

“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

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of
Questions & Answers
Containing Practical Insights

Workbook

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Introduction

The series of studies contained in this biblical workbook, “What is a disciple of Jesus?” had its origin while I was incarcerated for 10 years due to an unsuccessful business venture. My life story can be read in the book entitled: “Seeking Good – Attracting Evil,” A Minister’s Story.

The lessons in this biblical guide were born out of a Christian Easter service in 2018 at Mendota federal prison camp, where several men responded to an invitation to repent and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Understanding the responsibility and need to disciple those new believers who responded to the gospel message, through prayer, and by the grace of God the 25 topical lessons were birthed. The studies are not only for the new believer but can be a refresher course for more seasoned Christians, who may have the interest of using the studies as a discipleship tool in the “Great Commission.” The studies were designed to have a blend of question and answers, definition of key terms, Scripture memorization, and quizzes. Basics related to assurance of salvation, the inspiration of Scripture, and the Triunity of God are essentials. Other core topics related to prayer, developing an eternal perspective, godly character, godly living, spiritual warfare, service, stewardship, evangelizing and discipling others are included.

These studies can be used for personal Bible study, one to one discipleship, as well as small group and classroom study.

I had the honor of serving in leadership in several Christian fellowships over thirty years in the Los Angeles area and other southern California locations. During my prison years I led bible studies, gave sermons, and participated as one of the leaders. I majored in Christian Education for three years at Grace Bible Institute in Long Beach in the early 80’s.

The 2nd and 3rd tier biblical studies developed with the Lord’s leading are “The We Believe Continued Growth - 29 Topical Lessons Series.” The 2nd tier includes more subjects related to basics of the Christian faith which includes the 7-fold events of the future. The 3rd tier studies are 20 – New Testament expository verse by verse book studies – entitled “Explain Every Verse” (EEV) Series designed for the disciple of Christ desiring greater depth in the word of God. All these study materials can be used as a system of discipleship from the beginner/refresher stage to the intermediate learner level, to the more advanced stage for continued growth and application in fulfilling the “Great Commission.” The New King James Version (NKJV) was used to formulate questions and answers. The NKJV is recommended for use in these studies to coincide with the answers.

It is my prayer that this course of study will enrich your scriptural knowledge in wisdom and spiritual understanding as a step toward conforming each of us into the image of Christ, and sharing our faith with others.

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“Assurance of Being Born Again”

Lesson 1

1). Date _____ Remembering your spiritual birthday...This day changed your destiny.

2). The invitation of receiving Jesus Christ into your life is called being born again – meaning born from above – (born by God into His family as one of His children). It’s a spiritual birth.

Scriptures:

*John 3:3 – to see the kingdom of God or perceive or understand it – something has to occur. One must be born again. This is key to becoming a child of God.

*John 3:6 – that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. See John 6:63

*John 1:12 – how is one born of the spirit / born of God?

** By believing in His name – the name of Jesus Christ. Review also Luke 24:46-47 and 1st Peter 1:21-23. (It’s exercising faith – being fully persuaded). It includes repentance – (that is – a change of heart towards sin and turning from sin to Jesus Christ). Deliberately moving in a new spiritual and practical direction.

** By receiving Jesus Christ or (inviting or taking Him into one’s life). John 1:12.

** The result – the right to become children of God, or simply put – the privilege to become one of God’s kids. It’s entering a spiritual relationship with the true and living God.

* John 1:13 – What the spiritual birth came by and what it didn’t come by:

** Not by blood – (by physical generation or by parental descent.)

** Not by the will of the flesh – (by personal effort – good deeds etc.)

** Not by the will of man – (by man’s invention or determination)

** But by the will of God – (by God’s plan or design) John 1:13

3). Before receiving Jesus Christ – we were dead – (spiritually separated by all our trespasses and sins). See: Isaiah 59:1-2; Ephesians 2:1; Sin’s consequences – Mark 9: 43-48.

4). After receiving Jesus Christ – we are new creatures in Jesus Christ. See: 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 10:27-30; Ephesians 1:13-14; 2:8-10.

5). Does God provide any other path(s) for salvation? See: John 14:6; 10:9; Acts 4:10,12; 1 Timothy 2:3,5,6; 1:15-17.

**Memorize before next study: John 3:16

Lesson One
Quiz

1. When an individual receives, repents, and believes in Jesus Christ, what two words identify what occurred? _____. Review John 3:3 if necessary.
2. When an individual accepts the Lord Jesus by faith, repents, and receives Him, what does he or she given the right to become? Review John 1:12v if necessary.
 - a. A rich person
 - b. A child of God
 - c. A mayor of a city
3. The believer's spiritual birth came by his or her Christian parents?
True or False Check correct answer. Review John 1:13 if necessary.
4. Before receiving Jesus Christ, we were dead or separated from God by our trespasses and sins?
True or False..... Check correct answer. Review Ephesians 2:1 if necessary.
5. What does Jesus say about His sheep? Check one answer, then review John 10:27 if necessary.
 - a. They hear his voice
 - b. I know them
 - c. They follow me
 - d. None of the above
 - e. a, b, c are correct
6. Are those who have been saved, "earned" being accepted with God?
True or False..... Check correct answer. Review Ephesians 2:8,9 if necessary.
7. There are many paths to God, being a saved Christian is only one path. Review Acts 4:10-12 if necessary.
True or False..... Check correct answer.

“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 2

One who recognizes who Jesus is and submits to his word.

- * Genesis 1:26 - There is one God in substance or makeup but plural in persons. By the term “God” (We see oneness); By the terms Us and Our (we see plurality of persons). God is one-of-a-kind – distinct above all others.
- * Proverbs 30:4 - Agur is given a revelation and asked five questions. The revelation points to the Creator and His Son.
- * Isaiah 44:6 - Two Persons are identified: 1). The Lord, the King of Israel and 2). His Redeemer, the Lord of hosts. Both are referred to as Lord - translated as Jehovah or Yahweh the Self-Existent or Eternal. Strong’s Concordance. (SC). This is the Jewish national name of God. Both are regarded as the God who is the First and the Last as indicated in the concluding phase.
- * Isaiah 48:12,16-17- Three Persons are identified: 1). Verse 12 – “I” represents the First and the Last; 2). Lord God; 3). Spirit. “I” is sent by the Lord God and His Spirit. “I” is identified as the Lord, Redeemer, Holy One, and God in verse 17. The one God operates in harmony together among the three persons. The concept of the Trinity or Triune Godhead is established in the Old Testament.
- * Matthew 28:18-19 - Three Persons are identified: 1). The Father; 2). The Son; and 3). The Holy Spirit. The term name is in the singular which gives unity and oneness. The three persons is the number that’s inclusive in the one true God. This revelation is consistent with the Old Testament – One God - Three Persons.
- * John 1:1-3 - the Word was in the beginning (before creation); the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made through Him, nothing was made without Him. Read 1:14 – the Word became flesh, i.e., Jesus Christ. Word means the Divine expression. The Word is not created but Divine.
- * John 5:22 - All judgment has been committed to the Son by the Father. Read 5:25-26.
- * John 14:23,24 - Love for Jesus is associated with keeping his word.
- * John 8:31-32 - True disciples of Jesus abide (continue) in His word. The disciple continues in it.
- * Luke 8:19-21 - Jesus declares that those who hear the word of God and do it (practice it) are His family.

What have you learned from this lesson? _____

** Memorize before next study - 1 Peter 2:1-2

Lesson 2

Quiz

1. The Christian faith teaches there is one God with the same make up or essence revealed in three persons. Select answer.
True or False
2. Jesus Christ is one of the persons in the one true God?
True or False
3. The Old Testament identify Jesus Christ as.....
a. Son c. Redeemer e. Holy One g. None of those mentioned
b. Lord d. God f. All the above
4. In the New Testament how is the One God named? Review Matthew 28:19
a. b. c.
5. God the Father will be the judge of all mankind?
True or False
6. In what way can the disciple of Christ express his or her love for Jesus? Select answer
a. By staying away from church gatherings c. By keeping his word
b. By not reading the Bible d. By following one's favorite sports team
7. How can one assure that he or she is a part of the family of Christ? Select answer
a. By exercising daily c. By letting his or her bible sit on the desk
b. By wearing the latest fashions d. By hearing and doing His word

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Lesson 3

One who is confident that the Bible is genuinely the word of God..... Part 1

The Bible is a compilation of 66 books written by 40+ holy men of God. The Old Testament has 39 books and the New Testament have 27 books. All the books were written over a span of approximately 1,500 years from approximately 1400 BC to 100 A.D.

* God selected the Jewish people to give the revelation of His word.

**Romans 3:1-4 - oracles means utterance (of God), sacred Scriptures. (SC).

**Genesis 12:1-3 - God spoke to Abram, who God named Abraham - Genesis 17:1-5.

**Genesis 14:13 - Abraham was a Hebrew i.e., a descendent of Eber a son of Salah, a son of Shem as recorded in Genesis 10:21-24. Shem was a son of Noah - Genesis 10:1; Noah is a descendent of Seth a son of Adam – Genesis 5:3,28-29.

**Exodus 3:1-6 - God appears to Moses (a Jew).

**Exodus 20:1,22 - God speaks directly to Moses - to give the commandments.

**Deuteronomy 7:6-8 - God selected the Jewish people.

**John 4:21-22 - Jesus the Messiah declares that salvation is of the Jews. Also review 4:25,26.

1. How are the Scriptures referred to in 2 Timothy 3:15 and what are the Scriptures able to do?
a. _____ b. _____

2. Identify in 2 Peter 1:20 how the prophecy of Scripture did not come?

3. In addition, what other way didn't prophecy come as seen in 2 Peter 1:21?

4. In what way did the prophetic word come as seen in 2 Peter 1:19 and verse 21?

5. How much of the Scriptures are given by God as shown in 2 Timothy 3:16a?

6. What are the Scriptures profitable for as seen in 2 Timothy 3:16b?

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____

Review this lesson this week..... Read – Revelation 22:18-19 before next study.

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Lesson 4

One who is confident that the Bible is genuinely the word of God..... Part 2

The God of the Bible challenges other faiths: “Lay out the things that are coming and shall come.”
Isaiah 44:7

Biblical Predictions

1. The Son of God to be borne by
the Seed of a woman. Genesis 3:15
2. The Son to be born of a virgin – Isaiah 7:14
3. Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver – Zechariah 11:12-13
4. The Son of God would be struck and spat on -
Isaiah 50:6
5. The Son of God would die a substitutionary death -
Isaiah 53:5,12
6. The Son would be pierced through hands and feet -
Psalms 22:16
7. The Son’s garments would be divided and gambled for -
Psalms 22:17,18
8. The Son’s body would not decompose – Psalms 16:10

Biblical Fulfillment

- * Galatians 4:4; 3:16
- * Luke 1:26-27,30,31; Matt.1:23
- * Matthew 26:14,15
- * Matthew 26:67
- * Romans 5:6,8-9
- * Luke 24:34,36,39; John 20:27
- * Matthew 27:35,36
- * Mark 16:6,7; John 11:39

** For just eight predictions to be fulfilled in one person is one chance in 100 million billion.
Statistical analysis calculated by mathematician - Peter W. Stoner.

Other evidence the Bible is the authentic word of God.....

Scientific truth:

- the earth is in the shape of a circle i.e. (a globe) - stated in Isaiah 40:21-22, written in approximately 7th century BC.
- The earth is suspended on nothing is also a fact - stated in Job 26:7, written approximately 12th century BC.
- There are shipping lanes or currents in the seas and oceans. Created by God. Isaiah 43:16; Psalms 8:8. (Lieut. Matthew F. Maury of the U.S. Navy) referred to as the Pathfinder of the seas. Charted shipping routes in 1855.

Medical truth:

- Circumcision on the eighth day to a male baby – the time a sufficient concentration level of vitamin K (a blood clotting agent – prothrombin) is present – Genesis 17:10-12
- Numerous sanitary laws were given that would protect the people from germs and contagions – Leviticus 15:1-13, 16-33.

**Memorize before next study: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Lesson #4

Quiz

1. What is the first indication in the Scriptures that God would send the Savior? Select answer.
 - a. Genesis 3:11
 - b. Genesis 3:13
 - c. Genesis 3:15
 - d. Genesis 3:12
2. Where is the Scripture where a virgin would bear a Son whose name would be called Immanuel? Select answer.
 - a. Isaiah 9:1
 - b. Isaiah 7:18
 - c. Isaiah 8:19
 - d. Isaiah 7:14
3. How many pieces of silver would Jesus be betrayed by? Check answer.
 - a. 20
 - b. 30
 - c. 35
 - d. 40
4. Where in Scripture is the earth described as a circle? Circle answer.
 - a. Isaiah 40:20
 - b. Isaiah 40:22
 - c. Isaiah 41:21
 - d. Isaiah 41:22
5. Where in Scripture does it predict the Holy one's body will not decompose? Choose answer.
 - a. Psalms 16:20
 - b. Psalms 16:15
 - c. Psalms 16:10
 - d. Psalms 16:26
6. Where in Scripture does it proclaim that the earth hangs or sits on nothing? Check answer.
 - a. Job 26:7
 - b. Job 26:10
 - c. Job 26:5
 - d. Job 26:15
7. Where in the Old Testament does it predict a thousand years before, the Messiah would have his hands and feet pierced? Circle answer.
 - a. Psalms 23:5
 - b. Psalms 22:16
 - c. Psalms 24:16
 - d. Psalms 22:19

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Lesson 5

A disciple of Jesus commits to following him above all others.....

1). He or she, who desires to come after or pursue Jesus are strongly challenged by Him in Luke 9:23.

Desire means to determine, choose to decide..... Jesus loves humanity so much that he died for each and everyone no matter what the extent or number of sins were committed against God. Are you able to think of anyone else who would lay down their life for His enemies? Review Romans 5:10. The sinless sacrificial lamb of God received our punishment and suffering that we would be granted forgiveness and be made children of God. Those who have placed faith in Jesus have their sin debt removed forever and will escape the eternal flames of hell. Jesus Christ is not only our Savior but desires to be Lord and Master of our lives. As we grow as believers, we will more and more understand how indebted we are to our Savior and become eternally grateful to Him. Our highest allegiance will be to Him, as well as our pursuit of Him to love and please Him.

2). As a disciple of Jesus Christ, we are instructed to do three things:

- a. Deny ourselves - meaning “by disregarding one’s own interests. Vines Expository Dictionary. (V). We are our greatest enemy – we have our self-centered interests. Jesus is calling true disciples to put His interests first. He wants His Spirit, and word to control our lives. Review John 15:15,21,23
- b. Take up our cross daily - as Jesus had to endure the pain and suffering on the cross He bore, believers will experience the pains of the struggle and warfare with the old sinful nature, the persecution from the world, and demonic activity seeking to strip us of our faith and keep us from living for Christ. Read Matthew 5:11-12; John 16:33; Acts 14:21-22; 1 Peter 5:8-9
- c. Follow me - this is a disciple’s priority, to follow Jesus.
Follow - means to be in the same way with, i.e. (to accompany, go with, specifically as a disciple). (SC). Review John 13:34-35; Mark 1:17; Matthew 28:18-20; John 17:18-19...

Our common identifying trait - love for one another

Our common mission - make disciples, i.e., adherents, learners of Jesus

Our common association/experience - water baptism (name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)

Our common observance of His word – progressive transformed selfless living

* As newborn babes - desire the pure milk of the word that you may grow up to become spiritually mature. 1 Peter 2:1-3

3). Assignment - read a chapter per day in the gospel of Mark; also read John 8:31-32.

Lesson 5 – Quiz

1. What is the first thing one desiring to come after Jesus must do?

2. How often is one required by Jesus to take up his cross? Check answer

- | | |
|-----------|------------|
| a. Weekly | c. Monthly |
| b. Daily | d. Yearly |

3. A disciple of Jesus must make Him, his and her second priority in things to pursue. Select Ans.

- | | |
|------|-------|
| True | False |
|------|-------|

4. What should a new follower of Jesus do when he or she becomes aware of it? Circle answer

- | | |
|--|--|
| a. Go celebrate with friends and get drunk | c. Continue deliberately doing sinful acts |
| b. Be baptized | d. Get a new tattoo |

5. What would Jesus want the disciple to put himself under and for what purpose? Check Answers.

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| a. Rigid fasting | c. Observe his word |
| b. Learn His word | d. Force others into the faith |

“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 6

A disciple of Jesus loves and gathers with the family of God.....

Jesus gave a new commandment to His disciples to love one another as He loved them..... John 13:34-35; 15:12-13

How did Jesus love us according to Ephesians 5:1-2?

- * He gave Himself, by offering Himself, and sacrificing Himself.
- * A disciple or child of God is to be an imitator of God - v.1, walking in love having Christ as our example.

How does a disciple of Jesus walk in love?

- * By keeping His word - (i.e., retaining it, and yielding to or observing it). John 14:15,21,23
- * We are to be willing to lay down our lives for the brother or sister or family of God. 1st John 3:14-19
 - ** By aiding one in need if we have the means. This action imitates the action of Jesus giving himself, offering himself, sacrificing himself. God’s love is unselfish and the opposite of being self-centered, or selfish.
- * We are to have a spirit or attitude which is visible in conduct, galvanizing unity, each striving together for the faith of the gospel. Philippians 1:27; 2:19-22.
- * What are some benefits disciples are recipients of according to Philippians 2:1?

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- * What would bring joy to the writer and God, if believers embraced the attitudes shown in Philippians 2:2,4? Note them..._____
 - * What are believers to avoid in Philippians 2:3,4? _____
 - * We are to love and serve one another...Galatians 5:13
 - * The following are some of the practices of the first century church:
 - ** Corporately gathered – Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Corin. 16:1-2
 - *** To hear the apostle’s doctrine weekly - i.e. the word of God
 - *** For fellowship – getting to know one another, assist each other, and meet needs.
 - *** For communion and have a meal together.
 - *** For prayers – for each other, and advancement of the gospel.

In what ways can you personally walk-in love as seen from this lesson? _____

**Memorize before next study: Hebrews 10:25

Lesson 6
Quiz

1. What is the new commandment Christ gave to His disciples?

2. How can a disciple show love for Jesus? Circle answers
 - a. Learn and keep his word
 - b. Neglect gathering with believers
 - c. By selfless service
 - d. Assisting another believer
3. As believers gather, what attitude and activity should become visible? Circle answers
 - a. Unity
 - b. Striving together for the faith of the gospel
 - c. Division
 - d. Pride
4. What would be a godly attitude of a disciple which would be pleasing to God? Check Answer...
 - a. Conceit
 - b. Humility
5. What primary day did the early church began to assemble? Select answer
 - a. the 6th day of the week
 - b. the 1st day of the week
 - c. the 7th day of the week
 - d. The 5th day of the week
6. The early church never collected money to support the ongoing gospel ministry? Circle answer
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. Was one of the special practices of the early church - taking communion? Give answer

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Lesson 7

A disciple of Jesus develops an eternal perspective and worldview that will keep him or her focused on scriptural priorities..... Part 1

Jesus challenges every disciple to consider what life will they choose after receiving him. A life which primarily focuses on the temporal or a life that focuses its priorities on the eternal. Review – Matthew 6:19-21

God wants believers to work and earn an honest living – Acts 20:33-35. He’s not opposed to savings, retirement plans, insurance etc. He wants you to leave something for your children. Refs. Proverbs 13:22; 2nd Corinthians 12:14

The concern of our Lord is what amount of our time, talent, and financial resources are being stored up for eternity. Hence, our participation in the building of the kingdom of God, spreading the gospel, and the work of making disciples. It’s initially a heart matter. A change of attitude. Where is our heart or greatest area of affection? Who or what is our master controlling our life? Review – Matthew 6:24

The Lord Jesus gives his disciples a first priority and promise in Matthew 6:33, in contrast to the pursuit of Gentiles (people groups) in this world. Matthew 6:25-32

When the apostle Peter asked the Lord Jesus what will be given in return for leaving as one’s priority the stuff in the world. Jesus gave him what would be received here and now, and for the future. Read Mark 10:28-30.

The Lord Jesus in His revelation to the apostle John - called the church to repent in Thyatira to leave idolatry and sexual immorality; He speaks of giving the overcomers power over the nations. Review Revelation 2:18-29.

In the Revelation – Jesus called the Laodicean church to be zealous and repent of spiritual apathy, self-sufficiency due to wealth without genuine relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ. Overcomers are rewarded – read Rev. 3:14-21.

The disciples of Christ must be ready for opposition and rejection for his or her shift in choosing an eternal perspective and worldview. Review Matthew 10:24-39.

The disciple of Christ must always have the perspective that he or she will one day stand before their Lord. What legacy will you have when standing before Christ? Review Luke 19:11-27; 2nd Corinthians 5:10.

****Memorize before next study: Matthew 6:33**

Quiz

a. True b. False

a. His or her time

b. _____

c. _____

a. How much money they earn b. Staying up with the Joneses c. Where is one's heart

a. Honest paid work b. Prayer and confession c. Bible reading d. Fishing for prospective believers e. All the above

a. A new spiritual family and friends b. Some persecution c. Rewards stored in heaven
d. All the above

a. They were wealthy and in need of nothing c. They were fervent for the work of the Lord
b. They were lukewarm and indifferent d. They shut the Lord out

a. A beach front home b. A pot of gold c. Power over the nations

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Lesson 8

A disciple of Jesus develops an eternal perspective and worldview that will keep him focused on scriptural priorities..... Part 2

1. The apostle Paul states by the guidance of the Holy Spirit that disciples of Jesus are to walk by faith not by sight. Hence, in order for a disciple to walk by faith, he or she must grow in faith. The way one grows in faith is by hearing or listening attentively to the word of God.
Read – Romans 10:17
2. What is said of the outward man in 2nd Corinthians 4:16? _____
What should be occurring with the inward man from the same verse? _____
3. How is one's light affliction seen in 2nd Corinthians 4:17, as compared to eternity? _____
What is working on behalf of the disciple from the light affliction experience in this life from the same verse? _____
4. How is a disciple to view the things seen in 2nd Corinthians 4:18? _____
the term **look** means “to keep one's eyes on.” The disciples are not to keep one's eye on his or her affliction, but rather on what is not seen, i.e. (the future glory). Further explanation is given in the concluding portion of verse 18. Things not seen are eternal.
5. If you are a disciple of Christ what instructions are given in Colossians 3:1-2? Fill in the answers
a. _____
b. _____
6. What reasons are given for following instructions from Colossians 3:3-4? Jot down answers
a. _____
b. _____
7. Note some things about the heroes of faith that stand out to you in Hebrews 11:13-16. Share what impressed you. _____

8. What is God's attitude and action toward those who died in faith in verse 16 of Hebrews 11?

9. Note some things which Moses did by faith which impressed you in Hebrews 11:24-27?

How has the two prior lessons influenced your perspective? _____

*Read all of Hebrews chapter 11 before the next study.....

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Lesson 9

A disciple of Jesus reads, studies, meditate on, and memorizes the word of God to be established in faith and practice.

1. What does Paul assume the Ephesian Christian disciples will do from Ephesians 3:3-4? _____

2. State from the same verses 3-4 above, **what** Paul wants the disciples to understand? And communicate **why** outlined in verse five? _____

3. Why were the Bereans considered more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica according to Acts 17:10-11? _____

* The term searched means to scrutinize, by implication to investigate, examine, and interrogate. (SC). Also read 2nd Timothy 2:15 - in the KJV the term used is study; in the NKJV the term used is diligent.

4. What is said of the blessed person in Psalms 1:2? Read also verse 1 for context. _____

* The term meditate means to ponder. (SC); to speak to oneself; to reflect.

5. What six areas are given, which are of virtue and praiseworthy disciples should meditate on shown in Philippians 4:8?

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| a. _____ | c. _____ | e. _____ |
| b. _____ | d. _____ | f. _____ |

The apostle Paul, who founded the church at Philippi by the Spirit wants them to do the things they had learned, received, heard, and saw in him. The present-day believing body are to strive to do the same learning from godly examples centered on the word. Read Philippians 4:9

6. What is a good principle a disciple of Jesus should adopt from Psalms 119:11, and why?
a. _____ b. _____

7. What are believers and disciples of Christ instructed to do from Colossians 3:16? _____

** Memorize before next study: John 14:6 and meditate on it.

“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 10

A disciple of Jesus will develop a prayer life to advance the kingdom of God and His will...Part 1

Jesus was the disciple's model in prayer – Mark 1:35; 6:46; John 17:1

1. The disciples followed Jesus's instructions in praying – Acts 1:13-14
2. Jesus lays out guidelines for prayer for the disciples in Matthew 6:9-14, providing steps: **a.** Our Father - indicating our spiritual relationship as His children; **b.** Hallowed be your name – we're to approach Him with reverence for He is holy - disciples render praise and worship; **c.** Your kingdom come - as a priority disciples are to be concerned about advancing God's kingdom - first the proclamation of the gospel to the lost (spiritual kingdom); Secondly, making disciples: then eventually the (physical kingdom) which will be set up by Christ Himself; **d.** Your will be done- a focus on what God desires, e.g., spiritual growth of his children; service in making disciples, meeting needs, utilizing one's spiritual gifts, etc., on earth as His will is done in heaven; **e.** Give us our daily bread - the first request that concerns our practical needs - this is where you talk to Him about what concerns you; **f.** Forgive us our debts/trespases/sins; confession which takes humility; **g.** A disciple has to be forgiving of others who offend them; we are not to hold grudges; **h.** Lead us not into temptation – i.e. trials of unseen adverse circumstances; **i.** Deliver us from the evil one i.e. rescues us from Satan's deceptions and schemes; **j.** End the prayer with acknowledgment of God's kingdom, power and glory which exists forever. His will, will prevail. Read John 14:13 – you should close by stating Jesus's name with a Amen. These are general guidelines not to be taken as rote prayer to pray only these words. Some prayers may not include every detail listed.
3. The disciple of Jesus should be fervent i.e. (great warmth of feeling) in his or her prayers. Read Colossians 4:12; James 5:16.
4. The disciple of Jesus is taught to be persistent in his or her prayer. Read Luke 11:5-10.
5. The disciple of Jesus is guided to offer up constant daily prayer. Read 1st Thessalonians 5:17, without ceasing - means every opportunity available.
6. The disciple of Jesus doesn't pray with improper motives. Read Matthew 6:5.
7. When a disciple of Jesus wants to pray individually, he or she should seek a private place. Read Matthew 6:6.
8. The disciple of Jesus doesn't pray as a non-believer with empty repeated/or repetitious phrases. Read Matthew 6:7.

****Memorize before next study: 1st Thessalonians 5:17**

Quiz

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“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 11

A disciple of Jesus will develop a prayer life to advance the kingdom of God and His will... Part 2

1. What is Jesus’s request to the Father for his disciples as shown in John 17:17? _____
This term means - to set apart or to make different in beliefs and actions.
2. What aims are desired of Jesus as disciples share His word shown in John 17:20-21?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____As a unified message of Jesus brings corporate practical oneness, others in the world will believe and know that He was sent by the Father to join us with them.
3. In reference to prayer, what can be incorporated in the disciple’s prayer from Luke 10:1-2?

4. List some of the things Paul mentions in his prayers in Ephesians 1:15-18, which can be adopted in a disciple’s prayer. _____

5. Paul provides some directives for prayer in a corporate setting in 1st Timothy 2:1-4. Make note of these and consider using them in individual prayer as well.

6. What are further items of prayer a disciple can include periodically from Philippians 1:9-11?

7. How can a disciple pray when there is persecution towards our faith as seen in Acts 4:23-31?

8. What conditions are necessary for answers to prayer in the following passages?
John 15:7-8 _____
James 1:5-8 _____
1st John 5:14-15 _____

What few ways were impressed upon you regarding prayer from this lesson which you can use? _____

****Memorize before the next study: Philippians 4:6-7**

“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 12

A disciple of Jesus recognizes he or she is in a daily spiritual battle with their old sinful nature, the corrupt world, and evil spiritual forces.....

In 1st Peter 2:11, Peter identifies believers or disciples as sojourners and pilgrims which means we are foreigners to earth in a spiritual sense traveling to our eternal home – i.e., heaven.

1. What instruction is given by Peter in 1st Peter 2:11 and why?

a. _____ b. _____

* The term abstain means to hold oneself off, refrain from. (SC); or distance oneself from.

* The term war means to contend or fight with carnal inclinations (fleshly lusts). (SC).

* The term soul refers to the mind, will, and our emotions (these are under siege daily), by the desires of the old fallen human nature residing within.

* The term lusts mean a longing especially for what is forbidden. (SC).

** Disciples are commanded to distance themselves from the sinful decisions to gratify or please the old man. Review - 1 Peter 1:14; 4:1-5.

2. What two words are associated with the world found in 2 Peter 1:4?

a. _____ b. _____

the term corruption means decay i.e., ruin. (SC). It “signifies a bringing or being brought into an inferior or worse condition; ethically, with a moral significance.” (V).

3. What is said of those who gain the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, but are entangled again living in the pollutions of the world as shown in 2 Peter 2:20–22?

* This person wasn’t truly converted to Christ – review Luke 8:11,13; Colossians 4:14; 2 Timothy 4:10. The term turn in 2 Peter 2:21 means to revert. (SC); to go back as to a former practice, habit, belief, condition. Websters Dictionary.

4. What are some characteristics of evil spiritual forces, and what do they bring as seen in 1st Timothy 4:1-3? a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____

_____ e. _____

5. What is the evil spiritual force referred to by the apostle Paul in 1st Thessalonians 3:5 and what is implied as to his activity? a. _____ b. _____

Review: Matthew 4:3,5; Luke 22:3; Acts 5:3; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; Ephesians 6:12

**Memorize before the next study: 1 Peter 2:11

“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 13

A disciple of Jesus puts on the armor of God to stand against the spiritual opposition..... Part 1

1. What is Paul urging the brethren (brothers & sisters) to be or become in Ephesians 6:10?

Note: be strong can be translated - “be made strong.” The source of strength and power comes from the Lord. The spiritual strength and power are acquired from the Lord.

2. What order is given by the apostle Paul in Ephesians 6:11, and give the reason for the order? a. _____

b. _____

Note: Each believer must become a well-equipped spiritual soldier to protect his or herself against the spiritual schemes or methods used by Satan/the devil to defeat us.

3. What **doesn’t** the believer wrestle against seen in Ephesians 6:12? _____

Wrestle - to struggle or contend with an opponent; to pull away. (SC).

4. What **does** a believer wrestle against as shown in Ephesians 6:12? a. _____

b. _____ c. _____

d. _____. the primary enemy of the believer is the unseen spiritual forces of the darkness and wicked evil fallen angelic horde of Satan working through atheists, false religion, education, various philosophy, many movies; fake reporting etc.

5. What is another reason for the believer to take up the whole armor of God as described in Ephesians 6:13? _____

* The term withstand means to resist, oppose. (SC); or endure, especially successfully.

* The term stand means metaphorically, “to stand firm,” (V); be steadfast; fixed; and constant.

6. List what each part of the whole armor of God represents in Ephesians 6:14-17?

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____

e. _____ f. _____

Truth - is an essential component to protect the believer from lies and deceit.

Righteousness - right living protects or shields the believer from sinful living.

Gospel of peace – as the believer goes, he or she is assured of the peace the gospel has provided for them before God in Christ; and seeks to share the gospel of peace with others.

Faith - be confident and assured in whom, and what you have believed. Opponents will challenge it.

Salvation - remain mentally steadfast in the hope delivered and received. Never disbelieving.

The word of God - defeats the opposition (develop the knowledge of it). The only offensive weapon that defeats the schemes of the devil and spiritual forces.

“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 14

A disciple of Jesus puts on the armor of God to stand against the spiritual opposition...Part 2

1. As a believer fortifies him or herself with the whole armor of God as outlined in Ephesians 6:14-17, what other spiritual resources are to be used from 6:18? a. _____
b. _____

Review lessons 10 and 11 regarding prayer, as a refresher when time permits.

There are three enemy forces which the believer is to arm him or herself against to be victorious in this present life. The old sinful man referred to as the flesh, the sinful world, and Satan and his army of fallen angels (demons). Sinful temptations are the primary enticement needing to battle against through the armor of God. (Temptation is to test or entice).

2. What three areas of temptation are listed in 1st John 2:15-17? a. _____
b. _____ c. _____
3. How is one tempted to sin as shown in James 1:13-14? Also, what occurs if one yields seen in 1:15? a. _____ b. _____
4. In what ways did the serpent deceive Eve into partaking of the forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden? Read Genesis 3:1-6 a. Satan used a willing subject to speak through, v.1; b. The serpent under Satan’s control questioned whether God had excluded every tree in the garden to be eaten from, v.1; c. The serpent lied to Eve stating she would not surely die – v.4 (contradicting God’s word). From verse 5 supply answer d. _____

5. What similarities can be drawn from Eve’s actions in Genesis 3:6 and 1st John 2:16? _____

- * forbidden physical attraction– i.e. (food, etc.) (appetite stimulation), expressed in indulgence or the flesh.
- * forbidden visual attraction – i.e. (sight) (visual stimulation) expressed in covetousness and materialism.
- * forbidden mental attraction – i.e. (pride) (thought stimulation) expressed in superiority, power, self-worship.

6. How did Jesus combat the temptations of Satan/the devil in Luke 4:1-13? _____

“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 15

A disciple of Jesus puts on the armor of God to stand against the spiritual opposition...Part 3

1. Since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, what are believers instructed to do as seen in 1st Peter 4:1? Also state why this action is necessary?

a. _____
b. _____

* Arm means to equip. (SC); to provide what is needed with weapons - here of taking the same attitude of Christ, i.e., one that would endure the pain of death; figuratively - an attitude of making an end of practicing sin, or a particular sin, e.g., 1 Peter 3:12

2. When the believer arms his or herself with the mind of Christ, what should occur as shown in 1st Peter 4:2? a. _____

b. _____

3. What assessment does Peter point out in general regarding life before coming to Christ in 1st Peter 4:3? Also note some of the particulars listed from the same verse.

a. _____
b. _____ c. _____ d. _____
e. _____ f. _____ and g. _____

4. What is said of non-believers regarding believers who break from the old sinful patterns of the past in 1st Peter 4:4? Also review v. 5-6. _____

5. What is Paul instructing a certain group among the believing community to do in Romans 13:11? _____

6. What does Paul command believers to do according to Romans 13:12?

a. _____ b. _____

* Armor of light relates to Ephesians 6:14-18; also review Romans 13:10,14 - the source of victory or defeat.

* Believers are called to walk properly because we are of the day not the night. Rom.13:13
Note: (this relates to a moral or ethical stand).

7. What are the weapons of the believer's warfare said to be mighty in, from 2nd Corinthians 10:4? Also, what are the weapons for as shown in 10:4,5? a. _____

b. _____ c. _____ d. _____
e. _____

**Memorize before the next study: Matthew 26:41

“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 16

A disciple of Jesus understands the stages of spiritual growth and endeavors to grow..... Part 1

Once a person repents of their sins, places faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and invited him into his or her life, that person becomes a spiritual baby in the family of God. Read 1 Peter 2:2

1. What is expected from a newborn babe seen in 1 Peter 2: 1-2? Also state what motivates these actions from 1st Peter 2:3? a. _____
b. _____ c. _____

* This is the first stage of spiritual growth; the (Infant stage). Are you laying aside sinful practices? Are you desiring the pure milk of the word? As a spiritual babe you need spiritual care, love, and nourishment; become involved in a one-to-one discipleship or small group gathering that will assist your development. This stage has the characteristics of dependency, me-centered, impatience, and enthusiasm.

* If the believer chooses not to grow over a period, he or she will remain a spiritual babe and display carnal attitudes and behavior as shown in the following verses: 1 Corinthians 3:1-4; Ephesians 4:14 (please read). The believers will be vulnerable i.e., easily influenced and prone to temptation by false teaching not knowing what's true or what is in error. Whining and being judgmental can occur.

2. The second stage of spiritual growth is considered as the (Child stage). Each disciple is to be involved in receiving biblical instruction i.e. (equipping, preparation, training) in the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God for the purpose of spiritual maturity with selfless spiritual service. Refs. Matthew 28:19-20; Ephesians 4:11-14; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

* Characteristics to be developed as the disciple goes through the (Child stage):

- a. Love for each other – John 13:34-35; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 John 4:20-21
- b. Obedience to God's word – 1st Peter 1:1,2,14 - (By implication - compliance or submission).
- c. Faithfulness to the Lord – Matthew 24:45; Luke 16:10-13; 2 Timothy 2:2
- d. Humble Service – Ephesians 2:10; Ephesians 4:15-16; 2 Timothy 2:20-21
- e. Worship – John 4:23-24; Hebrews 13:15
- f. Holy living – Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 7:1 – (living a progressively cleansed walk, i.e. in attitude and conduct). Holy living is in part - being driven by the fear of God i.e. reverence, respect for God and His word. Hebrews 12:10-11
- g. Reaching your sphere of influence with the good news message of Jesus Christ. Eph. 6:15

**Memorize before the next study: 1st John 4:20

Lesson 16

Quiz

1. What is the first stage called toward spiritual maturity a new believer enters? Select Ans.
a. Pre-natal b. Infant c. New d. Beginner
2. As one who is a new or recent believer, name a few things that should be laid aside as shown in the lesson.
a. _____ b. _____
3. As a new believer what would be a reason to participate in a small group study of the Scriptures? Identify answer.
a. Need spiritual nourishment; b. Need love c. Need care
d. All the above
4. What would be some characteristics of a new babe in Christ which needs to be outgrown?
a. Whining b. Me – centered c. Impatience d. a through c
5. What is the second stage called, heading toward spiritual maturity for the growing believer?
a. Young b. Kid c. Child d. Heady
6. What are two of the characteristics to be developed you want to acquire as you move through spiritual childhood? a. _____ b. _____

*List some names of family, friends, and associates that haven't come to Jesus Christ. Pray for these people that God would open their heart.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 17

A disciple of Jesus understands the stages of spiritual growth and endeavors to grow..... Part 2

1. The third stage of spiritual growth is identified as the (Youth Stage) – the term men taken from 1st John 2:14, means “a youth under 40 years old” – by Strong’s Concordance. Even though numerical years are given in the definition, it’s to be taken figuratively as a progressive level in the development of spiritual maturity. In verse 14, three characteristics are given. The disciples are: 1). Strong; 2). The word of God abides in them; 3). These have overcome the wicked one.

** The term strong indicates spiritual growth over a given period. These believers have moved from the Infant and Child Stages to this stage. The same pattern occurred with John the Baptist and the Lord Jesus Christ. Read Luke 1:80 and 2:40. Both became – (indicates process) strong, i.e. (to empower, be mighty, and enable).

** Since the strengthening came in their spirit, a process of planting the word of God in each one’s thoughts was occurring. The word of God is the source of the spiritual strength and maturity of the disciple as the word is obeyed. The word of God is said to be abiding i.e. remaining, or continuing in them. John and Jesus were applying the word.

** Those who have grown to this stage have overcome the wicked one – in a practical sense. This doesn’t mean that the battle is over with the forces of darkness, rather the disciple is equipped to battle successfully. Overcome means to prevail or be victorious. (SC). Reference 1st John 5:4.

2. The final stage of spiritual growth is the (Father Stage). The term father signifying “a nourisher, protector, upholder”); one advanced in the knowledge of Christ, 1st John 2:13; of one who, as a preacher and a teacher, stands in a “father’s” place, caring for his spiritual children, 1st Corinthians 4:15. Also, there are women or spiritual mother disciples who grow and become equipped engaging in winning the unredeemed and making disciples. These have exhibited growth and are involved in leading women’s ministries.

** The Father then, is involved in sharing and proclaiming the gospel, and seeing the fruit of individuals coming to conversion in Jesus Christ. The father then disciples the new converts for spiritual growth in the faith. Reference Acts 14:21-22.

** The apostle Paul refers to himself as a father in the faith. He encourages his son in the faith Timothy to be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. In addition, he wants Timothy to commit to faithful men or persons what Paul had committed to him, who will be able to teach others. Reference 2 Timothy 2:1-2 (this approach is seen as generational discipleship).

Lesson 17
Quiz

1. What is the third stage of spiritual growth stated in this study? _____
2. What characterizes this stage as shown from this study? Fill in the blank
 - a. _____
 - b. The word of God abides in them
 - c. Have overcome the wicked one.
3. What is a common term found in Luke 1:80, & 2:40, which caused John the Baptist and Jesus to reach their spiritual strength? _____ Every believer should follow this process or pattern.
4. What is the final stage of spiritual maturity a believer can reach even though spiritual growth will continue? _____
5. What are some characteristics of the final stage in the life of a believer? Select answer(s)
 - a. Advancing the knowledge of Christ;
 - b. Share the gospel with others;
 - c. Nourishes others in the faith – making disciples;
 - d. Establishes faithful others who share the gospel and make disciples;
 - e. All the above
6. What other terms are used where disciples – make disciples, and that process continues, stated at the end of the study? _____

* Based on these last few studies, what is your spiritual aim and plan as to how you will reach it. If comfortable – share your plan with another believer or study group.

“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 18

A disciple of Jesus pursues godly characteristics to be transformed.....

1. What two principles are outlined in Romans 12:2 for the believers to follow, and state the reason given from the same verse? a. _____ b. _____
c. _____

* Transform means “to change into another form.” (V). The obligation being to undergo a complete change which, under the power of God, will find expression in character and conduct. (V). Character – referring to inward change. Conduct – referring to outward change.

* To be conformed to this world is to let the lusts which drive the world, drive the believer, e.g., illicit sexual indulgence; strong desire to be rich and famous; using violence and force to take advantage of others; selfishness; greed; drunkenness; and materialistic values without eternal perspective.

* The men and women of God are to flee those things.

2. What does Paul instruct Timothy to do in first Timothy 6:11? Fill in the blanks.

a. _____ c. _____ e. _____
b. _____ d. _____ f. _____

* Believers are to set a new course in pursuit of godly characteristics learning from the word of God and applying its truths to one’s thinking and behavior for transformation. Christlike qualities are to be the ongoing aim for disciples.

** Righteousness – refers to acting in a just, upright manner; virtuous; morally right.

** Godliness – means to be devoted to God, having a Godward attitude; devout; pious-holy.

** Faith – primarily, “firm persuasion,” a conviction based upon hearing. (V); and biblical instruction.

** Love – Christian love has God for its primary object, and expresses itself first of all in implicit obedience to His commandments. Love seeks the welfare of all – Romans 15:2, and works no ill to any, 13:8-10. (V). Love has multifaceted characteristics – 1st Corinthians 13:4-7.

** Patience – means calm endurance under pain or trouble, without complaining.

** Gentleness – refers to humility, a meek disposition, mild, not severe, kind.

In this lesson what is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about regarding leaving some worldly attitude or action? This doesn’t have to be expressed openly unless you are moved to share.....

What one quality or characteristic of Christlikeness from the list above are you in need of improvement?

Will you monitor that characteristic this week, and pray for the Holy Spirit’s assistance to form it in you?

“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 19

A disciple of Jesus obeys godly leadership and is submissive to those over him or her.....

1. What instructions are given to the believers in Hebrews 13:17?

a. _____ b. _____

* The term **obey** means to assent or consent to evidence or authority; yield; to listen to. Vine’s Dictionary states “the obedience suggested is not by submission to authority, but resulting from persuasion, in N.T., suggests an actual and outward result of the inward persuasion and consequent faith.” Persuasion of the believer comes in reference to leaders as the truth is proclaimed with godly character and conduct following.” Read Hebrews 13:7 – which expresses the kind of leader one should yield to and obey according to God’s word.

* The term **submissive** means to surrender; submit self, to yield. Vine’s Dictionary, states “of “submitting” to spiritual guides in the churches.” The believer is to continue being submissive to godly leadership. Believers are to realize that leaders are not perfect but do display Christlike characteristics as a pattern. Read 1st Peter 5:1-5.

2. What reason is given for the believer to obey and be submissive to those having spiritual authority in the congregation they serve according to Hebrews 13:17?

The word **watch** means to keep awake. (SC). Leaders observe the spiritual condition of the flock and identify dangers to the flock. The **soul** is the immaterial, invisible part of man. (V); living inside, the inner man. It’s the real you. It’s the part Jesus refers to in Mark 9:36 – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?” It is the most valuable part of any individual human being along with their spirit being made in the image of God. Genesis 1:26; 2:7.

3. What will occur in the future regarding those who are spiritual leaders among the congregation seen in Hebrews 13:17? _____

4. What appeal is given to believers about those who are spiritual leaders among them from Hebrews 13:17? _____. From the same verse, state why this appeal needs to be taken seriously? _____

5. What leadership qualities are shown regarding the household of Stephanas in 1st Corinthians 16:13-18? _____

6. In 1st Thessalonians 5:12-13, note the attitudes believers are to have toward leaders.

****Memorize before the next study: Hebrews 13:17**

“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 20

A disciple of Jesus cleanses himself of immoral practices to be used in God’s service.....

This lesson will challenge you to decide whether you will live and serve God honorably or live a life which will be dishonorable.

1. The solid foundation of God stands, having what seal according to 2nd Timothy 2:19? Also, state what everyone naming the name of Christ is challenged to do from the same verse?

a. _____ b. _____

2. There are two categories spoken of in the great house seen in 2nd Timothy 2:20, match the two materials with the two-character qualities.

a. _____
b. _____

Note: the great house represents the spiritual family of God. The materials of gold and silver, wood and clay indicate whether the believer underwent a change or not, to be honorable or remain dishonorable during his life. Reference Hebrews 3:6 - Who owns the great house.

3. What is necessary as seen in 2nd Timothy 2:21 for the believer to be a vessel of honor? Only review the first portion of the verse for the answer. _____

* Cleanse means to purge from sin, to get rid of what makes one morally or ethically filthy. It can be the influence of others, or impure attachments, or from oneself. Examples: 2nd Timothy 2:16 to 18; and 1st Corinthians 5:1-11; James 1:13-15.

4. What is every believer being called to as a part of the family of God, in the last portion of 2 Timothy 2:21? a. _____

b. _____

* The term honor means to esteem, i.e., to value highly; a favorable opinion. The term sanctified means set apart for God’s service; devoted; to make holy; purify. (SC). When the believer undergoes the sanctifying process of purging his or herself from sin, each becomes useful to the Master for the work of service. In this life spiritual maturity is the aim, sinless perfection only comes when the believer is glorified in his or her resurrected body.

5. What is to become a mental reflex and action of the believer when faced with the temptation of youthful lusts as shown in 2nd Timothy 2:22 and Genesis 39:12? Also, what is a believer in pursuit of in the same verse? a. _____ b. _____

“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 21

A disciple of Jesus exercises self-discipline and self-control to honor God and maintain a credible witness of the faith.....

The necessity of developing self-discipline and self-control will determine whether the believer will receive his or her eternal reward(s) from Christ.

The spiritual race of the Christian is compared to being one running or competing in athletic competition to win a prize in 1st Corinthians 9:24-27.

1. What does the apostle Paul advise believers to do about running the race to obtain the prize in 1st Corinthians 9:24? _____

2. What is said pertaining to ones who are competing for the prize in 1st Corinthians 9:25? _____

Note: Temperate means to exercise self-restraint (in diet and chastity). (SC). Chastity means the state of not having sex with anyone or of only having sex with your husband or wife.

3. What type of prize is available for the disciple who is competing in the Christian course seen in 1st Corinthians 9:25? _____

4. What mindset does Paul take in his approach to the race shared in verse 26? a. _____
b. _____

* Paul's point - sacrifice and effort is not useless because the imperishable crown is obtainable. Imperishable means enduring forever.

5. What reality is employed by Paul, which will enable him to run the race of the Christian course of life with success as noted in verse 27? a. _____
and _____

* Paul has been suppressing the sinful inclinations of the mind and body to bring them under the control of the spirit man by the Holy Spirit.

* Discipline pertains to training that develops self-control, efficiency.

* Subjection means in this case “to bring into bondage, concerning the body.” (V); cause to submit.

6. Since self-control is a fruit of the Spirit as shown in Galatians 5:22-23. What is the pathway guided by the Spirit to obtain this godly characteristic seen in verse 24 Galatians 5? _____

* Crucify means figurative, to extinguish, put out, subdue passion or selfishness (SC); or sinful desires. It's an act of the will – 1st Peter 4:1. Getting control of the flesh, our eyes, and pride.

What can be extinguished in your life by the act of your will and power of the Holy Spirit?

“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 22

A disciple of Jesus is a good manager of his or her time, talent, and financial resources or treasure.....

Every believer has been given 168 hours per week to attend to life's tasks and demands..... It is up to each disciple through prayer and personal evaluation to balance how his or her time will be used considering God's will. God has given us His Son to die in our place demonstrating His love for each of us. As disciples each one is to order his or her daily priorities around the love and gratitude the Lord Jesus deserves. There are three areas to address to be good managers of:

* **Your time** - personal worship and devotion to God and Christ as priority. Refs. – Matthew 4:10; John 4:23-24 – seen in prayer - Matthew 26:41; Luke 5:16; reading and meditating in and on the word of God – John 8:31-32; 1st Peter 2:2; Philippians 4:8-9; becoming equipped or trained in the word regarding the faith - Ephesians 4:11-13; Acts 11:25-26; 19:8-10; husband's ministry to wives and children - Ephesians 5:25-32; 6:1-4; work or employment - be good employees (stay within the guidelines of conduct) - Ephesians 6:5-9; Titus 2:9-10; church service and fellowship - Acts 2:42; 20:7-8; 1st Corinthians 16:1-2; Hebrews 10:24-25; reach those who need Christ - Luke 10:1-2; John 4:34-38; Ephesians 6:15; exercise is good for the body – 1st Timothy 4:8; rest and relaxation- Mark 6:31; 14:41.

** As one prays and seeks God for assistance in these areas, he will help you in balancing the things above.

* **Your talent** - every disciple of Christ is given at least one spiritual gift to serve among the church fellowship and those in need of the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit determines what gift(s) each member receives -1st Corinthians 12:4-7; 12:11; Romans 12:3-13; 1st Corinthians 12:1-31; 1st Peter 4:7-11. In Ephesians 4:11-16, it should be noted that leaders in the church equipped or prepared disciples to do the work of ministry, so the church fellowship increases spiritually in the faith and spiritual maturity - verse 11-14. Notice also, this occurs by speaking the truth in love – v15. In verse 16 - every person works cooperatively in unison; every part does its share of service: the result is building the body up in love.
When this Christ – centered activity occurs, the result can also be an increase numerically.

* **Your financial resources** - the giving of one's material and monetary resources for the furtherance in support of the gospel (good news of Jesus Christ) ministry is appointed by the authority of the Scriptures. Every disciple determines what portion of the earnings from his or her labor from business or employment will be contributed. If one is paid weekly, you may want to contribute weekly; monthly then contribute monthly. Believers are to give willingly not by undue pressure. Refs. - Galatians 6:6; 1st Corinthians 16:1; 2nd Corinthians 9:5-7; Philippians 4:14-20; 1st Timothy 5:17-18.

** Memorize before the next study: 1st Corinthians 10:31

Quiz

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“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 23

A disciple of Jesus works out with other believers any disputes.....

* There will be occasions when believers may say something or do something to another believer that is sinful, i.e., a moral offense or fault.

* When this occurs because we are human and are not perfect there are steps to be taken to reconcile or mend what had occurred. The first thing to realize is that all the family of God will at some time offend another member of the family. A disagreement on the matter is not necessarily an offense unless it's a clear violation of Scripture. When offended always recognize that you could have been the offender, so approach the one who offended you with that in mind. In other words, be humble - this principle is given in Galatians 6:1. The aim is forgiveness, and restoring the union. Regarding opinion disputes learn to disagree agreeably.

* Jesus gave steps on dealing with one who sins against another as follows from Matthew 18:15-17.

1. What is the principle of action for one who sins against his or her brother or sister in Matthew 18:15? Also note what is the outcome if it was a successful meeting?

- a. _____
b. _____

2. What principle is given for an unresolved meeting with the alleged offender as shown in Matthew 18:16? State also the basis of the scriptural action.

- a. _____ b. _____

* The person(s) selected to accompany you should be one who meets the guideline of Galatians 6:1. Spiritual, refers to those who have a demonstrated mature walk.

3. What should occur if one refuses to listen or hear the offended brother or sister and those who accompany the offended brother or sister from Matthew 18:17a?

4. What is to be done when an offender refused to listen to the consensus of the believing assembly as seen in Matthew 18:17b? _____

* A heathen in this instance would be a non-believer – the uncooperative individual would lose fellowship privileges with the congregation e.g., communion, service participation, corporate assembly.

* A tax collector was treated as an outcast among his own people. Believers should pray for the unrepentant person in hopes of a change of heart. Love is being obedient to Christ commands.

* Moreover, the process of handling disputes when one has sinned, governed by humility and love, is to produce confession, repentance, and forgiveness. Refs: Matthews 6:14,15; Luke 17:1-4; 1 Cor. 5:1-5; 2 Cor. 2:3-11.

Quiz

“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 24

A disciple of Jesus learns how to share his or her faith with others needing their Lord and Savior.....

- * Every disciple of Jesus is to be equipped or trained to share his or her faith with one in need of Christ. The apostle Paul spent Spirit empowered time sharing the gospel with the Thessalonians. Acts 17:1-4. The Thessalonian believers became a model in turning from idols, to serve God, with transformed lives. The believers sounded forth the word of the gospel, locally, in their province, and beyond. 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10.
- * The Scripture places quite a value on those who share the gospel and see the non-believer come to repentance and faith in Christ. In Proverbs 11:30, it says “he who wins souls is wise.” In Daniel 12:3, it says in short, “the wise shall shine, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever.” Jesus says in short, “the fields are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life.” John 4:35, 36; Mark 1:17.
- * One of the reasons the Holy Spirit was given to the believer is to empower each to be witnesses in one’s city, country, and other places throughout the world. Acts 1:8. The word witnesses means attestation of a fact or event; one that gives evidence specifically. Websters Dict. Pray and ask for His empowerment.
- * All truly converted to Christ have a testimony of how they came to repentance and faith. The believer can share within their sphere of influence, e.g., family, employee associations, neighbors, friends etc.
- * An important component in the disciple’s witness is a life transforming power of God to deliver from a sinful lifestyle. The Holy Spirit gives the power to lay aside sinful conduct or attitudes. Galatians 5:16; 6:7,8; Romans 8:11-14. The choices of the believer have an important role. James 1:21-25
- * Believers are to earn the right to share the gospel with non-believing associates. Asking questions to find out where one’s beliefs are would be helpful in starting a spiritual conversation. The questions will be made available to you...
- * You will also have with the questions leading into a spiritual conversation, a plan of salvation that you can walk one through when the person consents to sit down with you.
- * Start thinking of life before Christ; what caused you to come to Christ; and changes in your lifestyle since belief.

Make notes on the three areas, and be able to put what you wrote into a 1 to 2 minute testimony.

Lesson 24
Quiz

1. Each believer is to learn how to share his or her faith with one who may not have heard the gospel message. What passage from the word of God would lend credit to this assertion?
Circle answer
 - a. Acts 1:1
 - b. Romans 8:3
 - c. Ephesians 6:15
 - d. Ephesians 5:15
2. The Scripture places a value on those who engage in seeing others come to Christ through their witness. Select Answer
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. When believers share the gospel and the non-believer responds positively, what is said by Jesus regarding this activity? Check Answer
 - a. It's treated normally - no reaction
 - b. One who sows can rejoice with the reaper
 - c. The reaper receives wages/reward
 - d. b and c
4. For what reason does Jesus want a disciple to follow Him as shown in Mark 1:17? State answer

5. Who will assist and empower the believer to be a witness as seen in Acts 1:8? Fill in answer

6. What will the Holy Spirit give the believer power to lay aside as one interacts with the word of God as seen in James 1:21? Circle answer
 - a. The need to pray
 - b. The will to obey the word
 - c. The will to gather with the assembly
 - d. Sinful conduct and attitudes

Lesson 24A

Five Questions to Enter into a Spiritual Discussion

1. Do you have any kind of spiritual beliefs?
2. To you, who is Jesus Christ?
3. Do you think there is a heaven or hell?
4. If you died, where would you go? If heaven, why?
5. By the way, if what you are believing is not true would you want to know? If yes – Ask them - Would you allow me the privilege of taking you through the “Plan of salvation?”

These five questions should be memorized. Also review Plan of Salvation in the supplemental section after the Appendix before taking Quiz.

When one comes to Christ - What now?

1. Attend a worship service at least once per week. Hebrews 10:24-25
2. Be baptized - in obedience to Jesus’s command in Matthew 28:19.
3. Desire the word of God to grow spiritually. 1st Peter 2:1-2
4. Meet with a Bible study group during the week for growth and accountability.
Acts 13:1-2
5. Memorize and meditate on the word of God. Psalms 119:11; 1:1-2; Philippians 4:8-9
6. Strive to be a doer of the word to prevent being self-deceived. James 1:22
7. Spend time in prayer to God the Father through Jesus Christ. Luke 18:1-8; Philippians 4:6-7. (Pray for the salvation of others) - Romans 10:1; 1st Timothy 2:1-6; (Pray that God will raise up laborers for the harvest). Luke 10:1-2; John 4:34-38

Lesson 24A – Entering a spiritual conversation/Plan of Salvation
Quiz

1. Write out two questions which can be used to enter a spiritual conversation with a non-believer.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
2. Once one becomes a believer in Christ, state one thing the new believer should follow from The What Now list? _____
3. What caused mankind's fall in the garden of Eden? Select Correct Answers
 - a. Listening to the serpent
 - c. Deciding to be disobedient and eat of the fruit
 - b. Looking at the forbidden fruit
 - d. all answers listed
4. In what ways does fallen mankind attempt to reach God so they can be admitted into heaven? State two ways from memory
 - a. by _____
 - b. by _____
5. Does membership in a particular church assures one of getting into heaven when they die? State your answer with a checkmark.
 - a. True/yes
 - b. False/no
6. What is the only means by which one will enter heaven according to the Scriptures?
 - a. Be baptized in Jesus name
 - c. Believing Jesus Christ was a good man
 - b. Doing good in Jesus name
 - d. The blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ
7. What three things must one believe, and do to become a spiritual child of God, be forgiven, and obtain eternal life to enter heaven at death? Circle the **three** scripturally based answers provided in the plan of salvation.
 - a. Be baptized in Jesus name.
 - b. Repent – i.e., turn from sinful living.
 - c. Trust in Jesus Christ alone - that he died, was buried, and rose the third day.
 - d. Receive or invite Jesus Christ into your life as Lord and Savior.

Please note: As a reminder - the person who becomes a child of God will progressively grow spiritually by desiring the word of God.

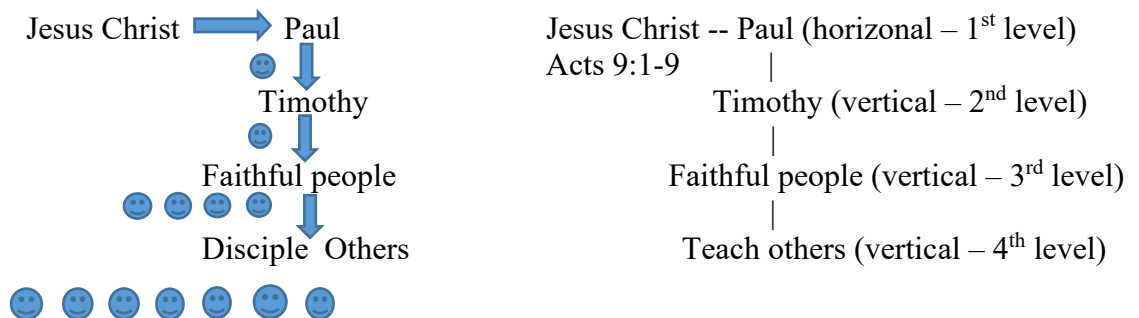
“What is a disciple of Jesus?”

Lesson 25

A disciple of Jesus will eventually mentor others spiritually, to mentor others.....

The process of mentoring others to mentor others is called generational discipleship. Jesus gives the initial ministers, (His disciples) the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. Matthew 28:18-19

- * The initial ministers called apostles or sent one's were to teach those converted to Christ to observe or keep all things He commanded them as seen in Matthew 28:20.
- * When the gospel is shared, the word of good news regarding Jesus Christ reaches those listening to the message. Those who come to repentance and faith need instruction in the Christian faith as directed by our Savior. The teaching will over a process of time prepare the disciples for the work of service. Ephesians 4:11-12. The ministry at this point is considered first level and horizontal, due to one person sharing with one or more persons having interest in Christ.
- * Generational discipleship occurs when converts to the faith are made aware that they are to reproduce in a faithful manner what they have learned with others. This would be considered second - level or vertical as to the call of making disciples.
- * Generational discipleship is seen in Paul's instruction to Timothy who was discipled by him in 2nd Timothy 2:1-2. What is shown is a diagram or pattern for reaching and equipping disciples, to reach and equip disciples in a horizontal then vertical manner.



- * Jesus is calling His disciples to not only receive His word and keep it, but also to be a faithful witness wherever he or she goes to present the good news to others and to participate in making disciples. Faithfulness to the Lord in carrying out the Great Commission entrusted will yield eternal rewards. References Mark 4:13-20; Luke 12:42; 16:10-12; 1st Corinthians 3:5-8.

** Memorize this week: Matthew 28:18-20

Quiz

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Appendix

of
Lesson Answers and Quiz Answers

1. Assurance of being born again - Lesson 1

Quiz Answer key:

1. Born again; 2. A child of God; 3. False; 4. True; 5. e 6. False; 7. False

2. One who recognizes who Jesus is and submits to his word - Lesson 2

Answer key:

1. True 2. True 3. F 4. Father, Son, Holy Spirit 5. False 6. C 7. D

3. One who is confident the Bible is genuinely the word of God – Lesson 3

Answer key:

1. a. Holy b. make one wise for salvation

2. not of any private interpretation

3. not by the will of man

4. holy men of God spoke

5. All “entirety,” complete

6. a. doctrine b. reproof c. correction d. Instruction in righteousness

Doctrine - Christian teaching from Scripture i.e. (the Bible)

Reproof – conviction, proof, scriptural evidence

Correction - a straightening up again, reformation

Instruction in righteousness – training or education in right living (general practice in right attitude and conduct)

4. One who is confident that the Bible is genuinely the word of God – Lesson 4

Quiz Answer key:

1. c 2. c 3. b 4. b 5. c 6. a 7. b.

5. A disciple of Jesus commits to following him above all others – Lesson 5

Quiz Answer key:

1. Take up his cross 2. C 3. False 4. B 5. B, C

6. A disciple of Jesus loves and gathers with the family of God – Lesson 6

Quiz Answer key:

1. Love one another. 2. A, C, D 3. A, B 4. B 5. B 6. B 7. Yes

7. A disciple of Jesus develops an eternal perspective and worldview that will keep him or her focused on scriptural priorities – Part 1 - Lesson 7

Quiz Answer key:

1. False 2. b. his or her talent; c. His or her treasure; 3. C.; 4. E.; 5. D.; 6. A,C, D,

7. Power over the nations

8. A disciple of Jesus develops an eternal perspective and worldview that will keep him or her focused on scriptural priorities – Part 2 - Lesson 8

Answer key:

2. It’s perishing; renewed day by day

3. a moment; far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory
 4. temporal; what are not seen are eternal
 5. a. seek the things above where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God; b. set your mind on things above not on things on the earth.
 6. a. For you died; and your life is hidden with Christ in God
b. When Christ who is our life appears, you also will appear with Him in glory.
 7. These all died in faith; not having received the promises; assured of the promises - embrace them; confessed they were strangers and pilgrims on earth; they seek a homeland; they didn't call to mind the country they came out of; they desire a better, a heavenly country.
 8. God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.
 9. Moses when became of age refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than enjoy the passing pleasures of sin; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward; he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.
9. A disciple of Jesus reads, studies, meditate on, and memorizes the word of God to be established in faith and practice - Lesson 9
- Answer key:
1. Read what Paul had given
 2. Paul's knowledge in the mystery of Christ - not made known to the sons of men but revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets.
 3. They received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether those things were so.
 4. His or her delight is in the law of the Lord, and in the law he or she meditates day and night.
 5. The things: a. True; b. Noble; c. Just; d. Pure; e. Lovely; and f. Good report
 6. a. Your word have I hidden in my heart b. That I might not sin against You
 7. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.
10. A disciple of Jesus will develop a prayer life to advance the kingdom of God and his will – Part 1 - Lesson 10
- Quiz Answer key:
1. False 2. A 3. False 4. False 5. True 6. False 7. True
11. A disciple of Jesus will develop a prayer life to advance the kingdom of God and His will – Part 2 Lesson 11
- Answer key:
1. John 17:17 - sanctify
 2. John 17:20-21 – a. There will be believers in Jesus through the word of the disciples; b. that they all may be one (unity) (as the Father is in Christ and He in Him), that they all may be one in Us; c. that the world may believe that the Father sent Jesus.
 3. Luke 10:1-2 - pray the Lord of the harvest will send out laborers into His harvest.
 4. Eph. 1;15-18 - Give thanks for other believers; that God may give to believers the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; the eyes of their understanding would be enlightened.
 5. 1st Timothy 2:1-4 - supplication, prayers, intercessions giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings and all who are in authority... the purpose - to lead a quiet and peaceable life in godliness and reverence, and desiring all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

6. Philippians 1:9-11- your love may abound more and more in knowledge and all discernment: approve the things that are excellent; that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ; be filled with the fruits of righteousness.
7. Acts 4:23-31 - acknowledge God who made heaven and earth; they restated what the issue was in verse 23; asked the Lord to look on their threats - verse 29; grant boldness to speak your word - verse 29; stretching out your hand to heal-with signs and wonders to be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus – verse 30.
8. John 15:7-8 - abide in Jesus, and His words abide in you – then you can ask what you desire and it shall be done. God wants us to bear much fruit by praying things that are associated with fruit bearing. James 1:5-7 - if you lack wisdom when going through trials, ask God for wisdom. Ask in faith without doubting; one who is double-minded is unstable and will be denied. 1st John 5:14-15 - if we ask anything according to His will – He hears us; if we know He hears us, whatever we ask, we know we have the petitions asked of Him.
12. A disciple of Jesus recognizes he or she is in a daily spiritual battle with their old sinful nature, the corrupt world, and evil spiritual forces – Lesson 12
Answer key:
 1. a. abstain from fleshly lusts b. which war against the soul
 2. a. corruption b. lusts
 3. The latter end is worse for them than the beginning. It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. A dog returns to his own vomit and a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.
 4. a. deceiving; b. doctrines of demons; c. speaking lies in hypocrisy; d. forbidding to marry; e. commanding to abstain from foods.
 5. a. the tempter b. he tempts the believer
13. A disciple of Jesus puts on the armor of God to stand against the spiritual opposition – Lesson 13
Answer key:
 1. Be strong in the Lord
 2. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
 3. Flesh and blood i.e. people
 4. a. principalities; b. powers; c. rulers of the darkness of this age; d. spiritual hosts of wickedness in high places.
 5. That you may be able to stand in the evil day, having done all to stand.
 6. a. Truth b. Righteousness c. Gospel of peace d. Faith e. Salvation f. The word of God

Definitions & insights:

Truth - conformity to fact, correctness, accuracy - discovering the truth of God's word is a first importance against the lies and deceit of Satan's false doctrines.

Righteousness - the character or quality of being right or just; right action; right attitudes, right conduct - acquired from the word of righteousness - Hebrews 5:13-14.

The Gospel of peace - believers are to be confident that the gospel gives them peace with God, and therefore, putting on the shoes to ready or prepare oneself as trained to share the good news which ends hostility towards God and brings peace and rest to a needy world.

Faith - the greatest defense against the darts thrown by Satan to remove your faith - that (full or firm persuasion and conviction) in whom you've come to believe in, never turning away.

Salvation - the assurance one has salvation protects the mental stability of the believer. He will rest in the hope of one day entering the presence of God and deliverance from the body of sin. Word of God - this pertains to a specific word from the Scripture which is applied to a certain issue being faced which will aid in overcoming or standing firm as Jesus gave specific scriptures in His temptation from Satan.

14. A disciple of Jesus puts on the armor of God to stand against the spiritual opposition –

Lesson 14

Answer key:

1. a. Praying - to pray to God, to ask for something humbly, worship showing reverence and awe: supplication is a petition, requests, a need, earnest asking, intense or determined manner; b. Watchful - to keep awake, alert in a spiritual sense, as if the Lord could come at any time. This would keep one from sinful indulgence and help maintain godly conduct.
- c. Perseverance - to refuse to give up, remain steadfast; continuing in the face of opposition.
2. a. The lust of the flesh b. lust of the eyes c. the pride of life
3. a. Each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed; b. when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and sin, when full-grown brings forth death.
4. d. v.5 - the serpent said - God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be open and you will be like God knowing good and evil.
5. Eve's lust of the flesh - noting what the fruit could physically satisfy for her matches up with the lust of the flesh in 1st John 2:16; Eve's lust of the eyes - seeing how pleasant to the eyes the fruit's attractiveness was to Eve – corresponds to the lust of the eyes in 1st John 2:16; Eve's vanity - surfaces by her wanting to be wise or godlike knowing good and evil - this is like the pride of life in 1st John 2:16. It was a lure which would redefine her (self-identity). Someone God did not create her to be. The appeal to her to be like God is a temptation to her thoughts to be superior, heady, above others. Contentment to be created in the image of God wasn't good enough, even though complete fulfillment is experienced in being who God created her or humanity to be. Satan caused Eve to want what he aspired to a lesser degree - to be equal with God. To be worshipped.
6. Jesus first was filled with the Spirit and led by the Spirit. These are key to combating the tempter. The first temptation was Jesus' desire for food (bread - **physical need**), for He was hungry after his 40 day fast. The devil wanted Jesus to act outside of the will of God to turn a stone to bread. Jesus' response was with the word of God – “man shall not live by bread alone but by every word which proceeds out of the mouth of God.” The next test was a **visual** temptation - Jesus was shown by Satan all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. He offered Jesus' authority over the kingdoms and the glory He would have from them. For this to happen Satan wanted Jesus' worship. Jesus' response was with the word of God – “it is written you shall worship the Lord your God and Him only you shall serve.” The final test would deal with the **pride of life** - if you are the Son of God - throw yourself down being at the pinnacle of the temple and He will give His angels charge over you, to keep you etc., etc. This was an attack upon Jesus' identity to get him to prove He was the Son of God. It was a dare you. Satan wanted Jesus to operate outside the direction of His Father. Satan always wants us to prove something rather than obey the word of God. Jesus answered again, with the word of God “you shall not tempt the Lord your God.” This is a lesson for all of us, do not let anyone bait you to prove something to them or others that would cause you to sin against God. Peers sometimes will challenge you to do something sinful to be a part of their group. Stand for Christ, be light and salt, so someone can be saved.

15. A disciple of Jesus puts on the arm of God to stand against the spiritual opposition –

Lesson 15

Answer key:

1. a. Arm yourselves also with the same mind; b. For he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.
2. a. That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lust of man; b. But for the will of God.
3. a. For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles, when we walked; b. In lewdness; c. Lusts; d. Drunkenness; e. Revelries; f. Drinking parties; and abominable idolatries.
4. They think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation (intoxication), speaking evil of you. These will give an account to Jesus. The gospel is being preached to the spiritually dead - these will be judged as men in the flesh. Hopefully many will accept the gospel message and live according to God in the spirit.
5. To awake out of sleep.
6. a. Let us cast off the works of darkness; b. Let us put on the armor of light.
7. a. God; b. Pulling down strongholds; c. Casting down arguments; and d. Every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God; e. Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ when your obedience is fulfilled.

Definitions:

Lewdness - the quality of being very sexual or lustful in an offensive way; a crime.

Revelries - lively and noisy festivities, especially when those involved are drinking a large amount of alcohol.

Abominable – detestable, despicable, damnable, causing moral revulsion.

Idolatries – image worship or people worship or covetous practices.

16. Disciple of Jesus understand the stages of spiritual growth and endeavors to grow – Lesson 16

Answer key:

1. a. Laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking.
b. Desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.
c. If indeed i.e., truly you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Quiz Answer key:

1. b 2. Malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, all evil speaking 3. D 4. D 5. C 6. Your Choices

17. Disciple of Jesus understand the stages of spiritual growth and endeavors to grow – Lesson 17

Quiz Answer key:

1. Youth; 2. a. Strong; 3. Became; 4. Father; 5. e 6. Generational Discipleship

18. A disciple of Jesus pursues godly characteristics to be transformed – Lesson 18

Answer key:

1. a. And do not be conformed to this world; b. but be transformed by the renewing of your mind; c. That you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
2. Pursue a. Righteousness; b. Godliness; c. Faith; d. Love; e. Patience; f. Gentleness

19. A disciple of Jesus obeys godly leadership and is submissive to those over him or her – Lesson 19

Answer key:

1. a. Obey b. Be submissive
2. For they watch for your souls
3. They must give an account
4. Let them do so with joy and not with grief. For that would be unprofitable for you
5. They have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints; they work and labor jointly with Paul and his team; they supplied what was lacking from the Corinthians; they refresh Paul's spirit and the Corinthians.
6. They are urged to recognize those who labor among them, (those over them in the Lord and admonish you); to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake; be at peace among yourselves.
* Recognize - means to observe; note them (in a respectful and appreciative sense).
* Esteem - high regard and approval; appreciation; high opinion.

20. A disciple of Jesus cleanses himself of immoral practices to be used in God's service - Lesson 20

Answer key:

1. a. The Lord knows those who are His; b. Depart from iniquity i.e., moral wrong doing.
2. a. Vessels of gold and silver – honor b. Wood and clay – dishonor
3. Cleanses himself from the latter, i.e., dishonor
4. a. A vessel of honor sanctified and useful for the master; b. Prepare for every good work.
5. a. Flee b. Righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure whom heart

21. A disciple of Jesus exercises self-discipline and self-control to honor God and maintain a credible witness of the faith...Lesson 21

Answer key:

1. Run in such a way that you may obtain
2. Is temperate in all things
3. An imperishable crown
4. a. He runs not with uncertainty b. He fights not as one who beats the air
5. a. Discipline of his body; and b. He brings it into subjection
6. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the passions and desires

22. A disciple of Jesus is a good manager of his time, talent, and financial resources or treasure – Lesson 22

Quiz Answer key:

1. True 2. F 3. True 4. True 5. D 6. True 7. True

23. A disciple of Jesus works out with other believers any disputes – Lesson 23

Answer key:

1. a. Go and tell him his fault between you and him alone; b. You have gained your brother
2. a. Take with you two or more; b. By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established
3. Tell it to the church
4. Let him be to you as a heathen or tax collector.

Quiz Answer key:

1. False 2. True 3. False 4. True 5. True 6. Tell it to the church 7. You have gained your brother or sister 8. The person should be disfellowshipped/ or seen as an unbeliever

24. A disciple of Jesus learns how to share his or her faith with others needing their Lord and Savior - Lesson 24

Quiz Answer key:

1. Ephesians 6:15; 2. True; 3. D 4. To make them become fishers of men
5. The Holy Spirit 6. D

24A. Entering a spiritual conversation and plan of salvation

Quiz Answer key:

1. Possible answers; a. Do you have any kind of spiritual beliefs? b. To you, who is Jesus Christ? c. Do you think there is a heaven or a hell? d. If you died where would you go? If heaven, why? e. By the way, if what you are believing is not true, would you want to know it?
2. Attend a worship service at least once per week. Hebrews 10:24-25; Be baptized - in obedience to Jesus's command in Matthew 28:19; Desire the word of God to grow spiritually. 1st Peter 2:1-2; Meet with the Bible study group during the week for growth and accountability. Acts 13:1-2; Memorize and meditate on the word of God. Psalms 119:11; 1:1-2; Philippians 4:8-9; Strive to be a doer of the word to prevent being self-deceived. James 1:22; Spend time in prayer to God the father through Jesus Christ.
3. a, b, c
4. a. Religion b. Good works c. Philosophy
5. False/no
6. d. - Blood sacrifice
7. a. Repent b. Trust in Jesus Christ alone c. Receive/invite Jesus Christ into your life.

25. A disciple of Jesus will eventually mentor others spiritually, to mentor others - Lesson 25

Quiz Answer key:

1. True 2. E 3. C 4. E 5. A

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