to assist His work. It's crucial to distinguish between these approaches to avoid confusion and uphold the ultimate goal of glorifying God.

God faithfully meets the spiritual and physical needs of His servants. Understanding the differences in operational methods between missionary work and supporting missionary-based businesses is key. While both rely on God's intervention and witness His miracles, their strategies vary significantly.

In business, the initial investment forms your foundation and should be safeguarded rather than shared. Profits beyond this seed capital are meant for sharing and supporting others, establishing you as a resource for fellow businesses. It's important not to view this money as personal wealth; it is entrusted to you by God to steward for His purposes. Listen attentively to His guidance and act obediently when called upon. Remember, you are a steward, not the creator or owner of these resources.

Exercise discernment in managing missions and supporting ministries. Respond promptly and obediently when God prompts you to give. Avoid accumulating personal wealth through business ventures, as this can lead to the trap of greed.

### **91.5 How can they believe if they do not hear**

[ ] What satisfies the requirements of the Mosaic Law, and what does that mean?

[ ] What does it mean to be justified?

[ ] Why is being invited to participate in sending or preaching the Gospel an extraordinary privilege?

It is written: Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: The man who does these things will live by them. But the righteousness that is by faith says: Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down) or 'Who will descend into the deep?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the Word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and is justified, and it is with your mouth



that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who—calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not

heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?

As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.

But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course, they did: "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says, 'I will make you envious by those who are not a nation; I will make you angry by a nation that has

no understanding.' And Isaiah boldly says, "I was found by those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me." But concerning Israel, he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people." (Romans 10:1-21 NIV)

### **91.6 Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers**

[ ] How do you pray for the Lord to send harvest workers?

[ ] Who are the helplessly harassed, abused, misused, and confused sheep?

It is written: Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9:35-38 NIV)

### **91.7 The believer's prayer**

It is written: On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they

raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our Father David:

"'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.'

Indeed, Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your Word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the Word of God boldly. (Acts 4:23-31 NIV)

### **91.8 The believers share their possessions**

It is written: All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared

everything they had. With great power, the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

In addition, God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales, and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet. (Acts 4:32-37)

Do all on the Word, through the Word, by the Word, follow the Holy Spirit.

It is written: O, the depth of the riches  
of the wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are His judgments  
and untraceable His ways!  
"Who has known the mind of the Lord?  
Or who has been His counselor?"  
"Who has first given to God  
that God should repay him?"

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen. (Romans 11:33-36)

## 92 To the heart: Precepts

### 92.1 Psalm 139: You know me better than I know myself

[ ] What kind of heart is God searching for, and why?

[ ] What do you find beautiful and wonderful about your formation?

[ ] What does it mean to fear God and hate evil?

It is written: O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.

You comprehend my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.

You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," even the night shall be light about me; indeed, the darkness shall not hide

from You, but the night shines as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to You.

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with You.

Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men. For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain. Do I not hate them, O Lord, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies. Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties, and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139 KJV)

## **92.2 Blessing gate, the right path, choice:**

### **Proverbs 3**

#### **92.2.1 Long life and peace**

[ ] How do you keep your feet from stumbling and fear?

It is written: My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands; for the length of days and long life and peace they will add to you. (Proverbs 3:1-2)

My son, let them not depart from your eyes keep sound wisdom and discretion; So they will be life to your soul and grace to your neck. Then you will walk safely in your way, and your foot will not stumble.

When you lie down, you will not be afraid; yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet. Do not be afraid of sudden terror, nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; for the Lord will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught. (Proverbs 3:21-26)

#### **92.2.2 Favor from God and Man**

[ ] What comes after favor?

It is written: Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, and so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man. (Proverbs 3:3-4)

The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding, He established the heavens; by His knowledge, the depths were broken up, and clouds drop down the dew. (Proverbs 3:19-20)

Do not envy the oppressor, and choose none of his ways; for the perverse person is an abomination to the Lord, but His secret counsel is with the upright. The curse of the Lord is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the home of the just. Surely He scorns the scornful, but gives grace to the humble. The wise shall inherit glory, but shame shall be the legacy of fools. (Proverbs 3:31-35)

### **92.2.3 Right direction**

[ ] What are the indicators of the right path?

It is written: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

### **92.2.4 Healthy Body**

It is written: Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones. (Proverbs 3:7-8)

### **92.2.5 Financial blessing**

It is written: Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits



of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine. (Proverbs 3:9-10)

### **92.2.6 Rebuke in Love**

It is written: My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor detest His correction; for whom the Lord loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights. (Proverbs 3:11-12)

### **92.2.7 Accomplished life**

[ ] What is wisdom, and how do you find it?

It is written: Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding; for her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, and her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, and all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. Length of days is in her right hand, in her left-hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who retain her. (Proverbs 3:13-18)

### **92.2.8 Blessings flow through you**

[ ] What constitutes "good work" and the outcomes of these good works?

It is written: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so. Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, and tomorrow I will give it," when you have it with you. Do not devise evil against your neighbor, for he dwells by you for safety's sake. Do not strive with a man without cause, if he has done you no harm. (Proverbs 3:27-30)

### **92.3 To correct: Judgment, learn, and repent**

Repent and return

[ ] Why do some people not hear the Lord knocking at their heart? Do you hear?

[ ] What does repentance mean to you and to God?

It is written: My eyes will watch over them for their good, and I will bring them back to this land. I will build them up and not tear them down; I will plant them and not uproot them. (Jeremiah 24:6 NIV)

Perhaps they will listen and each will turn from his evil way. Then I will relent and not bring on them the disaster I was planning because of the evil they have done. (Jeremiah 26:3 NIV)

"I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile." (Jeremiah 29:14 NIV)

"Go, proclaim this message toward the north:" 'Return, faithless Israel,' declares the LORD, 'I will frown on you no longer, for I am merciful,' declares the LORD, 'I will not be angry forever.'" (Jeremiah 3:12 NIV)

O"Return, faithless people," declares the LORD, "for I am your husband. I will choose you one from a town and two from a clan—and bring you to Zion." (Jeremiah 3:14 NIV)

Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek my face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me." (Hosea 5:15)

### **92.3.1 Repent, rage against the evil in your heart!**

Pray and reflect in your heart for missionaries who have strayed. Some are entangled in sexual sins, not heeding His teachings but doing as they please and misusing God's offerings. Unless they repent in time, God will expose their deeds in daylight. God seeks restoration, not destruction. Many have supported and sacrificed for your success. Reflect on those who helped you grow and what was offered—you owe them a debt. If you

faltered, look back, identify your missteps, repent, and return to the right path.

If you believe you know more than others, hold superior knowledge or philosophy, consider others wrong, seek power, dominate, or harbor closed-mindedness, you walk the path of sin. Repent!

God urges introspection and repentance. Approach God, examine yourself against His word, like Abraham at the altar. Worship Him humbly, repent of your limited understanding, and acknowledge Him as God. Come with humility, and He will reveal His thoughts and ways to you.

Rather than seeking personal desires, seek His will, establishment, and blessings. He will elevate you, bring victory, and glorify His name through your achievements in Him.

Are you trapped in cycles of failure, poverty, illness, or distress? Offer a better sacrifice to Him. Cease disappointing God, assess your heart and mind, and repent of self-righteousness.

If your sacrifice is not accepted, your efforts remain locked away, unseen despite numerous ideas and plans.

Consider what remains locked in your thoughts and mind. Seek and unlock that dark space, freeing your thoughts and mind. Step out of that confinement. Present a better sacrifice to the Lord, seeking His blessings to unlock them.

### **92.3.2 Repent and be renewed**

Repent of your ways and embrace new growth. Break up your old fallow ground — your

methods, ways of thinking, doctrines, comfort zones, desires for success, and pursuit of name and fame that contradict God's Word.

Now is the time to prepare your heart before standing in His judgment. Completely overturn the old ground and renew your mind with the power of the Holy Spirit. Remove anything that causes doubt or confusion regarding God's Word, hindering you from obeying His commandments while there is still daylight.

[ ] How is the fruit of wisdom from above different from that of the world?

It is written: Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, till He comes and rains righteousness on you. (Hosea 10:12)

Even the jackals present their breasts to nurse their young; but the daughter of my people is cruel, like ostriches in the wilderness. (Lamentations 4:3)

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness. (2 Corinthians 9:10)

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not

descend from above but is earthly, sensual, and demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. (James 3:13-18)

The wicked man does deceptive work, but he who sows righteousness will have a sure reward. (Proverbs 11:18)

For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessing on your offspring; (Isaiah 44:3)

Rain down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together. I, the Lord, have created it. (Isaiah 45:8)

## 92.4 Discern Evil and Enemy

The Lord said to watch the fruits and discern if they are real or false. Look around: if you see fruit, examine it closely. However, if it is there, you will find many fruits bestowed upon you from above because of your obedience to His commandments. Therefore, obey, so that fruits may come after training.

Discipline your son with knowledge.

You may give your all, but it is wrong if it is given with incomplete knowledge, cultural zeal, or freedom of conscience. If you have no ears to hear or eyes to see, your knowledge will destroy you, especially in the religious world.

[ ] Why should you accept God's discipline with a heart of thanksgiving?

It is written: Because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son. (Hebrews 12:6 NIV)

Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you. (Deuteronomy 8:5 NIV)

Blessed is the man you discipline, O LORD, the man you teach from your law; (Psalm 94:12 NIV)

I know, O LORD, that your laws are righteous, and in faithfulness, you have afflicted me. (Psalm 119:75 NIV)

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, (Proverbs 3:11 NIV) Because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in. (Proverbs 3:12 NIV)

Why should any living man complain when punished for his sins? (Lamentations 3:39 NIV)

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.  
(Revelation 3:19 NIV)



## **93 Worship proper, Receive renewal, Refreshment and blessing**

### **93.1 Two roads of life**

Two paths in life. Which one is yours?

**God's Children:** Live according to the Creator's design.

**Belong to the World:** Live as you please, following your own plans.

Merely professing faith in Christ and attending church is not enough. If you live according to your own desires, you are no different from an unbeliever.

A true child of God loves Him and lives according to His will, standing apart from the world. They will be clothed in righteousness, receive rewards, sit at Christ's right hand, participate in the Lord's wedding as His bride, and be granted authority in His coming kingdom.

### **93.2 Favored by God**

#### **93.2.1 You are favored by the Creator if you:**

Keep your eyes open to see God in the small things, and pray unceasingly until you witness the fruits of prayer. Cultivate the fruits of godly character. Maintain pure faith, follow through with your words, and practice what you preach. Offer sacrificial offerings generously to the Lord. Make disciples and nurture spiritual children, eagerly anticipating the second coming of Christ.

### **93.2.2 Red as scarlet becomes white as snow**

[ ] Why does God want to turn your sins as white as snow, and how does He do that?

It is written: Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (Isaiah 1:18-20)

## **93.3 Appointed festivals**

### **Leviticus 23**

#### **Feasts of the Lord (Note 88.1.1)**

It is written: And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel and say to them: 'The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts. (Leviticus 23:1-2)

#### **93.3.1 The Sabbath**

It is written: 'Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings. (Leviticus 23:3)

#### **93.3.2 The Law of Sabbaths**

It is written: "Six years you shall sow your land and gather in its produce,

but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave, the beasts of the field may eat. In like manner, you shall do with your vineyard and your olive grove.

Six days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day, you shall rest, that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female servant and the stranger may be refreshed. "And in all that I have said to you, be circumspect and make no mention of the name of other gods, nor let it be heard from your mouth.

### 93.3.3 Three Feast

The creation rule of harmony and restoration: the 7th day of rest for a person, the 7th year of rest for the land, and the 7th year of freedom from service as a slave. The 7th of the 7th year, then Jubilee, was given to the chosen people as written in the living code.

[ ] Why does God instruct us to meet the living God at least three times a year?

[ ] Why do angels obey only God and not people?

It is written: "Three times you shall keep a feast to Me in the year: You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread (you shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month of Abib, for in it you came out

of Egypt; none shall appear before Me empty); and the Feast of Harvest, the firstfruits of your labors which you have sown in the field; and the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year when you have gathered in the fruit of your labors from the field.

"Three times in the year, all your males shall appear before the Lord God. "You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread; nor shall the fat of My sacrifice remain until morning.

The first of the first fruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk. (Exodus 23:10-19)

aka Shavout, Pentecost, aka Sukkoth, Azaret, Feast of Booths

### **93.3.4 The Passover and unleavened bread**

[ ] How did God lead the Israelites in the wilderness away from all enemies?

[ ] Where and how do you encounter the living God today?

It is written: These are the feasts of the Lord, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times.

On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the Lord's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of

Unleavened Bread to the Lord; seven days you must eat unleavened bread.

On the first day, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it. But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord for seven days. The seventh day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it. (Leviticus 23:4-8)

### **93.3.5 The Feast of First fruits**

It is written: And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest.

He shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. And you shall offer on that day, when you wave the sheaf, a male lamb of the first year, without blemish, as a burnt offering to the Lord.

Its grain offering shall be two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to the Lord, for a sweet aroma; and its drink offering shall be of wine, one-fourth of a hin.

You shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor fresh grain until

the same day that you have brought an offering to your God; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. (Leviticus 23:9-14)

### 93.3.6 The Feast of weeks

It is written: 'And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed.

Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the Lord. You shall bring from your dwellings two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven. They are the first fruits to the Lord.

And you shall offer with the bread seven lambs of the first year, without blemish, one young bull, and two rams. They shall be as a burnt offering to the Lord, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma to the Lord.

Then you shall sacrifice one kid of the goats as a sin offering, and two male lambs of the first year as a sacrifice of a peace offering. The priest shall wave them with the bread of the first fruits as a wave offering before the Lord, with the two lambs.

They shall be holy to the Lord for the priest. And you shall proclaim on the same day that it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work on it.

It shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations. 'When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleanings from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the Lord your God.' (Leviticus 23:15-22)

### **93.3.7 The Feast of Trumpets**

It is written: Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a Sabbath rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord.'" (Leviticus 23:23-25)

### **93.3.8 The Day of Atonement**

It is written: And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. And you

shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the Lord your God. For any person who is not afflicted in soul on that same day shall be cut off from his people.

And any person who does any work on that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. You shall do no manner of work; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. It shall be to you a Sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict your souls; on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate your Sabbath." (Leviticus 23:26-32)

### **93.3.9 The Feast of Tabernacles**

It is written: Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the Lord. On the first day, there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it.

For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord.

On the eighth day, you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. It is a sacred assembly, and you shall do no customary work on it.



'These are the feasts of the Lord which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to the Lord, a burnt offering and a grain offering, a sacrifice and drink offerings, everything on its day besides the Sabbaths of the Lord, besides your gifts, besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings which you give to the Lord.

'Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the Lord for seven days; on the first day, there shall be a Sabbath rest, and on the eighth day a Sabbath rest.

And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days. You shall keep it as a feast to the Lord for seven days in the year.

It shall be a statute forever in your generations. You shall celebrate it in the seventh month. You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.'" So Moses declared to the

children of Israel the feasts of the Lord. (Leviticus 23:33-44)

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## 93.4 Exodus 23

### The Angel and the promises

[ ] When does God send angels before you in all battles?

[ ] Why were there religious rituals held before the war?

[ ] Why do we pray for mission fields for the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

[ ] Why did God drive out enemies little by little?

[ ] Why do you need to sow in tears for an abundant harvest?

[ ] Do you know why King Solomon, with all his wisdom, knowledge, power, and wealth, fell into the practice of pagan worship, and what is the lesson from this?

It is written: "Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him.

But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an

enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries. For My Angel will go before you and bring you into the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will cut them off. You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works, but you shall utterly overthrow them and completely break down their sacred pillars. So you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water.

And I will take sickness away from the midst of you. No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days. I will send My fear before you, I will cause confusion among all the people to whom you come, and will make all your enemies turn their backs to you.

And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you.

I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.

Little by little I will drive them out from before you until you have increased, and you inherit the land. And I will set your bounds from the Red Sea to the sea, Philistia, and from the desert to the River.

For I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you. You shall make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against Me. For if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you." (Exodus 23:20-33)

## 93.5 Numbers 28

### 93.5.1 Daily Offerings

[ ] How often could we meet the living God, and why did He require many offerings?

[ ] Why does true love always desire to be with?

It is written: Now the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Command the children of Israel, and say to them, 'My offering, My food for My offerings made by fire as a sweet aroma to Me, you shall be careful to offer to Me at their appointed time.' And you shall say to them, 'This is the offering made by fire which you shall offer to the Lord: two male lambs in their first year without blemish, day by day, as a regular burnt offering. The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, the other lamb you shall offer in the evening, and one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering mixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed oil.

It is a regular burnt offering which was ordained at Mount Sinai for a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the Lord. And its drink offering shall be one-fourth of a hin for each lamb; in a holy place you shall pour out the drink to the Lord as an offering. The other lamb you shall offer in the evening; as the morning grain offering and its drink offering, you shall offer it as an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the Lord." (Numbers 28:1-8)

### **93.5.2 Sabbath Offerings**

It is written: And on the Sabbath day two lambs in their first year, without blemish, and two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, with its drink offering this is the burnt offering for every Sabbath, besides the regular burnt offering with its drink offering. (Numbers 28:9-10)

### **93.5.3 Monthly Offerings**

It is written: 'At the beginnings of your months you shall present a burnt offering to the Lord: two young bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year, without blemish; three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for each bull; two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for the one ram; and one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour, mixed

with oil, as a grain offering for each lamb, as a burnt offering of sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the Lord.

Their drink offering shall be half a hin of wine for a bull, one-third of a hin for a ram, and one-fourth of a hin for a lamb; this is the burnt offering for each month throughout the months of the year. Also, one kid of the goats as a sin offering to the Lord shall be offered, besides the regular burnt offering and its drink offering. (Numbers 28:11-15)

#### **93.5.4 Offerings at Passover**

It is written: On the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of the Lord. And on the fifteenth day of this month is the feast; unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days. On the first day, you shall have a holy convocation.

You shall do no customary work. And you shall present an offering made by fire as a burnt offering to the Lord: two young bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year. Be sure they are without blemish.

Their grain offering shall be of fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah you shall offer for a bull, and two-tenths for a ram; you shall offer one-tenth of an ephah for each of the seven lambs; also one goat as

a sin offering, to make atonement for you.

You shall offer these besides the burnt offering of the morning, which is for a regular burnt offering. In this manner you shall offer the food of the offering made by fire daily for seven days, as a sweet aroma to the Lord; it shall be offered besides the regular burnt offering and its drink offering. And on the seventh day, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work. (Numbers 28:16-25)

### **93.5.5 Offerings at the Feast of Weeks**

It is written: Also on the day of the first fruits, when you bring a new grain offering to the Lord at your Feast of Weeks, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work.

You shall present a burnt offering as a sweet aroma to the Lord: two young bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year, with their grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for each bull, two-tenths for the one ram, and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs; also one kid of the goats, to make atonement for you. Be sure they are without blemish. You shall present them with their drink offerings, besides the regular burnt offering

with its grain offering. (Numbers  
28:26-31)



## 94 Sabbath Day

### 94.1 Reason for Sabbath day

- [ ] How do you offer acceptable worship?
- [ ] How do you offer acceptable dedication?
- [ ] How do you offer complete obedience?
- [ ] What are the signs that He has "accepted"?
- [ ] What happens when He accepts?

"Say to the Israelites, 'You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the LORD, who makes you holy. (Exodus 31:13)

When you ascended on high, you took many captives; you received gifts from people, even from the rebellious-- that you, LORD God, might dwell there. (Psalm 68:18)

Keep my Sabbaths holy, that they may be a sign between us. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God." (Ezekiel 20:20)

Jesus replied, "This is the most important: 'Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

## 94.2 Sabbath day is HOLY

It is written: And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. (Genesis 2:3 NIV)

## 94.3 The appointed festivals

[ ] What are the most favorable activities to God that we can engage in?

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'These are my appointed festivals, the appointed festivals of the LORD, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies. "'There are six days when you may work, but the seventh day is a day of Sabbath rest, a day of sacred assembly. You are not to do any work; wherever you live, it is a Sabbath to the LORD." (Leviticus 23:1-3 NIV)

Forget what happened long ago!  
Don't think about the past. I am creating something new. There it is!  
Do you see it? I have put roads in deserts, streams in thirsty lands. Every wild animal honors me, even jackals and owls. I provide water in deserts—streams in thirsty lands for my chosen people.

I made them my own nation, so they would praise me.

I, the Lord, said to Israel: You have become weary, but not from

worshipping me. You have not honored me by sacrificing sheep or other animals.

And I have not burdened you with demands for sacrifices or sweet-smelling incense. You have not brought delicious spices for me or given me the best part of your sacrificed animals. Instead, you burden me down with your terrible sins.

But I wipe away your sins because of who I am. And so, I will forget the wrongs you have done.

Meet me in court! State your case and prove that you are right. Your earliest ancestor and all of your leaders rebelled against me.

That's why I don't allow your priests to serve me; I let Israel be destroyed and your people disgraced. (Isaiah 43:18-28)

#### **94.4 Wrong worship**

[ ] What does a broken home do to the family, and what lies behind it?

[ ] How do you endure when someone ridicules or mocks your most favored one?

[ ] What steps do you take to improve your actions to obtain His favor?

It is written: "Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you,"

says the LORD Almighty, "and I will accept no offering from your hands." (Malachi 1:10 NIV)

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah! "The multitude of your sacrifices—what are they to me?" says the LORD. I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams, and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts?

Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths, and convocations—I cannot bear your evil assemblies." (Isaiah 1:10-13 NIV)

Your New Moon festivals and your appointed feasts my soul hates. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you; even if you offer many prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood; wash and make yourselves clean.

Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, and encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the

fatherless, plead the case of the widow. (Isaiah 1:14-17 NIV)

## 94.5 Worship instruction

### Place of worship

What instructions are given for acceptable worship? What is the right place, the right time, the proper method, and the anointed, pure person?

[ ] What constitutes acceptable worship?

[ ] What are these criteria today?

[ ] How can you discern that worship was acceptable?

[ ] What detestable rituals are practiced in our service?

It is written: These are the decrees and laws you must be careful to follow in the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess—as long as you live in the land.

Destroy completely all the places on the high mountains and on the hills and under every spreading tree where the nations you are dispossessing worship their gods. Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and burn their Asherah poles in the fire; cut down the idols of their gods and wipe out their names from those places.

You must not worship the LORD your God in their way. But you are to seek the place the LORD your God will

choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go; there bring your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, what you have vowed to give and your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks.

There, in the presence of the LORD your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to because the LORD your God has blessed you.

You are not to do as we do here today, everyone as he sees fit since you have not yet reached the resting place and the inheritance the LORD your God is giving you. But you will cross the Jordan and settle in the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and he will give you rest from all your enemies around you so that you will live in safety.

Then to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name there you are to bring everything I command you: your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, and all the choice possessions you have vowed to the LORD.

And there rejoice before the LORD your God, you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites from your towns, who have no allotment or inheritance of their own.

Be careful not to sacrifice your burnt offerings anywhere you please. Offer them only at the place the LORD will choose in one of your tribes, and there observe everything I command you.

Nevertheless, you may slaughter your animals in any of your towns and eat as much of the meat as you want, as if it were gazelle or deer, according to the blessing the LORD your God gives you. Both the ceremonially unclean and the clean may eat it.

But you must not eat the blood; pour it out on the ground like water. You must not eat in your own towns the tithe of your grain and new wine and oil, or the firstborn of your herds and flocks, or whatever you have vowed to give, or your freewill offerings or special gifts.

Instead, you are to eat them in the presence of the LORD your God at the place the LORD your God will choose—you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites from your towns and you are to rejoice before the LORD your God in everything you put your hand to.

Be careful not to neglect the Levites as long as you live in your land. When the LORD your God has enlarged your territory as he promised you, and you crave meat and say, "I would like

some meat," then you may eat as much of it as you want.

If the place where the LORD your God chooses to put his Name is too far away from you, you may slaughter animals from the herds and flocks the LORD has given you, as I have commanded you, and in your own towns you may eat as much of them as you want. Eat them as you would gazelle or deer.

Both the ceremonially unclean and the clean may eat. But be sure you do not eat the blood, because the blood is the life, and you must not eat the life with the meat. You must not eat the blood; pour it out on the ground like water. Do not eat it, so that it may go well with you and your children after you because you will be doing what is right in the eyes of the LORD. But take your consecrated things and whatever you have vowed to give, and go to the place the LORD will choose. Present your burnt offerings on the altar of the LORD your God, both the meat and the blood.

The blood of your sacrifices must be poured beside the altar of the LORD your God, but you may eat the meat. Be careful to obey all these regulations I am giving you, so that it may always go well with you and your children after you, because you will



be doing what is good and right in the eyes of the LORD your God.

The LORD your God will cut off before you the nations you are about to invade and dispossess. But when you have driven them out and settled in their land, and after they have been destroyed before you, be careful not to be ensnared by enquiring about their gods, saying, "How do these nations serve their gods? We will do the same."

You must not worship the LORD your God in their way, because in worshiping their gods, they do all kinds of detestable things the LORD hates. They even burn their sons and daughters in the fire as sacrifices to their gods. See that you do all I command you; do not add to it or take away from it. (Deuteronomy 12:1-32 NIV)

## **94.6 Temple in the heart**

[ ] How can you hear His voice and understand His parables?

[ ] Why is the gospel a blessing and not a stumbling block to you?

The secret of God revealed

It is written: So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world." (Matthew 13:35 NIV)

The fact that God raised him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words: "I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David." (Acts 13:34 NIV)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18 NIV)

### **94.7 Keep it pure**

Jesus Christ purchased the Church with His precious blood. The Church is pure; remember that Jesus did not drink mixed wine on the cross to maintain its purity. It is a holy place, set apart for God, and a house of prayer.

It is written: And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. (Matthew 16:18 NIV)

#### **94.7.1 Has the keys of the Kingdom**

[ ] What causes the loss of unity that Jesus prayed for?

[ ] Who suffers when there is division in the Church?

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. (Matthew 16:19 NIV)

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its

parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body whether—Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Now the body is not made up of one part but of many.

If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body.

If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact, God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our

presentable parts need no special treatment.

But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:12-27 NIV)

#### **94.7.2 Purity, no defilement**

[ ] What opens the door to the sickness of evil to enter the body of the Church?

[ ] What is the proper perspective of Jesus and His earthly kingdom?

[ ] Why did Jesus taste and refuse the mixed wine offered?

[ ] Why should your ultimate goal be doing the will of God, and why?

It is written: After this, he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers, and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.

So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves, he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's House into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written "Zeal for your house will consume me."

Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name. But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man. (John 2:12-25 NIV)

Worship in your own style and preference does not satisfy the desires of the Lord. We do not have a choice in worship; let us not fall into the devil's traps. The Lord accepts worship

where the Spirit moves, where the love of God is felt and practiced, and where repentance is evident. However, worship without experiencing the presence of the Lord is a religious ritual that the Lord abhors.

The Church is the body of Christ, and He maintained its purity even on the cross, refusing sour wine mixed with gall.

It is written: Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross. And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink.

Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots." Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there.

And they put the accusation written against Him over his head: Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left. And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

Likewise, the chief priests mocking the scribes and elders, said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He has Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing. (Matthew 27:32-44)

## **95 Altar**

### **95.1 Earthen Altar**

It is written: Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you. (Exodus 20:24 NIV)

### **95.2 Altar of Prayer**

[ ] What does it mean that God desires an earthen altar, and why?

[ ] What is prayer?

[ ] Why is the temple or church called the house of prayer?

To them I will give within my temple and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off. (Isaiah 56:5 NIV)

These I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations. (Isaiah 56:7 NIV)

### **95.3 Noah**

[ ] What was on Noah's altar that pleased God and resulted in the sign of the Rainbow?



It is written: Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma.

Then the Lord said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease." (Genesis 8:20-22)

It is written: The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring, I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he went on towards the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. Then Abram set out and continued towards the Negev. (Genesis 12:7-9 NIV)

#### 95.4 Isaac

[ ] How did Isaac win the dispute?

It is written: Isaac went on to Beersheba, where the LORD appeared to him that night and told him, "Don't be afraid! I am the God who was worshiped by your father Abraham,

my servant. I will be with you and bless you, and because of Abraham I will give you many descendants."

Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD. There he pitched his tent, and there his servants dug a well. Meanwhile, Abimelech had come to him from Gerar, with Ahuzzath his personal adviser and Phicol the commander of his forces. Isaac asked them, "Why have you come to me, since you were hostile to me and sent me away? "They answered," We saw clearly that the LORD was with you; so we said, 'There ought to be a sworn agreement between us and you.

Let us make a treaty with you that you will do us no harm, just as we did not molest you but always treated you well and sent you away in peace. And now you are blessed by the LORD." Isaac then made a feast for them, and they ate and drank. Early the next morning the men swore an oath to each other. Then Isaac sent them on their way, and they left him in peace.

That day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well they had dug. They said, "We've found water!" He called it Shibah, and to this day the name of the town has been Beersheba. When Esau was forty years old, he married Judith daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and also Basemath daughter of Elon the Hittite. They were a

source of grief to Isaac and Rebekah.  
(Genesis 26:23-35 NIV)

### 95.5 Moses and the Israelites

[ ] What does it mean to not use tools when building an altar?

It is written: Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people: "Keep all these commands that I give you today. When you have crossed the Jordan into the land the LORD your God is giving you, set up some large stones and coat them with plaster.

Write on them all the words of this law when you have crossed over to enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you. And when you have crossed the Jordan, set up these stones on Mount Ebal, as I command you today, and coat them with plaster.

Build there an altar to the LORD your God, an altar of stones. Do not use any iron tool upon them. Build the altar of the LORD your God with stones from the field and offer burnt offerings on it to the LORD your God.

Sacrifice fellowship offerings there, eating them and rejoicing in the presence of the LORD your God. And you shall write very clearly all the words of this law on these stones you

have set up." (Deuteronomy 27:1-8 NIV)

## 95.6 Priest

### 95.6.1 Consecrate all before worship

[ ] Why must priests consecrate themselves before presiding over a service?

[ ] What are the consecration requirements?

[ ] How is consecration performed today?

[ ] What is the role of the priest and what are their attendant responsibilities?

It is written: For the generations to come this burnt offering is to be made regularly at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting before the LORD.

There I will meet you and speak to you; there also I will meet with the Israelites, and the place will be consecrated by my glory. So I will consecrate the Tent of Meeting and the altar and will consecrate Aaron and his sons to serve me as priests, then I will dwell among the Israelites and be their God. (Exodus 29:42-45 NIV)

And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated in them. And that son that is a priest in his stead shall put them on seven days when he cometh into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the holy place.

And thou shalt take the ram of the consecration, and seethe his flesh in the holy place. And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

And they shall eat those things wherewith the atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat thereof, because they are holy. And if ought of the flesh of the consecrations, or of the bread, remain unto the morning, then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it is holy.

And thus shalt thou do unto Aaron, and to his sons, according to all things which I have commanded thee: seven days shalt thou consecrate them. (Exodus 29:29-35 KJV)

And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation in seven days until the days of your consecration be at an end: for seven days shall he consecrate you. As he hath done this day, so the LORD hath commanded to do, to make an atonement for you.

Therefore, shall ye abide at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, that ye die not: for so I am commanded. (Leviticus 8:33-35 KJV)

It is written: Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus. (Hebrews 3:1 KJV)

It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4 KJV)

For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore. (Hebrews 7:28 KJV)

"(For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord swear and will not repent, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec:) By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament."

Jesus Christ is our High Priest after the oath of God: "Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec." (Hebrews 3:1; Matthew 4:4; John 6:37-40; Hebrews 7:28; 7:21-22; 7:17; Psalm 110:4 KJV)

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now

have obtained mercy. (1 Peter 2:9-10  
NJKV)

### 95.6.2 Orderly manner

[ ] What does it mean to worship in spirit and truth?

[ ] What is the "proof" of accepted worship?

[ ] How does God invite you to meet Him today?

[ ] What role does praise play during worship?

[ ] What is the proper order of worship?

It is written: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the teachings, just as I passed them on to you. Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head.

And every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head—it is just as though her head were shaved. If a woman does not cover her head, she should have her hair cut off; and if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut or shaved off, she should cover her head.

A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God;

but the woman is the glory of man. For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. For this reason, and because of the angels, the woman ought to have a sign of authority on her head.

In the Lord, however, a woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman.

But everything comes from God. Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered?

Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him, but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a covering. If anyone wants to be contentious about this, we have no other practice nor do the churches of God. (1 Corinthians 11:1-16 NIV)

### **95.6.3 Communion service to keep**

[ ] What is the meaning and reason for keeping the communion service?

[ ] What are the proper ways to serve and receive communion?

[ ] What are the penalties for improper communion service?

It is written: In the following directives I have no praise for you,



for your meetings do more harm than good. In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent, I believe it. No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval.

When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, for as you eat, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else. One remains hungry, another gets drunk. Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing?

What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? Certainly not! For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, this is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.

"In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an

unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.

For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.

When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for each other. If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment. And when I come I will give further directions. (1 Corinthians 11:17-34 NIV)

## 95.7 Acceptable offering

[ ] What are the purposes of offerings?

[ ] What are the qualities of an acceptable offering and its blessing to you?

[ ] What are offerings of praises, thanksgiving, and sacrifices?

It is written: I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no

opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty.

I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need.

Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. Greet all the saints in Christ Jesus. The brothers

who are with me send greetings. All the saints send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. (Philippians 4:10-23 NIV)

It is written: I The priests, who are Levites—indeed the whole tribe of Levi—are to have no allotment or inheritance with Israel. They shall live on the offerings made to the LORD by fire, for that is their inheritance.

They shall have no inheritance among their brothers; the LORD is their inheritance, as he promised them. This is the share due to the priests from the people who sacrifice a bull or a sheep: the shoulder, the jowls, and the inner parts.

You are to give them the first fruits of your grain, new wine and oil, and the first wool from the shearing of your sheep, for the LORD your God has chosen them and their descendants out of all your tribes to stand and minister in the LORD's name always.

If a Levite moves from one of your towns anywhere in Israel where he is living and comes in all earnestness to the place the LORD will choose, he may minister in the name of the LORD his God like all his fellow Levites who serve there in the presence of the LORD. He is to share equally in their

benefits even though he has received money from the sale of family possessions. (Deuteronomy 18:1-8 NIV)

### **95.7.1 Reason for acceptance:**

It is written: When you ascended on high, you led captives in your train; you received gifts from men, even from the rebellious—that you, O LORD God, might dwell there. (Psalm 68:18)

Who has gone up to heaven and come down? Who has gathered up the wind in the hollow of his hands? Who has wrapped up the waters in his cloak? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and the name of his son? Tell me if you know! (Proverbs 30:4 NIV)

Accepted means that God has received and commended you as righteous and qualified. He is pleased, and blessings will flow from heaven above to you.

### **95.7.2 It had these qualities:**

[ ] What must be included with your offerings, and why?

[ ] What are the priestly qualities from Psalm 15 that you should embody before presiding over a worship service?

It is written: By faith, Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God

testifying of his gifts, and through it, he being dead still speaks.

By faith, Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith, it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. (Hebrews 11:4-6)

And every offering of your grain offering you shall season with salt; you shall not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offering. With all your offerings you shall offer salt. (Leviticus 2:13 KJV)

It is written: LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?

The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others; who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind; who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken. (Psalm 15:1-5 NIV)

## 96 Worship Camp

### 96.1 Character and attitude of a worshiper

The accepted worship displays the anointing of God:

- a) The prepared and sanctified priest
- b) The prepared and sanctified worship leaders
- c) The prepared and sanctified worship center
- d) In your consecrated pure and holy worship
- e) In your prayer chamber
- f) In your meditation on the Word of God

It is written: Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings forty years in the wilderness, people of Israel? (Amos 5:25 NIV)

For this is what the high and exalted One says—he who lives forever, whose Name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with the One who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. (Isaiah 57:15 NIV)

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:18 NIV)

You came near when I called you, and you said, "Do not fear."  
(Lamentations 3:57 NIV)

"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." (John 4:21-24 NIV)

## **96.2 Speaks from between the two cherubim**

[ ] What does it mean that God chose to speak between the cherubim?

[ ] What was the purpose of election and sanctification?

It is written: There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites. (Exodus 25:22 NIV)

Meet the Lord with a "humble and contrite spirit."

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9 NIV)



I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. (Psalm 9:1 NIV)

Proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds. (Psalm 75:1 NIV)

We give thanks to you, O God, we give thanks, for your Name is near; men tell of your wonderful deeds. (Psalm 26:7 NIV)

### **96.3 Place prepared in prayer and sanctified**

Imagine how the Israelites prepared for their festivals with months of preparation: clothing, sacrifice, attitude, speeches, and exciting expectations of meeting the living God. Prepare your heart to meet the Lord in your wilderness.

Everyone is a sinner, and none are righteous; God is looking for a repentant heart, one that agonizes over sins. Break the stronghold of evil through crying out in repentant prayer.

### **96.4 Worship empowered through praise**

The people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise. (Isaiah 43:21)

Offer praise and hymns until minds are open and ready to receive His words. Experience repentance and joy through praise.

#### **96.4.1 Prepared praise**

Offer acceptable worship that displays His presence. He is seeking worshipers who cause Him to display His glory today. Living worship

will point to repentance during worship; the repentant heart turns to praise because of His presence.

Bring the praise that you understand. Do not bring words that you do not understand. Instead, glorify God like a bright shining sun. Glorify Him through praise.

God is receiving the praise. Cast out hindering spirits through prayer and praise. Meet Him through holy praise and worship. Invite Him to this holy worship. Seek not the answer but sow all in prayer. Remember, the Lord dwells in your praise.

Do not block the work of the Spirit with your thoughts and reason but offer completely. Clapping and the raising of hands is a natural reaction of our spirit. Praise even to the 10th time when there is no prophecy.

[ ] What are your praise lists?

[ ] What praise can be seen with a sense of spirit?

[ ] What is Word for your praise?

[ ] Why is praise a form of worship, including the proclamation of words, the invitation of God, and the offering of thanksgiving to the Lord?

[ ] What makes you a qualified, clean vessel offering praise and not just an entertainer?

It is written: But You are holy,  
enthroned in the praises of Israel.  
(Psalm 22:3)

## 96.4.2 Use seven trumpets in worship

Praise and Hymns are like blowing a trumpet, do them properly.

It is written: And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "Make two silver trumpets for yourself; you shall make them of hammered work; you shall use them for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps.

- 1) When they blow both of them, all the congregation shall gather before you at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.
- 2) But if they blow only one, then the leaders, the heads of the divisions of Israel, shall gather to you.
- 3) When you sound the advance, the camps on the east side shall begin their journey.
- 4) When you sound the advance the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall begin their journey; they shall sound the call for them to begin their journeys.
- 5) And when the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but not sound the advance. The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and these shall be to you as an ordinance forever throughout your generations.
- 6) When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you,

you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the Lord your God and saved from your enemies.

- 7) Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God: I am the Lord your God." (Numbers 10:1-10)

### **96.5 Blessing and prayer over offering**

Make sure there are no disputes before offering. Offer a proper sacrifice, separate from what the Lord has given you. Bless the offering to be received 100% by the Lord.

### **96.6 Preaching His Word**

#### **96.6.1 Be strong and confident in the Holy Spirit**

Plants need water to grow, and fire needs a spark to burn; a little spark can ignite everything. Proclaim His word, not your thoughts.

A worshiper is a joyful volunteer. Clothe yourself completely in proper, righteous clothing as a clean vessel. Praise and proclaim the word until it plows over hearts. Be strong and courageous; the Lord is with you. Do not compromise. It is not I who accomplishes, but the Lord; I am a weak clay vessel, but obedience makes me strong. Lay hands, pray

for the anointing, and receive spiritual gifts. Do not be rude or ill-mannered.

### **96.6.2 Proclaim the Word of God**

Proclaim: Preach the word, not your speech or explanation, but His words. Proclaim His words in all services. While the word is being preached, people will reaffirm the promises, faith will rise in their hearts, and hope will be found in the words.

Your speech, entertainment, or explanations can dilute the word of God. Explain words that need clarification, point out what God is saying, and always end with the results of obeying the word of God and the right testimony.

### **96.6.3 Focus these on preaching**

- a) Obedience brings blessings.
- b) Obedience recovers a lost town.
- c) Obedience brings honor.
- d) Obedience brings victory.
- e) Obedience brings the presence of the living God.

Focus on this in teaching and preaching. Always end with the result of obeying. It is only the word of God that changes the hearts of people. Proclaim and listen to the word of God.

### **96.6.4 Only the Word of God changes hearts**

The Word of God must go first for the Spirit of the Lord to work. When you preach, the Lord

listens first. Limit the time to 5 minutes, explaining the meaning. Simplicity is powerful.

a) Only the Word of God protects from evil.

b) Only the Word of God brings victory over evil.

c) Only the Word of God can make souls born again.

d) Only the Word of God brings repentance and revival.

Fight the war and glorify His Name through victory. When you are in the Lord, and His words are in you, prepare yourself and proclaim. Call on Him.

Is there a graduate school that gives the power of God after graduation? Is there a book written by a man convincing God to move? It is only His word proclaimed by the anointed that moves God. His kingdom on earth was built through obedience by the endowment of the Holy Spirit. God's work is done by obedience, not by any man's strategy. He gives His strategy to His people in His time. Theology is made by men, not by God. Therefore, it offers explanations but not power. We need empowered theology from heaven above taught by the Holy Spirit.

### **96.6.5 Opportunity for revival and repentance**

Heavenly accounting is different from ours. Therefore, He is the only One worthy to receive praise, glory, and honor. Offer pure and holy worship acceptable to the Lord that follows His way. Offer a prayer that the Lord may use it for His glory. Accepted worship will

find repentance, rebirth, and the presence of God in signs and wonders.

Therefore, do not miss the opportunity for repentance and regeneration during worship. Raise your hands and pray, proclaim. Offer praise that He will receive. The praise will be amplified and flow out into the street. Blessings and curses will come. Be strong and courageous; the Lord God is with you. Do not compromise. God makes it work, not you. Exercise your spiritual gifts for comfort and encouragement through prayer. Hold hands together and pray together.

[ ] Where would God want to be on earth?

It is written: When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. (Acts 1:13-14; 2:1-2 NIV)

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. (Psalm 145:18 NIV)

## **96.7 Time Table for retreat**

Do not bind meetings to your schedule. Do not make a schedule after worship because you will not know when the service will end. Do not think you can tune God's will to your time of worship.

Prepare a meeting with God until His presence is real. The meeting could be extended for days. Deliver the anointed word of God through His servant. Repentance brings the presence of the Spirit and His wonders and signs.



## **97 Sacrifice is honoring Him**

### **97.1 Worshiping**

Worshippers should bring a qualified sacrifice, a signature of honor toward God. He is not watching the amount, but the heart, attitude, and preparation process. He rewards those who come with the right attitude.

[ ] What does it mean that the Israelites did not bring sacrifices and offerings?

It is written: Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings forty years in the wilderness, people of Israel? (Amos 5:25 NIV)

### **97.2 Know the principles of offering:**

Pray for the secure establishment of your base. Prepare your mind for sacrifice when His blessing overflows through the base. Offer sacrifices and offerings with an aroma that pleases God. Set it apart to share and distribute as the Holy Spirit prompts you so that it becomes a channel of blessing.

Do not boast or make noise to receive recognition but give in secret. Do not act as an owner or master but as a steward servant. All that is at your disposal is from Him, including your breath and ability to earn. His steward will obey His voice. Life, time, talent, space, disposal, sharing, and distribution should be done in response to prayers offered on your knees. If honor comes to you, trials may knock on your door, or you may face the Master on that day. Listen to the Spirit in you and obey.

[ ] What does it mean that the Lord plans to rebuild the third temple in Jerusalem?

It is written: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1)

### **97.3 Offering with a pure and sincere heart and thanksgiving**

Would you say writing a check at service or giving by credit card is heartfully prepared? Have a mind to meet the awesome, fearful, and loving God before coming to worship. Offer acceptable sacrifices with a repentant and thankful heart. "Offer an ox, goat, or sheep as instructed in the wilderness." Offerings and sacrifices must be holy and blameless to be accepted: with a repentant, sincere, and pure heart. He will receive it and bless you.

God is preparing a new wine. Be ready to receive the new wine.

### **97.4 Burnt offering (male)**

[ ] What does it mean that God said in Amos 5:25?

[ ] Who qualifies to make the first two offerings?

[ ] What is a voluntary sacrifice unto the Lord?

It is written: Now the Lord called to Moses, and spoke to him from the tabernacle of meeting, saying, "Speak

to the children of Israel and say to them: 'When any one of you brings an offering to the Lord, you shall bring your offering of the livestock of the herd and of the flock.

If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish; he shall offer it of his own free will at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the Lord. Then he shall put his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.

He shall kill the bull before the Lord; and the priests, Aaron's son bring the blood and sprinkle the blood all around on the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of meeting. And he shall skin the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces.

The sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar, and lay the wood in order on the fire. Then the priests, Aaron's son lay the parts, the head, and the fat in order on the wood that is on fire upon the altar; but he shall wash its burn all on the altar as a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the Lord.

If his offering is of the flocks of the sheep or of the goats as a burnt sacrifice, he shall bring a male without blemish. He shall kill it on the north side of the altar before the Lord; and the priests, Aaron's son sprinkle

its blood all around on the altar. And he shall cut it into its pieces, with its head and its fat; and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire upon the altar, but he shall wash the entrails and the legs with water. Then the priest shall bring it all and burn it on the altar; it is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the Lord.

And if the burnt sacrifice of his offering to the Lord is of birds, then he shall bring his offering of turtledoves or young pigeons.

The priest shall bring it to the altar, wring off its head, and burn it on the altar; its blood shall be drained out at the side of the altar. And he shall remove its crop with its feathers and cast it beside the altar on the east side, into the place for ashes. Then he shall split it at its wings, but shall not divide it completely; and the priest shall burn it on the altar, on the wood that is on the fire.

It is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the Lord. (Leviticus 1:1-17)

### **97.5 Grain Offering (most holy)**

[ ] Why is the grain offering the holiest of offerings made by fire?

[ ] Who qualifies to make "a grain offering"?

It is written: When anyone offers a grain offering to the Lord, his

offering shall be of fine flour. And he shall pour oil on it, and put frankincense on it.

He shall bring it to Aaron's son priests, one of whom shall take from it his handful of fine flour and oil with all the frankincense. And the priest shall burn it as a memorial on the altar, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the Lord.

The rest of the grain offering shall be Aaron's and Aaron's sons. It is the holiest of the offerings to the Lord made by fire.

And if you bring as an offering a grain offering baked in the oven, it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

But if your offering is a grain offering baked in a pan, it shall be of fine flour, unleavened, mixed with oil. You shall break it into pieces and pour oil on it; it is a grain offering.

If your offering is a grain offering baked in a covered pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil.

You shall bring the grain offering that is made of these things to the Lord. And when it is presented to the priest, he shall bring it to the altar. Then the priest shall take from the grain offering a memorial portion and burn it on the altar.

It is an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the Lord. And what is left of the grain offering shall be Aaron's and Aaron's sons. It is the holiest of the offerings to the Lord made by fire.

No grain offering which you bring to the Lord shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven nor any honey in any offering to the Lord made by fire.

As for the offering of the first fruits, you shall offer them to the Lord, but they shall not be burned on the altar for a sweet aroma. And every offering of your grain offering you shall season with salt; you shall not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offering. With all your offerings you shall offer salt.

If you offer a grain offering of your first fruits to the Lord, you shall offer for the grain offering of your first fruits green heads of grain roasted on the fire, grain beaten from full heads. And you shall put oil on it, and lay frankincense on it. It is a grain offering. Then the priest shall burn the memorial portion: part of its beaten grain and part of its oil, with all the frankincense, as an offering made by fire to the Lord. (Leviticus 2:1-16)

## 97.6 Peace Offering (male or female)

[ ] What does it mean that the offering must be free of blemishes?

[ ] Why was eating fat and drinking blood forbidden?

It is written: When his Offering is a sacrifice of a peace offering, if he offers it of the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the Lord.

And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and Aaron's son, Aaron's priests shall sprinkle the blood all around on the altar. Then he shall offer from the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire to the Lord.

The fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails, the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe attached to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove; and Aaron's son, Aaron's burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice, which is on the wood that is on the fire, as an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the Lord.

If his offering as a sacrifice of a peace offering to the Lord is of the flock, whether male or female, he shall offer it without blemish. If he offers a lamb as his offering, then he shall offer it before the Lord. And he shall

lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it before the tabernacle of meeting, and Aaron's son sprinkles its blood all around on the altar. Then he shall offer from the sacrifice of the peace offering, as an offering made by fire to the Lord, its fat and the whole fat tail which he shall remove close to the backbone.

And the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails, the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe attached to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove; and the priest shall burn them on the altar as food, an offering made by fire to the Lord.

And if his offering is a goat, then he shall offer it before the Lord. He shall lay his hand on its head and kill it before the tabernacle of meeting, and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood all around on the altar.

Then he shall offer from it his offering, as an offering made by fire to the Lord. The fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails, the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe attached to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove; and the priest shall burn them on the altar as food, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma; all the fat is the Lord's.



The Lord's be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you shall eat neither fat nor blood.'" (Levitic's 3:1-17)

This is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which he shall offer to the Lord: If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer, with the sacrifice of thanksgiving, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil.

Besides the cakes, as his offering, he shall offer leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offering. And from it, he shall offer one cake from each offering as a heave offering to the Lord. It shall belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offering.

The flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day it is offered. He shall not leave any of it until morning.

But if the sacrifice of his offering is a vow or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offers his sacrifice; but on the next day the remainder of it also may be eaten; the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day must be burned with fire.

And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering is eaten at all on

the third day, it shall not be accepted, nor shall it be imputed to him; it shall be an abomination to him who offers it, and the person who eats of it shall bear guilt.

The flesh that touches any unclean thing shall not be eaten. It shall be burned with fire. And as for the clean flesh, all who are clean may eat of it.

But the person who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offering that belongs to the Lord, while he is unclean, that person shall be cut off from his people. Moreover, the person who touches any unclean thing, such as human uncleanness, an unclean animal, or any abominable unclean thing, and who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offering that belongs to the Lord, that person shall be cut off from his people. (Leviticus 7:11-21)

### 97.7 Sin Offering (male)

[ ] Why was blood sprinkled seven times before the altar?

[ ] What does it mean when he who touches the flesh of the sin offering becomes holy?

It is written: Now the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If a person sins unintentionally against any of the commandments of the Lord in anything which ought not to be done, and does any of them, if the anointed

priest sins, bringing guilt on the people, then let him offer to the Lord for his sin which he has sinned a young bull without blemish as a sin offering. He shall bring the bull to the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the Lord, lay his hand on the bull's head, and kill the bull before the Lord.

Then the anointed priest shall take some of the bull's blood and bring it to the tabernacle of meeting. The priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before the Lord, in front of the veil of the sanctuary.

And the priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the Lord, which is in the tabernacle of meeting; and he shall pour the remaining blood of the bull at the base of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

He shall take from it all the fat of the bull as the sin offering. The fat that covers the entrails and all the fat which is on the entrails, the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe attached to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove, as it was taken from the bull of the sacrifice of the peace offering; and the priest shall burn them on the altar of the burnt offering.

But the bull's hide and all its flesh, with its head and legs, its entrails and offal the whole bull he shall carry outside the camp to a clean place, where the ashes are poured out and burn it on wood with fire; where the ashes are poured out it shall be burned.

Now if the whole congregation of Israel sins unintentionally, and the thing is hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done something against any of the commandments of the Lord in anything which should not be done, and are guilty; when the sin which they have committed becomes known, then the assembly shall offer a young bull for the sin, and bring it before the tabernacle of meeting.

And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands on the head of the bull before the Lord. Then the bull shall be killed before the Lord.

The anointed priest shall bring some of the bull's blood to the tabernacle of meeting. Then the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it seven times before the Lord, in front of the veil. And he shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar which is before the Lord, which is in the tabernacle of meeting; and he shall pour the remaining blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering,

which is at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

He shall take all the fat from it and burn it on the altar. And he shall do with the bull as he did with the bull as a sin offering; thus he shall do with it. So the priest shall make atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them.

Then he shall carry the bull outside the camp and burn it as he burned the first bull. It is a sin offering for the assembly.

When a ruler has sinned, and done something unintentionally against any of the commandments of the Lord his God in anything which should not be done, and is guilty, or if his sin which he has committed comes to his knowledge, he shall bring as his offering a kid of the goats, a male without blemish.

And he shall lay his hand on the head of the goat, and kill it at the place where they kill the burnt offering before the Lord. It is a sin offering. The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and pour its blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering. And he shall burn all its fat on the altar, like the fat of the sacrifice of the peace offering.

So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him. If anyone of the common people sins unintentionally by doing something against any of the commandments of the Lord in anything which ought not to be done, and is guilty, or if his sin which he has committed comes to his knowledge, then he shall bring as his offering a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has committed.

And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and kill the sin offering at the place of the burnt offering. Then the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and pour all the remaining blood at the base of the altar. He shall remove all its fat, as fat is removed from the sacrifice of the peace offering; and the priest shall burn it on the altar for a sweet aroma to the Lord. So the priest shall make atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him.

If he brings a lamb as his sin offering, he shall bring a female without blemish. Then he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and kill it as a sin offering at the place where they kill the burnt offering. The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering,

and pour all the remaining blood at the base of the altar. He shall remove all its fat, as the fat of the lamb is removed from the sacrifice of the peace offering. Then the priest shall burn it on the altar, according to the offerings made by fire to the Lord. So the priest shall make atonement for his sin that he has committed, and it shall be forgiven him.'" (Leviticus 4:1-35)

### 97.8 Trespass Offering (female)

[ ] Why must trespass offerings be accompanied by confession?

[ ] What does it mean that it is most holy?

It is written: If a person sins in hearing the utterance of an oath, and is a witness, whether he has seen or known of the matter if he does not tell it, he bears guilt. Or if a person touches any unclean thing, whether it is the carcass of an unclean beast, or the carcass of unclean livestock, or the carcass of unclean creeping things, and he is unaware of it, he also shall be unclean and guilty.

Or if he touches human uncleanness whatever uncleanness with which a man may be defiled, and he is unaware of it when he realizes it, then he shall be guilty. Or if a person swears, speaking thoughtlessly with his lips to do evil or to do good, whatever it is that a man may pronounce by an oath, and he is

unaware of it when he realizes it, then he shall be guilty in any of these matters.

And it shall be when he is guilty in any of these matters, that he shall confess that he has sinned in that thing; and he shall bring his trespass offering to the Lord for his sin which he has committed, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats as a sin offering.

So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin. If he is not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring to the Lord, for his trespass which he has committed, two turtledoves or two young pigeons: one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering. And he shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer that which is for the sin offering first, and wring off its head from its neck, but shall not divide it completely. Then he shall sprinkle some of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar, and the rest of the blood shall be drained out at the base of the altar. It is a sin offering.

And he shall offer the second as a burnt offering according to the prescribed manner. So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf for his sin which he has committed, and it shall be forgiven him. But if he is not able to bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then he who sinned



shall bring for his offering one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a sin offering. He shall put no oil on it, nor shall he put frankincense on it, for it is a sin offering.

Then he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it as a memorial portion, and burn it on the altar according to the offerings made by fire to the Lord. It is a sin offering. The priest shall make atonement for him, for his sin that he has committed in any of these matters; and it shall be forgiven him. The rest shall be the priest's as a grain offering. (Leviticus 5:1-13)

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "If a person sins and commits a trespass against the Lord by lying to his neighbor about what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or about a pledge, or about a robbery, or if he has extorted from his neighbor, or if he has found what was lost and lies concerning it, and swears falsely in any one of these things that a man may do in which he sins: then it shall be, because he has sinned and is guilty, that he shall restore what he has stolen, or the thing which he has extorted, or what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or the lost thing which he found, or all that about which he has sworn falsely.

He shall restore its full value, add one-fifth more to it, and give it to whomever it belongs, on the day of his trespass offering. And he shall bring his trespass offering to the Lord, a ram without blemish from the flock, with your valuation, as a trespass offering, to the priest. So the priest shall make atonement for him before the Lord, and he shall be forgiven for any one of these things that he may have done in which he trespasses." (Leviticus 6:1-7)

Likewise, this is the law of the trespass offering (it is most holy): In the place where they kill the burnt offering, they shall kill the trespass offering. And its blood he shall sprinkle all around on the altar. And he shall offer from it all its fat. The fat tail and the fat that covers the entrails, the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe attached to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove; and the priest shall burn them on the altar as an offering made by fire to the Lord.

It is a trespass offering. Every male among the priests may eat it. It shall be eaten in a holy place. It is most holy. The trespass offering is like the sin offering; there is one law for them both: the priest who makes atonement with it shall have it.

And the priest who offers anyone's burnt offering, that priest shall have

for himself the skin of the burnt offering which he has offered. Also, every grain offering that is baked in the oven and all that is prepared in the covered pan, or in a pan, shall be the priest's who offers it. Every grain offering, whether mixed with oil or dry, shall belong to all the sons of Aaron, to one as much as the other. (Leviticus 7:1-10)

### **97.9 Offerings with Restitution (Ram)**

[ ] Why do your unintentional mistakes or inherited sins still hinder your path?

It is written: Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "If a person commits a trespass, and sins unintentionally in regard to the holy things of the Lord, then he shall bring to the Lord as his trespass offering a ram without blemish from the flocks, with your valuation in shekels of silver according to the shekel of the sanctuary, as a trespass offering. And he shall make restitution for the harm that he has done in regard to the holy thing and shall add one-fifth to it and give it to the priest. So the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and it shall be forgiven him. If a person sins and commits any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the Lord, though he does not know it, yet he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity." (Leviticus 5:14-19)

## 97.10 Burnt Offering

[ ] God owns everything and does not need anything we have. Why does God require offerings?

[ ] Why must sacrifices be prepared with a repentant heart and anticipating love?

It is written: Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Command Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the law of the burnt Offering: The burnt Offering shall be on the hearth upon the altar all night until morning, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it.

And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen trousers he shall put on his body, and take up the ashes of the burnt offering which the fire has consumed on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.

Then he shall take off his garments, put on other garments, and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place. And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order on it; and he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.'" (Leviticus 6:8-13)

## 97.11 Grain Offering

[ ] Why is this grain offering a permanent statute that sanctifies everyone who touches it?

It is written: This is the law of the grain offering: The sons of Aaron shall offer it on the altar before the Lord. He shall take from it his handful of the fine flour of the grain offering, with its oil, and all the frankincense which is on the grain offering and shall burn it on the altar for a sweet aroma, as a memorial to the Lord.

And the remainder of it Aaron and his sons shall eat; with unleavened bread, it shall be eaten in a holy place; in the court of the tabernacle of meeting, they shall eat it.

It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it as their portion of My offerings made by fire; it is most holy, like the sin offering and the trespass offering. All the males among the children of Aaron may eat it. It shall be a statute forever in your generations concerning the offerings made by fire to the Lord. Everyone who touches them must be holy. (Leviticus 6:14-18)

## 97.12 Everyone who touches them must be holy

[ ] Why did God instruct Aaron's sons to make this most wonderful offering?

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "This is the Offering of Aaron and his sons, which they shall offer to the Lord, beginning on the day when he is anointed: one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a daily grain offering, half of it in the morning and half of it at night.

It shall be made in a pan with oil. When it is mixed, you shall bring it in. The baked pieces of the grain offering you shall offer for a sweet aroma to the Lord.

The priest from among his sons, who is anointed in his place, shall offer it. It is a statute forever to the Lord. It shall be wholly burned. For every grain offering for the priest shall be wholly burned. It shall not be eaten." (Leviticus 6:19-23)

And the LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons that this is the law of the sin offering: In the place where the burnt offering is slaughtered, the sin offering shall be slaughtered before the LORD; it is most holy.

The priest who offers it shall eat it; it must be eaten in a holy place, in the courtyard of the Tent of Meeting. Anything that touches its flesh will become holy, and if any of the blood is spattered on a garment, you must wash it in a holy place.

The clay pot in which the sin offering is boiled must be broken; if it is

boiled in a bronze pot, the pot must be scoured and rinsed with water. Any male among the priests may eat it; it is most holy. But no sin offering may be eaten if its blood has been brought into the Tent of Meeting to make atonement in the Holy Place; it must be burned. (Leviticus 6:24-30)

## 98 Normal Disciple of Christ

### 98.1 Are you willing to keep these?

- 1) ☐ Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

It is written: But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (Matthew 6:33)

- 2) ☐ Set the Lord always before me.

I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. (Psalm 16:8)

- 3) ☐ Love the Lord God with all of my heart and mind.

Jesus said unto him, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." (Matthew 22:37)

- 4) ☐ Obey the voice of the Lord without hesitation.

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. (Deuteronomy 28:1-2)



- 5) [ ] Delight in His Words and meditate on them day and night.

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful, but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law, he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. (Psalm 1:1-3)

- 6) [ ] I believe the Holy Spirit is always there whenever I call on His name and rewards me when I come to him.

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)

- 7) [ ] I follow the Lord and heed the voice of the Lord.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:26-27)

- 8) [ ] I keep life pure, holy, and blameless in His sight.

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. (2 Peter 3:14)

- 9) [ ] I know how to discern between blessings and curses.

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But If ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murders, drunkenness, reveling, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such, and there is no law. And they that are Christ's

have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. (Galatians 5:14-26)

10) [ ] I choose that which is good.

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

For each one shall bear his own load. Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have an opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Galatians 6:1-10)

11) [ ] I deny myself to follow the master.

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel will save it.

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:34-38)

12) [ ] I pick up my cross daily.

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23 NIV)

13) [ ] Willing to lose my life for the Gospel and Jesus' namesake.

Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses

their life for my sake will find it.  
(Matthew 10:37-39 NIV)

- 14) [ ] love my neighbor as myself.

'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. (Mark 12:30-31)

- 15) [ ] Love my parents and respect my teachers.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. (Ephesians 6:1)

- 16) [ ] Rejoice always.

Rejoice always. (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

- 17) [ ] Pray without ceasing.

Pray without ceasing.  
(1 Thessalonians 5:17)

- 18) [ ] Give thanks in all.

in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

- 19) [ ] Have the "save five minutes" attitude.

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. (Ephesians 5:16)

- 21) [ ] Surrender all material ownership.

If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and

children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. (Luke 14:26; 33)

