



LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS

GENESIS CHAPTERS 1 - 50

Read Genesis 1-2. The fact is we were created in the image of God, yet it is only when self is submerged that God's image begins to shine forth. What does that mean to you as His precious child?

The temptation in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3): The specifics may be different today, but the temptation strategies are often the same. Do you recognize when these strategies are employed or deployed in your life? Do you recognize the serpent when he says, "a good God would not keep me from this, would He?" How can you be more discerning to temptations in your life and what actions can you take to avoid these temptations? Please be specific.

Cain kills Able (Genesis 4). This inward jealousy which produces outward murder reflects the complexity of the attitude of the heart. Our Holy God sees through our outward actions and targets straight to our hearts. Review Abel's and Cain's sacrificial offerings (outward acts of worship) which reflected an inward attitude of the heart and then reflect upon your own motives during worship.

Noah had favor in God's eyes (Genesis 7-10). Did he do this by pleasing people or pleasing God (See also, Galatians 1:10)? Take time to evaluate why you choose to do certain activities. Consider your intent and motive.

It is recorded in Chapter 12 that God spoke to Abraham, telling him to leave where he was and to go. While the obedience of Abraham is of great importance, the fact that Abraham was listening for God's voice should not be missed. It is not recorded that there was a flash, thunder, or any attention getter, just Abraham receiving God's words. Do you listen for God's words during the busyness of your life? What are some ways you can cultivate your listening to God skills?

What can you learn from Abrams/Abraham's life story – Read Genesis 12-25. Write some specific life lessons that you can apply to your own life.

What can you learn from Jacob's life story – Read Genesis 26-50. Write some specific life lessons that you can apply to your own life.

What can you learn from Joseph's life story – Read Genesis 38-50. Write some specific life lessons that you can apply to your own life.

Chapter 43:30, “Deeply moved at the sight of his brother, Joseph hurried out and looked for a place to weep.” How can the compassion and the subsequent forgiveness that Joseph demonstrated be reflected in your life?

What can you glean from Genesis 50:20-21? What important life principle from these verses can you use powerfully in your own life? Please be specific.
