

Bible Proficiency Answer Sheet Answers

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162-Define Grace

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

“For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder that all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.” 1 Corinthians 15:9-10

“But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Scripture shows us that GRACE is something God gives us for any forward movement towards Him and for Him. With GRACE we can do and be whatever we need to do and be. There is no limit to the Grace we can receive to live our lives for Him. It begins with our salvation and carries through to anything He asks of us.

163-Define Mercy

“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.” Ephesians 2:4-5

“Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.” James 2:12-13

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” Matthew 5:7

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” Luke 6:36

“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and the 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 mortal man 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.” Romans 1:21-24

Scripture shows us that MERCY means we don't get judged for our actions or lack of action on His behalf. Instead He/we can treat others favorably despite their actions. There are limits to the Mercy we can receive from Him. Eventually we receive the consequences of our actions if we persist in living in God's Mercy instead of His Grace. It is also an attribute that we are to extend to others.

164-Define Repentance

“He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God's salvation.’” John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our

father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” “What should be do then?” the crowd asked. The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.” Luke 3:3-11

Scripture shows us that REPENTANCE is the first step towards making space for the life that Jesus calls us to. No area of life is left alone by the new life Jesus has for us if we have REPENTED and are open to all that Jesus would fill in that void. His commands become our habits, ways, and the way we make our decisions.

165-Define what a Disciple is

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

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed 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, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.” John 15:9-14

Scripture shows us that a DISCIPLE is someone who is filling the void of REPENTANCE with the new life and commandments that Jesus has called us to live. DISCIPLES learn to live in God’s GRACE on a growing basis and less in His MERCY as they obey Christ’s commands in all areas of life.

166-Define Redemption

“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in who we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” Paul in Colossians 1:13-14

Scripture shows us that REDEMPTION is included in the forgiveness that we receive. We don’t have to go back to what we were, instead He has brought out from under the leadership of the Kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of His Son Jesus. We can now live there as His subjects.

167-Describe who the Father is and how He relates to people

“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From

now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered, “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say ‘show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.” John 14:6-10

“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.” Hebrews 1:3

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.” 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Scripture shows us that after we are redeemed we have full access to FATHER God and that His relationship to us is much like the one Jesus had with His disciples. The interaction, correction, leading, challenges, and care are all a part of what we have with the FATHER.

168-Describe who Jesus is and how He relates to people

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” Mark 1:17

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.” 2 Peter 3:18

“Therefore, since we have a great priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” Hebrews 4:14-16

Scripture show us that JESUS needs many titles to show us the areas of our lives He is involved in. In Mark, He says he will “make us into fishers of men,” and that makes Him similar to a coach. He is also our Savior (as we take care of our sin as often as necessary) and Lord (director of our lives) who intercedes for us so we can go to the Father and get what we need at His holy throne.

169-Describe who the Holy Spirit is and how He relates to people

“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, who the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” John 14:26

“When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regards to sin and righteousness and judgment:” John 16:8

“But when he, the Spirit of Truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will only speak what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.” John 16:13-15

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Scripture shows us that the HOLY SPIRIT has a unique part in the roles played by the Father, the Son, and the HOLY SPIRIT. In these scriptures He works individually with us as He:

- *Teaches*
- *Reminds*
- *Convicts*
- *Guides*
- *Speaks to us*
- *Tell us what is yet to come*
- *Make known to us everything we need to know*
- *Power-giver*

Each of these are very personal and enable us to be who we were created to be.

170-Describe who Satan is and how he relates to people.

“You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” John 8:44

“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.” 1 Peter 5:8-9

“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.” Matthew 4:1-3

“When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path.” Matthew 13:19

“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.” 1 John 3:8

“If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.” 2 Corinthians 2:11

“In your anger do not sin’: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.” Ephesians 4:26

“Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus.” Luke 22:3-4

Scripture shows us that SATAN’s main tool is lies and a lack of the proper information. He attempts to use fear to paralyze, lies to promote division, and create an impossible situation, when in fact the Trinity is fully capable of solving the problem. When people are influenced sufficiently by the Devil they can do evil deeds to further his goals and desires.

171-Define Forgiveness from God's perspective.

“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins. Having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.” Colossians 2:13-14

“For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.” Psalm 103:11-12

Scripture shows that FORGIVENESS has its fullest meaning as Father God completely deals with the issues of SIN through His Son’s death on the cross. It is FORGIVEN in God’s eyes and heart often long before we have dealt with it.

172-Define forgiveness from a human-to-human perspective.

“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 6:14-15

“Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times? Jesus answered, “I tell you not seven times, but seventy-seven times.” Matthew 18:21-22

“But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount (the Old Testament requirement).” Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost.” Luke 19:8-10

“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one of two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.” Matthew 18:15-17

Scripture is full of examples and commands for us to FORGIVE people for their sins against us. Continuing in God’s forgiveness is based on that principle. Forgiveness doesn’t mean that consequences are eliminated. Zacchaeus was forgiven but it was also accompanied by his giving money back to the people he had cheated financially.

If someone doesn’t repent of their sin towards you, you still forgive but the consequences can be very harsh towards them. The example in Matthew eighteen bears that out.

173-Define Guilt

“When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:” John 16:8

“let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.” Hebrews 10:22

“For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.” James 2:10

***“Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.”
James 4:17***

“Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.” 1Timothy 4:2

Scripture shows us that GUILT is a by-product of breaking any of God’s laws or desires. The Holy Spirit does the work of convicting in the conscience of a person. If the GUILT is ignored long enough the conscience can cease to function.

174- Describe what you can know about Heaven from the Bible's description.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” John 14:-4

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.” Matthew 6:19-20

“The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them.” Psalm 11:4

“The point of what we are saying is this; We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man.” Hebrews 8:1-2

“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.” Philippians 3:20-21

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this,

between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.” Luke 16:22-26

The book of Revelation has many descriptions of heaven but it must be remembered that this was a vision given to John to give to the church. Visions tell a story and express a message but are not necessarily a description to be used to define heaven. These are referenced because they at least in essence describe certain aspects of heaven. With that in mind read Revelation chapter twenty-one.

Scripture doesn't tell us everything about HEAVEN but it does give us the information we have gleaned from these scriptures.

- *There is a prepared place for us*
- *There is no rust, moths, or thieves*
- *Father God is there on His throne and it is a holy place*
- *Jesus is there*
- *We get new bodies*
- *We are comforted there*

175-Describe what you can know about Hell from the Bible's description.

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.” Luke 16:22-26

“But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Matthew 8:12

“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.” Matthew 10:28

“This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Matthew 13:49-50

“For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment;” 2 Peter 2:4

“They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power.” 1 Thessalonians 1:9

The Book of Revelation also contains numerous references that could be taken as descriptions of Hell. But as already stated the book is a vision and intends to convey a message not details of descriptions. Some of the key areas in Revelation are in chapters nine, twenty, and twenty-one.

Scripture tells us the following things about HELL.

- *It is a place of torment*
- *It is dark*
- *There will be weeping*
- *There will be gnashing of teeth*
- *Both body and soul are in HELL*
- *Angels that have sinned are there with people* • *There is everlasting destruction*
- *There is no presence of the Lord or his power*

176-Make a list, some of the places in the Bible, where you can learn about specific aspects of Prayer.

Exodus 15:22-26

Joshua 10:12-14

Judges 6:36-40

Psalms 5 & 32

Matthew 6:5-15

Luke 11:1-13

John 11 & 17

Acts 12:5-17

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Hebrews 4:14-16

James 4:1-10

Scripture shows us all the key aspects of PRAYER. From these we can develop our own prayer life for ourselves and as we pray in intercession for others.

177-Define the concept of Context as it relates to what scripture means.

Scripture was written hundreds of years ago in a culture very different than ours. To understand it, you must know the CONTEXT (how and why it was written) of the culture. Fortunately we have many good sources that can help us with that.

Manners and Customs by James Freeman-Logo Publishing

Manners and Customs of Bible Lands by Fred Wright-Moody Press

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Context is important in any area of life. For example when I take people on a mission trip I always go there first so when the missionary talks to me I will have the right CONTEXT to interpret what he is saying. This is important in many areas. If someone says it is hot down here what does that mean? I live near the coast in the state of Washington. A hot day is 90 degrees with 60% humidity. Hot in other places can be 135 degrees with 100% humidity. If I don't know the context I will not correctly hear what they are saying to me.

The abbreviation PPM can mean Pages Per Minute for a printer or Parts Per Million for water quality. The context is the key to understanding the statement as well as the scriptures.

A classic mistake that I have seen is from the passage in Proverbs 25:21-22 that is clarified in Romans 12:17-21.

“If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this you will be heaping burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you.” Proverbs 25:21-22

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” Romans 12:17-21

We see the context is doing good to others. We find out that in Bible Times you didn't have matches to start your fires with. Instead, you would send someone home with a basket on their head that was full of ashes and burning coals so that they could start their fire when they got home. It was another way to bless them in addition to the food and the water.

More than once I have heard the “burning coals” scripture used as a call to bring curses down on an “enemy's head” when instead we are called to “overcome evil with good” and not get involved, but to “leave room for God's wrath.”

178-Define temptation, who causes it, and how do you deal with it.

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in

the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” “You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 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 they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid. And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” Then the man, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” Genesis 3:1-13

“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.’” Matthew 4:1-4

“The wife’s body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband’s body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.” 1 Corinthians 7:4-5

“So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

“People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” 1 Timothy 6:9-10

“When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire,

he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.” James 13-15

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” James 4:7

Scripture shows us that temptation has several key aspects.

- *Its source are our own desires*
- *It can be fueled by our own lack of self-control*
- *Satan can take advantage of our desires and self-control issues*
- *Resisting Satan is possible if we submit to God first on the issue*
- *God does have a way for us to deal with any temptation*
- *Left unchecked, temptation can result in sin and all its devastation*

179-What are some of the roles of a Pastor as described in the Bible?

“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” Ephesians 4:11-16

The Books of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus are called the Pastoral Epistles because both Timothy and Titus are pasturing these new flocks. Excerpts from each book are noted in the following collection of scripture. But there are many other instructions that involve a pastor in these books. These are representative of the kinds of things a pastor does in a church setting.

“command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God’s work—which is by faith.” 1 Timothy 1:3b-4

“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” 1 Timothy 2:1-2

“Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.” 1

Timothy 3:1-3

“Command and teach these things.” 1 Timothy 4:11

“Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.” 2 Timothy 4:2

“The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.” Titus 1:5

“You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.” Titus 2:1

“Similarly, encourage the young men to be self controlled.” Titus 2:6

“These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.” Titus 2:15

“Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.” Titus 3:1-2

Scripture shows us that the key works for the PASTORAL gift are within the church. They have a leadership position in the church and have specific roles to play in it as we have seen from the scriptures listed. As such, they are called to prepare the church in the areas of scriptural application and daily living issues.

180-What are some of the roles of an Evangelist as described in the Bible?

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“Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there.” Acts 8:5

“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 replied, “unless someone explains it to

me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Acts 8:29-31 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.” Acts 8:35

Scripture shows us that the gift of the EVANGELIST enables one to reach out to those who need to hear the Good News of Jesus. This gift is also called upon to prepare the rest of the church for that same work even though they don't have the gift to work with. The EVANGELIST needs to break down the work of evangelism into activities that those without the gift can accomplish and be evangelistic in their efforts.

181-What are some of the roles of a Prophet as described in the Bible?

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“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of the saints, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.” Romans 12:4-8

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having the gift of healing, those able to help others, those with the gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But eagerly desire the greater gifts.” 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

“After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and

said, “The Holy Spirit says, ‘In this way the Jews of Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the gentiles.’” Acts 21:10-11

Scripture shows us that the PROPHET has a unique role in the church. Their gift enables them to warn others of upcoming events and give direction for the future. They are also called upon to prepare God’s people for the future they see and to help the church grow in their areas of gifting.

182-What are some of the roles of a Teacher as described in the Bible?

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“Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the Baptism of John.” Acts 18:24-25 “For he vigorously refuted the Jews in public debate, proving from the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.” Acts 18:28

Scripture shows us that the gift of the TEACHER enables people to clearly explain any needed topic so that others can benefit from their understanding. In the Church the need is often the understanding of scripture. But it is not limited to explaining scripture.

TEACHERS are also called on to train others to teach as well. This is one of the gifts that needs to be involved in the church preparing people for the works God has called them to.

183-What are some of the roles of a Server as described in the Bible?

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Romans 12:4-8

“In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor.” Acts 9:36 “All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.” Acts 9:39b

Scripture tells us that there are varying gifts in the body of Christ. Each is to be used for the varying activities of the Church. The gift of the SERVER is seen when people get things done when there is a need.

184-What are some of the roles of an Administrator as described in the Bible?

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having the gift of healing, those able to help others, those with the gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But eagerly desire the greater gifts.” 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

“Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.” Acts 6:3-4

“When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, “What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while these people stand around you from morning till evening?” Exodus 18:14

Moses’ father-in-law replied, “What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone.” Exodus 18:17-18

“But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.” Exodus 18:21

Scripture tells us that varying gifts have certain capacities that are to be used for the body of Christ and any of its activities. The Gift of the ADMINISTRATOR is seen as it takes chaotic and ineffective activity and makes it functional and effective.

185-What are some things that are called Worship in the Bible?

“David and all the Israelites were celebrating with all their might before God, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, cymbals and trumpets.” 1 Chronicles 13:8

“With praise and thanksgiving they say to the Lord: ‘He is good; his love to Israel endures forever.’ And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.” Ezra 3:11

“All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name.” Psalm 66:4

“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;” Psalms 95:6

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.” Psalms 100:1-2

“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 worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth.” John 4:23-24

“So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind. If you are praising God with your spirit, how can one who finds himself among those who do not understand say “Amen” to your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying? 1 Corinthians 14:15-16

“I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.” 1 Timothy 2:8

Scripture tells us that worship can include any of the activities that are mentioned in the scriptures we just read.

- *Lifting of hands*
- *Singing in the Spirit*
- *Singing with our minds*
- *Shouting to the Lord*
- *Joyful songs*
- *Kneeling*
- *Bowing*
- *Praise*
- *Thanksgiving*
- *Harps*
- *Lyres*
- *Tambourines*
- *Cymbals*
- *Trumpets*
- *And there is more if you read through the scriptures*

186-What is a definition of Lust?

“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.” Genesis 3:6

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” Exodus 20:17

“Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes, for the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread, and the adulteress preys upon your very life.” Proverbs 6:25-26

“It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God;” 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

“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.” 1 Peter 4:3

“For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him.” 2 Peter 2:18-19

“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world.” 1 John 2:15-16

Scripture tells us that LUST is the use of things or activities in an inappropriate way. It can be described as too much, too soon, too fast, or too often. Often the things that become objects of lust have a good role in the right setting. Sex in marriage is a good thing, eating for nutrition and health is a good thing, positions in the church or community with responsibility is a good thing, possessions used properly are a good thing, but each of these out of the right place and time can be fatal to a life and a culture.

187-What is a definition of Adultery?

“But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” Matthew 5:28

“For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law of marriage. So then, if she marries another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulterous. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulterous, even though she marries another man.” Romans 7:2-3

“I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery.” Matthew 19:9

“You shall not commit adultery” Exodus 20:14

Scripture tells us that ADULTERY is sex between people where at least one of them is married but not to each other. It also includes marriage when the divorce was not of a biblical nature. Sex outside of marriage is called Fornication in some version and just sexual immorality in others. In any case sex outside of marriage is always called sin.

“Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “the two will become one flesh.” But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. Flee sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have

received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.” 1 Corinthians 6:16-20

“But if they cannot control themselves, she should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.” 1 Corinthians 7:9

188- What is the definition of Fornication?

Fornication is voluntary sex between two unmarried people. This word is not used in all translations and versions. Please see the answer to 187 above, since it is very similar.

189-What is a definition of Sin?

“Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commandments will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:19

“Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.” James 4:17

Scripture tells us that SIN has two dimensions. When we can break a commandment by doing the wrong thing or we break a commandment by not doing the right thing. That means that we are not called to inactivity to avoid sin (a trap the Jewish community of Jesus’ day had fallen into) but to such activity that we don’t have time for sin.

190-What can be the results of Sin?

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

“Aaron’s sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, contrary to his command. So fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord.” Leviticus 10:1-2

In 2 Samuel 11 we read about David’s sin with Bathsheba and how Uriah is killed in David’s attempt to cover up his own sin. Uriah is the ultimate innocent victim. In 2 Samuel 12 we read of the continuing impact of David’s sin. The child Bathsheba is pregnant with will die (another innocent victim). David’s household will be disgraced by public immoral demonstrations. In 2 Samuel 13 we see a continuation again of David’s sin as his own son is involved in incest. In fact, chapters 14 through to the end of the book describe one consequence after another of past sins.

Scripture tells us that anything up until and including the point of death can be the result of SIN. It can involve the people that have sinned as well as others that are connected to the event by almost any kind of circumstances. It explains why innocent people are victims. Sin doesn't have boundaries when it is committed. The MERCY of God sometimes minimizes the potential impact of the sin we commit but it doesn't eliminate the consequences all together.