LESSON 1: SALVATION

“What Happened When I Got Saved and What is My New Relationship to God?”

Your decision to trust Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior is the greatest decision you could ever make. However, it is very unlikely you understand the true significance of what has happened in your life.

The purpose of this lesson is to explain briefly what took place and how your decision has affected your basic relationship to God.

I. There are only two spiritual families in the World.

A. The devil’s family.

1. John 8:44 speaks of a group of people who are “of your father the devil.” – See also John 8:38.

2. You enter this family by birth through your physical father, who is ultimately a descendant of Adam. Genesis 5:3 shows that the descendants of Adam are born in Adam’s image and likeness which is that of a fallen sinner.

3. You inherited your sin nature from your father Adam. Romans 5:12 states, “Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”

4. Romans 5:12 also states that as a result of your sin you were sentenced to die.

   a. Romans 6:23: “For the wages of sin is death…”

   b. I Corinthians 15:22: “…in Adam all die…”
B. God’s family.

1. John 1:12-13 says, “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

   But as many as received Him, Your decision to trust Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior.

   To them gave He power to become the Sons of God, Our entrance into God’s family.

   Even to them that believe on his name: A biblical belief marked by faith and repentance.

   Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, It is not a Physical birth.

   But of God. It is a Spiritual birth.

2. You also enter God’s family by birth; but it is a spiritual birth by your Heavenly Father. John 3:3 states, “...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

3. This new birth puts you into God’s family in exactly the same way your physical birth puts you into your father’s family. You are now a son of God by birth.

4. As a result of your new birth, you have inherited God’s divine nature and you now have eternal life.

   a. John 6:47: “…He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.” (present tense)

   b. John 3:36: “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life...” (present tense)

   c. 1 John 5:12: “He that hath the Son hath life...” (present tense)
II. Being in God’s family separates you from the devil’s family.

A. Your body is now the temple of the Holy Ghost. God’s Holy Spirit lives inside you. 

*I Corinthians 6:19*

B. *II Corinthians 6:14-18* commands you as a believer to maintain a difference between yourself and the lost.

C. Your new life is perfectly summarized in *II Corinthians 5:17-18*,

> “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ...”

III. You now have a new relationship with God, which makes you a member of His family.

A. He is your Heavenly Father and you are His child. *I John 2:1* says, “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”

B. Now that you are saved, God no longer deals with you as a sinner, but as His child.

C. This relationship is pictured by the earthly relationship between a father and his child.

1. A good father loves and cares for his child.

   *I Peter 5:7*

2. A good father protects his child.

   *Matthew 18:6*

3. A good father provides for his child.

   *Philippians 4:19*
4. A good father guides and teaches his child.

   *John 14:26*

5. A good father helps his child.

   *Psalm 46:1*

6. A good father will not discourage his child.

   *Colossians 3:21*

7. A good father disciplines his child.

   *Hebrews 12:5-11*

8. A good father feeds his child.

   *Matthew 4:4*

9. A good father has a plan for his child.

   *Romans 8:28-29*

D. A good father will **NEVER** do anything to purposely hurt his child. He will only do those things which will help in the growth and maturing process. Your Heavenly Father operates in the same way, only His ways are perfect. Unlike earthly fathers who sometimes err, God never makes a mistake in His dealings with His children.

   *Matthew 7:11* “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?”

IV. You did not lose your physical nature at the time of your spiritual birth.

A. That is obvious because you are still alive!

B. You now have two natures.

   1. Old nature – Physical, sinful, in Adam’s image.
   2. New nature – Spiritual, perfect, in God’s image.
C. Both natures are present constantly. The one that will control you is the one you feed the most.

1. *Colossians 3:5-10*

2. *II Corinthians 4:14-18*

V. **Basic Questions.**

A. Will I sin after I am saved?

*Yes,* you still have your old nature.

*Romans 7:25*

B. How does my sin affect my relationship with my Father?

God does not kick you out of His family. When you sin, He disciplines you as a child.

*Hebrews 12:5-11*

C. What should I do when I sin?

1. Confess it and trust the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse you.

*I John 1:6-10; Proverbs 28:13*

2. Repent from it (turn away from it) and ask God to give you a hatred for that sin so you can *revenge all disobedience* by doing what is right.

*II Corinthians 10:3-6*
SALVATION
Lesson #1

1. Who are the two spiritual fathers mentioned in John 8:38? Give a scripture reference to support both answers.
   A. 
   B. 

2. How does an individual enter into the devil’s family?

3. How does an individual enter into God’s family?

4. Why are people sentenced to die after their physical or first birth?

5. List three verses that promise you eternal life.
   A. 
   B. 
   C. 

6. List two reasons why a Christian in God’s family is different than a non-Christian in the devil’s family.

A.

B.

7. God now deals with you as His ________________ rather than a ________________.

8. Your new relationship with God can be seen through the earthly father and child relationship. List nine ways God deals with you as His child.

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

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I.
9. Briefly explain the two natures you now possess.

A.

B.

10. What would be the reason for one nature to overpower the other nature?

11. When a Christian chooses to continue in a particular sin, what can he expect from God?

12. According to 1 John 1:9, when we confess our sins to God, then He will __________ us and __________ us from all unrighteousness.

13. Briefly explain the primary purpose of this lesson.
Key Memory Verses:

Romans 5:12; John 3:3; I John 1:9

NOTE: In many churches today, some popular teachings are:

1. All mankind is part of one large family of God.
2. All mankind must earn their way to heaven.
3. All mankind can get to heaven through any way they choose.
4. If there is such a thing as sin, it must be confessed to another person or a church leader.

From the Bible Principles taught in this lesson, you should understand these teachings are false and why.

→Write any questions you may have concerning this Lesson or its Teachings.

If you desire to learn further about the Biblical Philosophy of Discipleship and how these Doctrinal lessons are intended to be used most effectively, please contact your local church pastor or call (816) 229-9113 for direction.
LESSON 2 - ETERNAL SECURITY

Now That I Am Saved, Can I Ever Lose My Salvation?

Once you have settled the Question of Salvation as the Bible declares it – by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ – it is imperative you understand how “this decision” has affected your entire Life.

In Lesson 1 we learned there are only two Spiritual families on this earth, God’s and the Devil’s. We learned we were born into the Devil’s family at the time of our physical birth and we are born into God’s Family when we Receive “Jesus Christ” as our Savior. (John 1:12-13)

In this Lesson we will discuss the state of the new Believer in God’s family and from the Biblical facts, settle the question of the “Eternal Security” of the Christian.

I. The Testimony Of The Lord Jesus Christ Is Clear On This Subject

   A. Jesus Christ promises “…him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” (John 6:37)
      1. God will not cast you out of His Family under any circumstances as you will soon see in this Lesson.

   B. John 10:27-29 makes it clear no man can cause You to lose your Salvation because God your Father is greater than all Men.

II. Salvation Does Not Depend On Your Works, But On The Grace Of God

   A. Salvation is by Grace through Faith and not by Works. It is a GIFT from God. No one can lose Salvation because no one can earn Salvation. Ephesians 2:8-9
B. Galatians 3:10 and James 2:10; tell us if we had to do anything to earn or keep salvation we would lose it easily.

1. Yet, 2 Timothy 1:12; assures us it is Jesus Christ who keeps us, not we ourselves.

C. Galatians 2:21 states clearly if we could become righteous by anything we do, then Jesus Christ’s death was a waste.

III. There Is Absolutely Nothing That Can “Separate You” From Your Salvation

Romans 8:38-39 says, “For I am persuaded, that neither…”

A. “Death” - you can not lose it when you Die;
B. “Life” - you can not lose it while you are Alive;
C. “Angels” - can not take it from you;
D. “Principalities” - the Government can not take it from you;
E. “Powers” - the Devil can not cause you to lose it;
F. “Things present” - nothing happening Right Now can take it away;
G. “Things to come” - nothing in the Future;
H. “Height” - nothing Above you;
I. “Depth” - nothing Below you can make you lose it;
J. “NOR ANY OTHER CREATURE, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
IV. Your Salvation Is Secure Because Of Your New Relationship To God.

A. Your relationship with God is now a Father/child relationship by Birth. Review *John 1:12-13.*

B. When you were born Physically, there was a record made of your Birth called a Birth Certificate. When you were Born Again, a record was also made. *1 John 5:11-13*

C. Your Birth Certificate was marked with a Seal. Your Spiritual Birth is sealed by the Holy Spirit of God. *Ephesians 1:13, 4:30*

D. You will always be your Earthly father’s child because you were born of his seed.

1. You could leave the Country; disown each other; change your Name; or never see him, hear from him, or even think about him the rest of your life but it will Never Change the fact that he is Your Father.

2. The same is true of your Heavenly Father. You can Die but you can never be Unborn. Your Birth is fixed forever – both Physically and Spiritually. Even God Himself cannot change this FACT.

V. Basic Questions.

A. How can I know for Sure “I am Saved”?

The epistle of *1st John* is written for this Purpose.

1. *I John 5:13* says, “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may KNOW that ye have eternal life,...”

2. As a new Christian, *I John* and any Paul Line Epistle should be a primary focal point of your Reading to help you Grow and to Settle this issue.
B. What if I do not feel Saved?

1. Your Salvation is not based on Feelings. It is based upon the objective Factual Truth of the Word of God.
   
   a. 1 John 3:20 says, “For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.”

   b. God knows if you are Saved or not, even when you have Doubts, Negative Thoughts, and Feelings of being Lost.

   c. Doubts should always be Addressed.

   d. Take them to God and He will show you how to handle them.

   e. God wants you to know you are Saved more than you want to know!

   f. If you continue to struggle with Doubts, seek counsel from your Pastor. 1 John 4:18

   g. Titus 1:2 says, “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.”

2. JUST BELIEVE WHAT GOD HAS “SAID”!

   1 John 2:25

3. JUST TAKE GOD AT “HIS WORD” ON IT.
VI. Some Other Items To Consider

A. Examples of People who “Sinned” and were still Saved:

1. 1 Cor 5:5.
2. 1 Cor 3:15.
4. 1 John 5:16.

B. Others who “departed” from the Faith:

1. Gal 1:6 (Soon removed)
2. 1 Tim 4:1 (Departed from)
3. 1 Tim 3:6 (Fallen into condemnation)
4. 2 Tim 2:26 (Recover)
5. 2 Tim 4:4 (Turn away)
6. 2 Tim 4:10 (Forsaken)

C. Reasons to “Stay” and “Serve” the Lord:

1. Titus 3:8. (maintain good works)
2. Rom 14:10-12. (Judgment seat of Christ)
3. 1 Cor 3:13-15. (rewards)
D. Items “lost” by **not Serving** the Lord:

1. Joy  
   Psa 51:12

2. Testimony.  
   1 Cor 15:33-34; 2 Peter 2:7-8

3. Health.  
   1 Cor 11:30; Job 33:19-22

4. Reward  
   1 Cor 3:13-15; Rev 3:11

5. Millennium Inheritance  

6. Life  
   1 Cor 11:30, 1 Cor 5:5, 1 John 5:

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E. Scripture Reference | Words Found | Words **Not** Found
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John 3:1-7 | Born again | Un-born; Re-born again
Rom 5:15, 16, 18 | Gift | Re/-receive or Reject; Returned
Rom 6:23
Eph 1:13-14 | Sealed | Re/Un-sealed
2 Cor 1:22
Gal 4:5-7 | Adoption | Re/Un-adopted
Col 2:11 | Circumcised | Re/Un-circumcised
1 John 4:13 | In him | Who can **remove** you
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ETERNAL SECURITY

Lesson #2

1. **What** is the promise that we can **claim** in John 6:37?

2. From John 10:27-29, you should **understand** **no man** can **cause** you to lose your Salvation. Why is this?

3. We can not do anything **ourselves** that would **cause** us to lose our Salvation. What can we learn from the following verses to support this?
   
   A. Ephesians 2:8-9
   
   B. 2 Timothy 1:12
   
   C. Galatians 2:21

4. Is there anything at all that can **separate** us from the love of God?

5. Romans 8:38-39; Shows us we have **received** the love of God in ________________________________________________________________.
6. Briefly explain three examples relating your Spiritual birth to your Physical birth.
   A.
   B.
   C.

7. What Scripture reference Promises you can know you have Eternal life?

8. What do the following verses teach you concerning the Promise of Eternal Life?
   A. 1 John 3:20
   B. Titus 1:2
   C. 1 John 2:25

9. Briefly explain the primary Purpose of this Lesson.
Key Memory Verses:

Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 John 2:25; 1 John 5:13

NOTE: In many Churches today, some popular teachings are:

1. We must work to keep our salvation.

2. If we sin after we are born again, we can lose our salvation.

3. God punishes His children according to His own whim and pleasure.

From the Bible Principles taught in this Lesson, you should understand these teachings are false and why.

⇒ Write any Questions you may have concerning the Subjects in this Lesson.
Virtually all Religious denominations teach some form of Baptism as part of their Doctrine. The diversities in their teachings are wide.

This Lesson is intended to give the Bible’s clear and definite Teaching on the subject so you can understand perfectly what God’s intention is regarding Baptism.

I. God commands you to be Baptized

A. Baptism is the first act of Obedience in service to the Lord as anyone can be Baptized; it takes no special talents or effort.

B. Jesus set the example Himself by submitting to Baptism before He began His public Ministry.


C. In Matthew 3:13-15; it is clear Jesus was Baptized in obedience to God’s plan for his life.

1. In verse 15; He said, “... Suffer (allow) it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness.”

2. This point of Submission and Obedience is the single most Important thing to realize regarding Baptism.
D. Some Bible characters who submitted to Baptism after Salvation:

1. The Ethiopian eunuch. *Acts 8:36-39*
3. The Philippians Jailer and his House. *Acts 16:25-33*

II. Baptism Has A Clear Purpose

A. Several types of Baptism are mentioned in the Bible. In each case, Physical Baptism pictures a Spiritual Truth.

1. The important point to consider is the Picture portrayed by Baptism.

B. Romans 6:1-7 (specifically verses 3-4) shows the two purposes of Baptism.

1. It pictures the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
2. It is a Public Testimony of the new Convert’s identification with Jesus Christ through the Death, Burial, and Resurrection which is how you were Saved.
3. It identifies you with the Lord Jesus Christ.

III. Every believer should be Baptized

A. The clearest case of an individual’s Baptism in the Bible is the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts 8:26-39.

1. In verse 36, the Eunuch asked, “…what doth hinder me to be baptized?” Philip then answered with the condition of baptism in Verse 37
2. “…If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.” Then the eunuch’s response sealed the matter, “…I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”
B. The **only** requirements **for** Baptism are the **same** requirements **for** Salvation found in Romans 10:9-10.

   1. **Heart belief** in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
   2. **Confession** that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.

C. There are **NO cases** of Baptism in the Bible of anyone **but** Believers.

D. Some other **instances** of Baptism immediately **after** Salvation include:
   1. Acts 8:12
   2. Acts 18:8

IV. **There Is Only One** Biblical Method Of Baptism

A. Again, Acts 8:26-39, gives the **clearest example.**

   1. In verses 38-39, BOTH Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch went down **into** the Water and came up **out of** the Water.

B. In *Matthew 3:16* **Jesus** was Baptized in the **same** manner.

C. As seen previously, the **key** to Baptism is a **picture** of Death, Burial, and Resurrection.

   1. The **only** way to Bury someone is to **completely** cover them. The Biblical **method** of Baptism is **complete immersion**.

   2. **No One** in the Bible was ever **Sprinkled**, just as **no one** is truly **Buried** if they have **only** been “sprinkled with Dirt”.
V. **Baptism Is Essential For Your Spiritual Growth**

A. **It is NOT essential** for Salvation.
   1. Ephesians 2:8-9, makes it clear a man is Saved by Grace *through* Faith *without* works — including Baptism.

B. **It is essential** for Service and Spiritual growth.
   1. Matthew 28:19-20 (the Great Commission) *proves* it is Essential.

C. **Before** anyone can be taught to Follow Jesus Christ, there **must be** Willingness to submit to the *first act* of Obedience, Baptism.
   1. If a person *refuses* to obey the Lord in the *first point*, there will be a problem in obeying any future points.

   *Matthew 3:13-15*

VI. **Basic question:** Where should I be baptized?

A. Since Baptism is a *public profession* of your Faith in Jesus Christ, most often it will be Publicly *in front* of the Local Church. But it does not *have* to be.

B. For *instance*, the Lord Jesus Christ was Baptized *in* the Jordan River.

C. The *actual* place of Baptism *is not* Important.

D. The Public Testimony of your *identification* with the Lord Jesus Christ *is the Important Point*. 
VII. Quick Notes To Consider

A. Here are examples of our Baptism

1. Acts 8:27-39 (Ethiopia)
2. Acts 9:17-20 (Saul or Paul)
3. Acts 10:44-48 (Cornelius)
5. Acts 16:25-33 (Jailer)
6. Acts 18:5-8 (Crispus)
7. Acts 19:1-6 (other disciples)
8. 1 Cor 1:14-16 (household)

B. Water Required


C. It was Approved by Christ and Paul;

2. 1 Cor 1:13-19
D. **A few other reasons to Consider**

1. Identification  
   (Personal)

2. Public Testimony  
   (Personal)

3. Submission to the Authority of a **local** Church  
   (a Personal attitude)

4. Obedience to God  
   (Personal)

   1 Cor 15:1-4

6. For the **edification** of the Church Body  
   1 Thes 5:1-11

**Notes**
1. Give the **key reason** why God instructs the Christian to be Baptized.

2. In *Matthew 3:13-15*, Jesus was Baptized to demonstrate His ________________ and ________________ to God and His plan. Jesus fulfilled this **before** He began His ________________ _________________.

3. List __three__ men who were Baptized **after** Salvation **in** the New Testament.
   
   A.
   
   B.
   
   C.

4. What are the **purposes** for Baptism found in Romans 6:3-4?
   
   A.
   
   B.
5. Acts 8:36-37, the Ethiopian Eunuch had to fulfill two requirements before he could be Baptized. What were the two Requirements?
   A. 
   B. 

6. How do we know the Ethiopian Eunuch and Jesus were not Baptized by Sprinkling of Water?
   A. 
   B. 

7. What does Baptism by complete immersion in water Picture?

8. Baptism is essential in order for the Christian to ________________ and ________________. Also, one must be willing to submit to Baptism in order to be ________________ to follow Jesus Christ.

9. Is Baptism essential for Salvation? ________________
   a. Give a Scripture reference that explains this. ____________

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10. Briefly explain the **primary** Purpose of this Lesson.

11. Quick Review

   A. Reason **Why** ____________________________
   B. The **Purpose** ____________________________
   C. Who should **Be** __________________________
   D. The **Method** ____________________________
   E. The **importance** of Baptism __________________________
Key Scripture Passages

Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 8:36-39; Romans 6:1-7

NOTE: There is much False Teaching among Religious Groups concerning Baptism.

The Christian should be aware of some of them.

1. Man must be Baptized in order to be Saved.

2. Baptism by Sprinkling is just as meaningful as Immersion.

3. Babies should be Baptized into God’s Family or into “the Church.”

From the Bible Principles taught in this Lesson, you should understand these Teachings are false and why.

Write any Questions you may have concerning the Subjects in this Lesson.
LESSON 4 - THE HOLY SPIRIT

What Are the Functions and Attributes of the Holy Spirit in My Life?

The Day you received the Lord Jesus Christ as your “Personal Savior”, the Holy Spirit of God took up permanent Residency inside your body. This third Person of the Trinity is perhaps the most misunderstood and ignored part of a Christian’s relationship with God.

The Purpose of this Lesson is to give you a Basic understanding of what the Holy Spirit of God does in your life.

I. The Holy Spirit Has A Specific Residence

The Holy Spirit of God dwells inside your body if you are Saved. He came in at the moment of Salvation and took up permanent Residency.

A. God gives His Spirit to dwell in you.
   John 14:16-17; Galatians 4:6

B. Your body is the “temple” of the Holy Spirit.
   1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 2:22

II. The Holy Spirit Has Specific Functions

A. The Holy Spirit Convicts of Sin. John 16:8-9
   1. He convicts the Lost of Sin to bring them to Salvation.
   2. He convicts the Saved of Sin to keep them clean and show them how to live for Jesus Christ.
B. The Holy Spirit creates and **regenerates** the New Believer.

1. The Holy Spirit is **active** in Creation.  
   *Revelation 4:11; Job 33:4*

2. You became a **new** Creature **when** you were “Born Again” **by** the Holy Spirit. *John 3:3-8*

C. The Holy Spirit is the **seal** of your Salvation.  
   *Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30*

D. The Holy Spirit **bears witness** to you of your Salvation.  
   *1 John 4:13; Romans 8:16*

E. The Holy Spirit **teaches** you the Bible.  
   *John 14:26, 16:13-15; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10*

F. The Holy Spirit **intercedes** in Prayer for you.  
   *Romans 8:26-27; Ephesians 2:18*

G. The Holy Spirit **comforts** you in time of need.  
   *John 14:15-18; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; 2 Timothy 1:7*

H. The Holy Spirit **empowers** you to **serve** God.  
   *Zechariah 4:6; Ephesians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 4:7*

I. The Holy Spirit gives **discernment** in **decision** Making.  
   *1 Corinthians 2:11-16*
III. The Holy Spirit Produces Specific Results

A. The Holy Spirit of God produces a set of character qualities as you give your life to Him and walk in His Power.

1. This set of Character Qualities is called the Fruit (singular) of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23.

2. It is singular because ALL of these qualities are produced at the same time by a close Relationship with the Holy Spirit.

B. The Fruit of the Spirit consists of Nine Qualities that can be broken down into three Categories:

1. **INWARD** (witness to Self)
   a. Love: ________________________________
   b. Joy: ________________________________
   c. Peace: ______________________________

2. **OUTWARD** (witness to Others)
   a. Longsuffering: __________________________
   b. Gentleness: ______________________________
   c. Goodness: ______________________________

3. **UPWARD** (witness to God)
   a. Faith: ________________________________
   b. Meekness: ______________________________
   c. Temperance: ____________________________
IV. Basic Questions

A. What is “being filled with the Spirit” and how can I accomplish this?

1. Allow God to control your Life.
   a. The filling of the Holy Spirit is NOT you getting more of the Holy Spirit.
   b. You received all of Him at the time of salvation.
   c. It is the Holy Spirit getting more of You.

   Romans 14:7-9

2. Saturate your Mind with the Word of God.
   a. The result of this will be a Joyous heart attitude toward God.

   Colossians 3:16
   b. Therefore, a person who saturates his Mind with the Word of God will be filled with the Spirit.

   Ephesians 5:18

3. BE PATIENT AND CONSISTENT!
   a. Being controlled by the Holy Spirit does not happen Overnight.
   b. It is a life-long process of Spiritual Growth through obedience to God’s Word.

   Galatians 5:16-18, 25; Romans 8:1; John 8:29

B. How do I understand the difference between Conviction and Guilt?

1. “Conviction” is God pointing out that something is Wrong so you can make it Right.

   Isaiah 1:18

2. The Key is, You can do something about It.
3. “Guilty feelings” are caused by the devil accusing you of being unworthy.

   a. If you believe the Devil rather than God and His Word, your walk with God will be Hindered.

   b. Revelation 12:10

   c. You cannot “Change” or “Correct” Guilt.

   d. Guilt keeps you “looking back”. Phil 3:14

   e. Conviction is from God - Guilt is from the devil.
THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lesson #4

1. **Where** does the Holy Spirit dwell?
   
   List **three** Scripture references to support your answer.
   
   a. ______________________
   
   b. ______________________
   
   c. ______________________

2. **When** does the Holy Spirit come **into** the Believer’s Life?

3. **Why** does the Holy Spirit convict the **Lost** of Sin?

4. **How** does the Holy Spirit convict the **Christian** of Sin?

5. What is the **difference** between Conviction and Guilty feelings?
   
   a. Conviction: ________________________________
   
   b. Guilty Feelings: ________________________________
6. List **seven** other ways that the Holy Spirit **works** in the life of the Christian.

   A. 

   B. 

   C. 

   D. 

   E. 

   F. 

   G. 

7. What is the result of the Holy Spirit in your life?

8. Galatians 5:22-23 lists for us the __________________________ of the
   __________________________. These qualities are produced in the Christian
   by a __________________________ with the __________________________
   __________________________.

9. In order for the Christian to be “filled with the Spirit,” time must be invested in
   learning and living the __________________________.
10. True or False

A. I must get more of God’s Holy Spirit each day.

____________________________

B. Being controlled by the Holy Spirit is a life long process of spiritual growth. ____________________

C. Romans 8:1 teaches you must walk after the flesh. ____________________

D. John 16:13 shows us the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth. ____________________

E. Romans 8:26-27 shows us the Holy Spirit intercedes for us in our prayers unto God. ____________________

11. Briefly explain the primary Purpose of this Lesson.
**Key Memory Verses**

1 Corinthians 6:19-20;  Galatians 5:22-23;  
Galatians 5:16

**NOTE:** In many Churches today some Popular Teachings are:


2. The Holy Spirit can leave you if you Sin.

From the Bible Principles taught in this Lesson, you should understand these teachings are false and why.

⇒ Write any Questions you may have concerning the subjects in this Lesson.
LESSON 5 - THE WORD OF GOD

What is the Significance of the Bible in My Life?

What separates Christianity from any “Religion” in the World is its claim to an Absolute Written Authority from God. Having the Word of God is essential to a Christian’s growth in the Grace and Knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Word of God gives us the Standards by which we, as Christians, are to live our lives by.

The purpose of this Lesson is to introduce you to the basics and importance of the Bible or as is also referred to as the “Word of God” and how it applies to our everyday life. This should give you an understanding of how the Bible’s Principles are to guide you in your personal walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. The Word of God is Infallible

   A. The Word of God is Infallible means without Error and it is 100% absolutely Accurate and Reliable.

      1. The very words of God are inspired and pure.

         2 Timothy 3:16-17; Proverbs 30:5; Psalms 12:6

      2. The very words of God are preserved.

         Psalms 12:6-7; 1 Peter 1:24-25; Isaiah 40:8

      3. The Word of God is MORE SURE than the audible Voice of God itself. 2 Peter 1:16-18

         a. This is a very critical point. It must be understood that ALL “experiences” are to be Judged by an infallible standard, which is greater than any “experience”.

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4. The very words of God are not to be changed by Man.

Proverbs 30:6; Revelation 22:18-19; Deuteronomy 4:2

II. The Word of God Is Active In Our Salvation

A. We are born again by the word of God. The Word of God is the agent, which brings about the new birth. 1 Peter 1:23

B. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Romans 10:17

   1. Therefore Salvation comes by Grace through Faith which comes by the Word of God. Ephesians 2:8-9

C. The Word of God is able to save Souls. 2 Tim 3:15; James 1:21

D. Paul’s summary of the Gospel was this: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

   1. Jesus Christ died for our sins.

   2. Jesus Christ was buried, and rose from the dead.

III. Salvation Is “According To The Scriptures” 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

A. You must believe what the Bible says about Sin, your condition and God’s plan of salvation in order to be saved.

   1. Everyone is a Sinner, even YOU. Rom 3:10; Rom 3:23

   2. You cannot Work your way to Heaven, it is by Faith. Rom 3:28

   3. Jesus Christ died for your Sins and shed His blood as payment for your Sins. Rom 5:8-9

   4. Because of Adam's Sin, all are Condemned to Die and go to Hell. Rom 5:12

   5. Because of Jesus and His obedience, we have a way to escape Death and Hell. Rom 5:19
6. Everyone is a Sinner, and the **payment** (wages) for **your** Sin is Death.

7. God's **Gift** is the **only** Way to “escape” Death **by** Faith **through** Jesus Christ. Rom 6:23

8. You **must** **realize** that YOU **are** a Sinner.
   a. You Must **confess** with your Mouth. Rom 10:9-10
   b. You Must **believe** with your Heart.
   c. You Must **call** upon the Lord to Save You. Rom 10:13

9. All “**According To The Scriptures**” 1 Corinthians 15: 1-4

**IV. The Word of God Is A Spiritually Discerning Book**

A. It is a **discerner** of the “thoughts” and “intents” of the heart.

   1. Heb 4:12 For the word of God is **quick**, and **powerful**, and **sharper** than any twoedged sword, **piercing** even to the **dividing** asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and **is a discerner** of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

B. You learn the Bible by **comparing** Spiritual things with Spiritual, **relying** on God’s Spirit to teach you and **not** your own **natural** Intellect.

   1. The natural man cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God. 1 Cor 2:9-16

C. The Holy Spirit of God will **guide** you into all Truth.

   2. Therefore, **only** Believers indwelt **by** the Holy Spirit **can** learn the Bible. John 16:13; John 14:26
V. The Word Of God Has A Unique History

A. The Bible has a total of 66 books

B. 39 in the Old Testament


D. Being Written by a least 40 different human Writers.

E. Over a period of about 1,600 years.

F. They were written in about 13 different Countries and on 3 different Continents

G. They were written by people from all different types of “back grounds”
   1. Some were, Kings, Peasants, Philosophers, Fishermen, Herdsmen, Poets, Statesmen, Scholars, Soldiers, Prophets, a Tax Collector, a Tent making Rabbi and a Gentile Doctor.

H. The Bible was written in three different “languages”: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.

I. The writings contained in the Bible belong to a great Variety of “literary types” including:

J. Books written by men have no unity of thought on even “one subject” matter.
   1. As they speak of hundreds of Subjects in many fields.
   2. But are in perfect “unity” between the books of the Bible.
   3. Yet come together to “presented” one Message.
   4. With not even “one Contradiction” among them.
K. So who **but GOD** could **produce** such a book?

   1. Such a **miracle** **can only be** explained by **there** being **One**
      Divine **Author**, who was **in control** of **all** these Writers

   2. 2 Peter 1:21

L. The Bible is totally accurate in all matters of history, of prophecy and of
   every issue of life. There are no contradictions in the Bible.

M. **Bible**: **Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth**

N. **History** is just **His-Story**

VI. **The Word Of God Is Our Absolute, Infallible Guide For Life**

   A. Every major purchase (car, cell phone, stove, DVD) is accompanied by an
      Owner’s Manual, which tells you how to operate it. If you don’t go by the
      book it won’t work to its **full** potential.

   B. The Bible is God’s “Owner’s Manual” for your life. God would not save you
      and call you to service without clear and exact directions.

      1. You must go “by the Book”. This is **why** it is important to be in your
         Bible on a **daily** basis.

         a. God’s Word Psalms 119:105

         b. God’s Direction Proverbs 3:5-6

VII. **The Word Of God Accomplishes Many Purposes In The Life Of A Christian**

   A. The Word of God **keeps** you **clean** to please God.

      Psalms 119:9-11; Ephesians 5:26; John 15:3
B. The Bible provides our **daily** Spiritual **nourishment**.

   1 Peter 2:2; Job 23:2; Luke 4:4

C. The Word of God **equips** you for service.

   2 Timothy 3:16-17; Ephesians 6:10-11

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**VIII. The Word Of God Has A Profound Impact On Human History**

A. The Bible contains the **mind** of God, the **state** of man, the **way** of Salvation, the **doom** of sinners, and the **happiness** of believers.

   Its **doctrines** are Holy, its **precepts** are binding, its **histories** are true, and its **decisions** are immutable (unchangeable).

   **Read it** to be wise, **believe it** to safe, and **practice it** to be holy.

   It contains **light** to direct you, **food** to support you, and **comfort** to cheer you. It is the Traveler’s **map**, the Pilgrim’s **staff**, the Pilot’s **compass**, the Soldier’s **sword**, and the Christian’s **charter**.

   Here Paradise is **restored**, Heaven **opened**, and the Gates of hell **disclosed**. Christ is its grand **subject**, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should **fill** the **memory**, **rule** the **heart**, and **guide** the **feet**.

   Read it **slowly, frequently, prayerfully**. It is a **Mine** of wealth, a **Paradise** of glory, and a **River** of pleasure. It is given to you in life, it **will be** open at the Judgment, and be **remembered** forever. It involves the highest **Responsibility**, Rewards the greatest labor, and **condemns** all who trifle with its **Holy contents”**--(Anonymous)

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**IX. The Following Are A Few More Statements About The Bible Recorded In History By Some Very Influential Men.**

A. **George Washington** said:

   “It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.”
B. John Quincy Adams

“The earlier my children begin to read it [the Bible], the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens . and respectable members of society.”

C. President Andrew Jackson called the Bible;

“the rock on which our republic rests.”

D. President Abraham Lincoln

“I am busily engaged in the study of the Bible. I believe it is God’s word because it finds me where I am.”

“I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good of the Savior of the world is communicated to us through the Book”

E. President Woodrow Wilson

“When you have read the Bible, you know it is the Word of God, because it is the key to your heart, your own happiness, and your own duty.”

“I ask every man and woman in this audience that from this day on they will realize that part of the destiny of America lies in their daily perusal of this great Book.”

F. President Harry Truman  Kept his Bible on his Desk in the Oval Office

He said, “I will never make an Important decision until I talk it over with the Lord”

G. President Dwight Eisenhower

“To read the Bible is to take a trip to the fair land where the spirit is strengthened and faith renewed.”

When he authorized 1983 as the "Year of the Bible,
H. **President Ronald Reagan** said,

“Within the covers of the Bible are all the answers to all the problems that face us today, if we'd only look.”

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X. **The Bible Is All That We Hold Dear**

A. **Now once WE BELIEVE** the Bible is indeed the “**very** Words” of God himself as **every** thing that “we hold dear” resting upon the fact;

1st Why our very “Salvation” **depends** upon it **because**;

1 Peter 1:23  Being born again, **not** of corruptible seed, but of **incorruptible**, by **the** word of God, which **liveth** and **abideth** for ever.

2nd Our “Sanctification” **depends** upon because;

John 17:17  **Sanctify** them through thy truth: **thy word is truth**.

3rd Our “use-fulness” with God **depends** upon because;

2 Tim 2:15  “.a workman that needeth **not** to be ashamed, **rightly** dividing the word of truth.

4th Our “Assurance” or “Confidence” **depends** upon because;

1 John 5:13  These **things** have I **written unto** you that **believe on** the name of the Son of God; **that ye may know** **that ye have eternal life”**

5th Our “Freedom from Sin” **depends** upon because;

John 8:32  “and the **truth shall make** you free”.
6th  Our “fulfillment in life” depends upon because:

John 10:10  “.. might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

7th  Our very “Hope” depends upon because:

1 Thes 4:13  “.. as others which have no hope”

XI. The Bible Gives Us A Complete and Balanced Diet

A. The Bible sometimes associated with different Foods.

B. See Job 23:12 and Jeremiah 15:16. It is a complete and balanced Diet.

1. Milk  1 Peter 2:2
2. Honey  Psalm 119:103;  Proverbs 16:24
3. Apples  Proverbs 7:2, 25:11
5. Water  Isaiah 55:10-11;  Ephesians 5:26
7. Vegetables  Psalm 78:24

XII. Basic Questions

A. Why should I read my Bible?

1. To be able to share the news of Jesus Christ to others, Lost and Saved.

2. To be able to operate your life to its full potential as a believer in Jesus Christ. (Remember it’s the OWNER’S MANUAL)
B. Where do I Start At?

1. One place to start for a young Christian would be in the Pauline Epistles (Romans through Philemon). (See page 13)

2. The book of Proverbs is another good choice.
   a. Read a Chapter per Day for Wisdom and Insight into Life.

C. What if I find something that I do not understand? John 16:12

1. Don’t get frustrated. You will find many things you do not understand. Wait for God to reveal them to you in His time.

2. The most important thing is to LIVE WHAT YOU DO UNDERSTAND.
   a. God will not give you more than you are capable of Handling.
   b. God will entrust you with more, as you put into practice the things you are learning,
## Jewish Version

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**Total of 39 books in the Old Testament.**
The New Testament

Gospels
1. Matthew
2. Mark
3. Luke
4. John

General Epistles
19. Hebrews
20. James
21. 1 Peter
22. 2 Peter
23. 1 John
24. 2 John
25. John
26. Jude

History
5. Acts of the Apostles

Letters to Churches
6. Romans
7. 1 Corinthians
8. 2 Corinthians
9. Galatians
10. Ephesians
11. Philippians
12. Colossians
13. 1 Thessalonians
14. 2 Thessalonians

Prophecy
27. Revelation

To Those in Ministry
15. 1 Timothy
16. 2 Timothy
17. Titus
18. Philemon

Total of 27 books in the New Testament

A Grand Total of “66” books

✦ Note: Books 6-18 (Romans through Philemon)

Referred to as Pauline Epistles.
THE WORD OF GOD

Lesson #5

1. List three (3) scripture references that prove you have the preserved Word of God and briefly explain each of them.
   a. ______________________________________
   b. ______________________________________
   c. ______________________________________

2. Explain what Revelation 22:18–19, has to say about the Word of God.

3. According to Romans 10:17, how do we build our faith? Give examples.

4. The Word of God is active in salvation. Briefly explain how the following verses apply.
   a. 1 Peter 1:23
   b. Romans 10:17
   c. James 1:21
5. What are the key elements of the Gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:1–4?
   a. ___________________________________
   b. ___________________________________

   How do we know that they are True?

6. Briefly explain what the Word of God says in the following verses about sin, your condition and God’s plan for salvation.
   a. Romans 3:10; 3:23
   b. Romans 3:28
   c. Romans 5:8-9
   d. Romans 5:12
   e. Romans 5:19
   f. Romans 6:23
   g. Romans 10:9-10
   h. Romans 10:13

7. According to 1 Corinthians 2: 9-16, why can’t lost people understand what the Word of God teaches?
8. Why don’t you have to have a preacher or a teacher to understand the Word of God?

List Scripture references to support you answers.

9. Briefly explain how the Word of God is likened to the OWNER’S MANUAL of your life.

10. List three (3) of the major Purposes of the Word of God in a christian’s life.

Give Scripture references to support your answers.

a. ________________________________

b. ________________________________

c. ________________________________

11. According to 2 Timothy 3:16–17, we understand that all Scripture is profitable for:

a. ________________________________

b. ________________________________

c. ________________________________

d. ________________________________

12. How will you apply what you have learned in this lesson to your daily life?
Key Memory Verse

Psalms 119:105

Other Verses: _____________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________
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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW THAT YOU UNDERSTAND HOW THE WORD OF GOD AFFECTS YOUR LIFE?
LESSON 6 - PRAYER

How Important is Prayer in My Life?

A Christian is only as strong as his Prayer life. When you read the Bible, God speaks to you. When you pray, you speak to God. Your personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ cannot grow without proper Communication.

Prayer is simply your direct Communication to God. And for us not Pray, is nothing more than us trying to run our life without God.

The purpose of this Lesson is to acquaint you with the Basics of a proper Prayer life so these lines of communication can be open and effective.

I. Prayer Has Specific Purposes

A. Prayer gives you the ability to Communicate with God.

Hebrews 4:16

B. Prayer gives you peace of heart and mind.

Philippians 4:6-7

C. Prayer draws you close to God so He can prove His sufficiency for every need.

1. God knows exactly what you need even before you ask.

Matthew 6:8

2. God allows needs to come into your life so He can draw you to Him.

Psalm 50:15
II. Prayer Must Have A Specific Place In Your Life

A. It is absolutely essential to recognize you have needs in your life that only God can meet. Therefore, you must make prayer part of your life.

   Revelation 3:16-17

B. It is absolutely essential to give thanks in everything, including the difficult times of your life.

   1 Thessalonians 5:18; Romans 5:3-5; 1 Peter 3:12-15

C. It is essential to develop a consistent prayer attitude where your first reaction in a difficult moment is to go to God in prayer.

   1 Thessalonians 5:17

III. Prayer For Simplicity Can Be Divided Up Into Two Basic Categories

1st What I will call “Public” prayer.

2nd What I will call “Private” prayer.

A. Public Prayer

   1. Public prayer is seen through out both the Old and the New Testaments in the Bible.

   2. Whether at a Church, at a Restaurant, or at a Meeting.

   3. Why it can be nothing more than, a “husband & wife” praying at their Home.

      a. Or even YOU Praying with “your Child”.

   4. Public Prayer is when you are Praying any where and any time “with another person”.
B. Category **called** “Private” prayer.

1. Now **this category** of “Private Prayer” **divides** up into (2) **types**.

   **1st** Type is **what I call** “Continual Prayer”
   
   a. It is **like a on going Conversation**
   
   b. As **described** in Col 4:2 “. Continue in prayer”

   **2nd** Type is **what I call** “a Closet Prayer”.
   
   a. This with a “regular” and “consistent” Meeting **Place and Time**.

Mat 6:6 **But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.**

**Warning** it is in this **second** Category **called** “Private” prayer.

1. That most **christians** “ignore” or “forget” about.

2. This **also** one of **greatest times** that “the Enemy” (satan) **will harass and bother** you.

3. **Because he knows** it can **be** your “powerful” and “effective” **time** with the Lord.

4. **As yours “Prayers” change to** a “Communion” **with** the Lord.

5. Please **understand** that this **does not** make you “Spiritual”, but **in Fellowship** **finally with God.**
IV. Prayer Follows Specific Principles

A. The Bible provides basic guidelines.

1. Pray always - develop a lifestyle of communicating with God.
   
   1 Thessalonians 5:17; Luke 18:1

2. Don’t repeat the same words over and over.

   Matthew 6:7

3. Talk to the Lord as a friend because that’s what He is - your friend!

   John 15:13-14; Exodus 33:11; Proverbs 18:24

4. Realize you have DIRECT access to God personally. You do not need to go through any other person to talk to God.

   1 Timothy 2:5; Ephesians 2:18

B. Always focus on maintaining a proper relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. There are certain things that can hinder your prayers.

1. Un-confessed Sin.       Isaiah 59:1-2; Psalm 66:18


3. Bitterness toward your mate (as well as others).      1 Peter 3:7


5. Asking with selfish or other wrong motives.

   James 4:3; Proverbs 21:13

6. Insensitivity to the Word of God.   Proverbs 28:9
C. Romans 8:26-27 makes it clear we do not always know how or for what to pray for.

   1. That is why the Holy Spirit intercedes for us in Prayers.

IV. Prayer Follows A Specific Pattern 1 Timothy 2:1

A. Supplication – urgent requests. This is when you seek to discover God’s plan in a specific matter.

   2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Matthew 26:36-44

B. Prayers – specific requests rooted in God’s Word. Philippians 4:6 says to “…let your requests be made known unto God.” Too many prayers are wasted because they are so general and not biblically based.

   For example: “God, please give me a blessing.”

   “Which one? How do you want me to bless you?”

C. Intercessions – prayers for others. This is important to keep your motives pure and keep your selfish eyes off yourself.

   1 Samuel 12:23

D. Giving of Thanks – appreciation for God.

   Psalm 100:4 makes it clear we enter the presence of God through thanksgiving and praise.
V. **Prayer Is A Daily Habit We Need To Develop**

A. Examples: King David and Daniel, in the Old Testament, made a custom to pray three times a day.

1. David Psalms 55:17
2. Daniel Dan 6:10

VI. **Prayer Keeps Us In A “Humble Position” With My Lord**

A. **Reminds** me of My “Dependence upon Him”

B. It **Teaches** me the Habit of “Communicating” with Him

C. It can **gives** me a “Submissive” a spirit to Lord

D. It **has** a “Bonding power” with God

E. It **Allows God to become** my “Source” and “Hope”

F. It **Maintains** my “Contact with God”

G. It **helps** Me to **grow** in “Fellowship” with Him

H. It **Keeps** me “Close to Him”

I. It **Builds** my “Relationship with God”

J. It **Develops** a “Habit” and “Pattern” in My life

K. It **helps** me **become** “Familiar” and “Comfortable” with God.

L. It **allows** me to “talk out” **matters** and **issues First**.

M. It **Exposes** and **Reveals** my “Heart”.

N. It **Establishes** a **course** for my “Direction”.

O. It **declares** MY “Focus”.

P. It **helps** Me to **examine** my “motivates”
VII. Prayer Should Follow Specific Practices In Your Life

A. Make a list to help you Remember, otherwise your Prayer life will not be consistent.

B. Keep a list of answered Prayers to reinforce your Faith in God’s ability to answer.

VIII. It Was Once Said That: Prayer is “the Key to the Morning”, and “the Lock to the Evening”.

IX. Basic Questions

A. Does God answer all My Prayers?

1. Yes, but not always the way or at the time you expect.

2. As we learned in Lesson one, God is your Heavenly Father and all His ways are perfect.

3. There will be times when in His infinite wisdom the best answer to prayer will be “NO” or “NOT YET.”

4. In those times, simply trust Him.

B. How important is it to Pray for others?

1. Paul prayed for others continually (Romans 1:9) and requested prayer on many occasions.

   Hebrews 13:18; 2 Thessalonians 3:1
2. Samuel said it was a sin against God not to pray for others.

1 Samuel 12:23

3. An example of effectual prayer for others is how a preacher from England, George Mueller, prayed for the salvation of several people for up to 60 years.

   a. When Mr. Mueller died, some of these people were still lost.

   b. However, there were some Saved at his Funeral and many others were saved within the next year.

   c. This leads to the next point. Keep at it and be faithful.

   d. The full results of your prayers will never be known completely in this lifetime.

C. Should I try to change God’s Mind when I pray?

   1. No. The purpose of Prayer is to conform You to His will, not the other way around.
1. What is the result of a Good Prayer life?

2. Prayer keeps you close to God so He can prove His sufficiency for your every need. What do the following verses teach us about God and our needs?
   
   A. Matthew 6:8
   
   B. Psalm 50:15
   
   C. Revelation 3:16-17

3. According to 1 Thessalonians 5:18, we are to give thanks in everything. This includes the __________________________ of our lives.

4. What should be your first Reaction in a Tough Situation in life?
5. There are some primary guidelines concerning prayer. Briefly explain them from the following verses.

A. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

B. Matthew 6:7

C. Exodus 33:11

6. **List** the things that will interfere with your prayer life

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

F.

7. What are two ways that **help** you keep your prayer requests in order?

A.

B.
8. God answers your prayers but not always the way you expect. His answer will sometimes be __________________ or ______________ ________________ .

9. We are instructed not to pray to Idols or to another Person. Explain 1 Timothy 2:5 in light of this truth.

10. What is something prayer does NOT Accomplish?

11. Briefly explain the primary Purpose of this Lesson.
Key Memory Verses

1 Timothy 2:5; Psalm 66:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:18

NOTE: In many Churches today, some popular teachings are:

1. People should pray to Idols, Saints, or others.

2. If you pray long enough or hard enough, God will change His mind and do what you want.

3. The best Prayers are those which have been written by others and are just “said” by you.

4. Prayer must be at a set time in a set format.

From the Bible Principles taught in this lesson, you should understand these Teachings are false and why.

⇒ Write any Questions you may have concerning the Subjects in this Lesson.
LESSON 7 - THE WILL OF GOD

How Do I Find God’s Will For My Life?

A preacher once said a “Successful man is”, a man who finds out what God wants him to accomplish with his life, and then fulfills it. This is a very profound statement.

The true measure of a person’s Success is not Social Status, a Bank Account, Influence, or Fame. It is simply, Doing What God Wants.

The purpose of this Lesson is to give you a clear understanding of what the will of God is, as revealed in the Bible, so you can begin to accomplish those things that are important to Him.

I. Understand The Difference Between God’s Will and God’s Plan

A. God’s Will concerns our Spiritual development.

1. It is never connected with a set of Rules, a Geographical location, or a Specific ministry.

2. Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

3. It is our Decision to offer “Ourselves” to God as a Living Sacrifice.

   a. A life that is “Committed” to be Surrendered unto God

4. Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.
B. God’s **Plan** concerns our Spiritual deployment.

   1. God has a Specific **plan** for you as an individual.
   
   2. This plan is the Specific **direction** God will **give in** the circumstances of **your** life.
   
   3. It is Troubles, Trials, Difficulties that God **uses** to **Build** **Character** within **our** Life.
   
   4. Rom 8:29 “…he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son”
   
   5. John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

C. God’s **Purpose**

   1. **Is for US** is to bring Honor and Glory to God by the life that **WE** live before **him**.
   
   2. Isa 43:7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have **created** him **for** my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

II. **Understand The Biblical Dimension Of God’s Will**

   A. God’s Will **for All** Mankind

      1. God created mankind for the purpose of glorifying God, specifically Jesus Christ the Lord.
      
      2. Rev 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.
      
      3. God's Will for every Lost person was, is, and shall remain the **Same**—Salvation through Jesus Christ the Lord.
4. 2 Peter 3:9  God is not willing that even one person die and go to Hell.

5. In Acts 17:30  God commanded that all men everywhere Repent.
   a. (Repentance is turning from the world to Jesus Christ.)
   b. The Bible also states in 1 Timothy 2:4, that "God will have all men to be saved."

B. God **wills** Specific things for the Believers life.

1. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7  We are to live holy lives. God desires our sanctification.

2. 2 Peter 3:9  We are to be witnesses as we understand God is not willing that any should perish. All lost people are out of the will of God regardless of what else they may do.

3. 1 Thessalonians 5:18  We are to give thanks in everything.

4. 1 Peter 2:13-15  We are to submit to every ordinance of man. However this must be balanced by the next point.

5. Romans 12:1-2  We are not to be conformed to this world but transformed by the renewing of our minds. (Submission to the ordinances of man is to maintain a proper testimony to lead others to Christ. At the same time, your life is to be transformed to live by a higher standard to please God.)

6. Ephesians 6:5-8  We are to serve those in authority from the heart, with pure motives, as if we are serving Jesus Christ.

7. Ephesians 5:15-17  We are to redeem the time. Quit wasting time! Make use of the small amount God has given you.
C. God’s Will for every believer is to be conformed to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ and can be summarized as follows:

1. 1 Timothy 2:3-4  SALVATION
2. 1 Peter 4:1-2  SANCTIFICATION
3. Ephesians 1:3-5  GLORIFICATION

III. Understand God’s “Direction” In Your Life By The Four Resources He Has Provided

A. He has given you the Holy Spirit to indwell you and direct your life.

   Galatians 5:25; John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

B. He has given you the Word of God as your absolute Authority in every detail of your life. You must learn to saturate your mind with God’s Thoughts.

   God's plan always adheres to His Word. He will never violate the Bible.

   Philippians 2:5; Romans 12:1-2; Isaiah 55:6-11, Psa 119:105

C. Third, pay attention to the circumstances. Many times God uses the events and circumstances surrounding a Christian to direct him. Romans 8:28. God's plan is never worldly.

D. He has given you the Local Church which is organized to equip you for Life and Ministry. Through other believers He provides you wise counsel.

   Ephesians 4:11-12, Act 13:1-4

E. When these four are in Harmony, it is evident that the Christian is living in accordance with God's plan for his life.
IV. Understand God’s Priority In The Details Of Your Life

A. **Obedience** to “God’s Will” is **more important** than the discovery of “God’s Plan”.

1. You **must be** in Conformity to the “Will of God” **before** He can direct you in the specifics of life.

2. Your priority should be to fulfill the will of God in your daily life and then trust Him to guide you in the detailed Plan, step by step.

B. God is more interested in what “you Are” than in what “you Do”.

1. He is infinitely more interested in your **being** the type of person He wants you to be, rather than your **doing** “mighty works” for Him.

2. **Key**: Be what He wants you to be and He will show you what to do.

   *Philippians 2:13*

V. Basic Questions

A. Why does not God reveal **all** the details of His **direction** for me now?

1. It would **overwhelm** you **before** you got started.

2. You may **not be** Equipped to handle it now. God will reveal what you can handle **when** you are ready.  **John 16:12**

3. You may not **be** the type of person God wants you to be yet.

4. God wants you to be patient as He works in your life spiritually.

   As time goes on and you begin to grow in your Christian walk, your interests, talents and desires will grow and change.
5. This is illustrated by the old question asked of children, “What do you want to be when you grow up?”

   a. If all the five-year olds in America were surveyed on this question, then forced to stick with their answer, in 20 years there would be nothing but firemen, policemen, and nurses.
   
   b. Be patient and consistent in fulfilling God’s Will for your life. He will be faithful to guide you.

B. Why does God allow seemingly “bad” things to happen in my life?

   1. Occasionally things happen in a Christian’s life which do not appear to be good.

      a. God will allow suffering in the lives of His children to perfect them, although He would prefer they did not have to suffer.

         1 Peter 3:15-18, 5:10; 2 Corinthians 12:6-10

      b. From Lesson 1, we learned our Heavenly Father will never make a mistake as He deals with His children.

         Matthew 7:11; Romans 8:28

   2. God allows all of us to make “our own choices” in life – both good and bad.

      a. It is what we call “mans free will”.

         Revelation 22:17

      b. God will not Force anyone to do anything. God offers salvation and lays down the Principles for a godly life.

         However, if we exercise “our free will” and reject salvation, the result is suffering consequences.

         Galatians 6:7-8
THE WILL OF GOD

Lesson #7

1. What is the difference between God’s Will and God’s Plan?

2. God also has a specific __________________ for your life, which involves his ____________________.

3. What did God give you that allows you to make decisions, both good and bad?
   __________________  ___________________.

4. God has given everyone a Free Will, therefore He will not force you to do anything. But when you reject God’s Salvation or direction, what is the result?

5. God has a will for mankind. List seven things God specifically wills.
   A.

   B.

   C.
6. Summarize God’s Will for your life as a Christian. Give scripture references to support your answer.

7. What must be active in your life as a believer to fulfill God’s Will and receive His direction in life?
   
   A.

   B.

   C.

8. Before God will give His direction in your life what must take place?
9. According to 1 Peter 5:10 God allows Christians to go through suffering so they might be more:

A. 

B. 

C. 

D. 

10. Briefly explain the primary purpose of this Lesson.
Key Memory Verses

Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 3:17; 2 Peter 3:9

NOTE: There is much confusion today about the will of God. Some popular teachings are:

1. The God’s Will is different for every individual.

2. The God’s Will has to do with Specific, physical matters.

3. God has predetermined what will happen (fate) and our Free Will has no bearing on the matter.

4. Problems in a Christian’s life are always the result of Sin in our life.

From the Bible Principles taught in this Lesson, you should understand these beliefs are false and why.

✍ Write any Questions you may have concerning the Subjects in this Lesson.
LESSON 8 - THE LOCAL CHURCH

What is the Purpose of My Involvement in a Local Church?

God has established three Major institutions on this Earth: “the Family”, “the Civil Government” and “the Local Church”. It is the local Church which has been commissioned by God to carry out His purposes in reaching the lost and perfecting the saved.

Key principle to get down in your life; God’s plan for a Christian will always be fulfilled right when connected with the local Church.

The purpose of this Lesson is to impress upon you the central role which the Church should play in your everyday life.

I. Understand The Biblical Definition Of The Local Church

A. It is NOT a building. Acts 14:27
   1. We worship God in Spirit and Truth. John 4:24
   2. Our bodies are the Temple of God. 1 Corinthians 6:19

B. It is NOT a denominational group of Congregations.

C. A local Church is a Body of men and women who have been Saved and called by God to serve in a specific Area. The Church is the Body of Christ – the saved multitudes from every nation.

D. Writing to saved people, Paul states clearly in 1 Corinthians 12:27,

   “...ye are the body of Christ.”
E. Paul compares the Church Body to the **human** body in 1 Corinthians 12:14-27.

1. **Each** member has a **different function** – verses 14-20.
2. **No one** member can function **alone** – verse 21.
3. **Each** member’s **contribution** is **important** – verses 22-24.

II. **Understand The Biblical Function Of The Local Church?**

A. According to Acts 2:41-47, the **first** Local Church in the Bible was organized for the following **purposes**:

1. **Teaching** the Word of God – verse 42.
2. **Fellowship** with other believers – verse 42.
3. **Prayer** – verse 42.
4. **Observance** of the **two** Ordinances of the Church:
   a. Baptism – verse 41
   b. The Lord’s Supper – verse 42.
5. **Testifying** to God’s grace and power – verse 43.
7. **Reaching** out **into** the Community – verses 46-47.
8. **Glorifying** and **Praising** God – verse 47.

B. The **first** **Priority** of the **Local** Church is to **Edify** (build up, teach, and strengthen) the Saints.
Ephesians 4:11-16

III. Understand Your Function Within The Local Church

During your Christian life you should grow through three broad and general Stages as outlined in Ephesians 4:12.

A. You are to be perfected as a Saint. This is a time to Observe and Learn.

1. Your first priority should be Submission to the teaching of the Word of God and learning to be the person God wants you to be.

   Matthew 11:28-30

B. You are to do the work of the Ministry. This is a time to Participate.

1. In time, you will naturally grow to the point where you can begin to Serve and take on some basic functions through the already established Ministries of your Church.

   Matthew 4:19; James 1:22-25

C. You are to edify the Body of Christ. This is a time to Lead.

1. As your growth continues you should reach the point where you can begin to minister to others in the same way others have ministered to you.

   2 Timothy 2:2

2. These three stages can be roughly compared to the stages of physical growth: childhood, youth, and adult. BE PATIENT!

3. This process takes time. Just be sure to remain faithful to God’s established institution – the Local Church.
IV. Basic Questions and Issues

If God moves me to another city or town because of my Occupation and Career;

How do I find a good Local Church to connect with, join and be a part of to serve the Lord?

A. Pray about it! Ask God to lead you to the right church.

*James 1:5*

B. Observe the qualities of a particular Church and compare them with the Biblical requirements of a Church.

1. Is there clear evidence of Soul Winning?

*Matthew 7:20; Acts 2:47*

2. Does the Church Leadership believe and teach the Bible as the Word of God and the infallible guide for life? Using only one Bible translation.

*Titus 1:9*

3. Is the Membership encouraged to read and study the Bible as much as the Leadership?

*Acts 17:10-12*

4. Do the people Minister to the needs of others?

*Acts 6:1*

5. Is the physical involved by seeing the Field and does the Church support and emphasize Missions and Missionaries?

*Acts 13:1-3*
THE LOCAL CHURCH

Lesson #8

1. What are the three Institutions God has established on Earth?
   A. 
   B. 
   C. 

2. List some things that a Church is NOT:

3. Define the following terms:
   A. Local Church
   B. The Universal Church

4. In 1 Corinthians 12:14-27, Paul teaches that in many ways the Church Body is similar to the ___________________ ___________________.
5. List five parts of the Body mentioned in this passage of scripture.
   
   A. 
   
   B. 
   
   C. 
   
   D. 
   
   E. 

6. List four basic similarities between the Church Body and the Human body.
   
   A. 
   
   B. 
   
   C. 
   
   D. 

7. The first local Church in the Bible was at Jerusalem. In Acts 2:41-47 we see this Local Church functioning. List the functional purposes found in this passage of scripture.
   
   A. 
   
   B. 
   
   C.
8. What is the first Priority of a Local Church?

9. There is a proper order to follow as you function in the Church Body. List the three general stages connected with Spiritual Growth.
   A. 
   B. 
   C. 

10. How do these three stages of Spiritual Growth match up with the three stages of Physical growth found in 1 John 2:12-14?
    A. 
    B. 
    C.
11. The Christian should be __________________________ because growing
    spiritually is a process which can only be properly accomplished within the
    established __________________________ of the __________________________
    ____________________________ .

12. When a Christian is looking for a place to worship and serve, what qualities should
    be evident in that church?

    A.                                       

    B.                                       

    C.                                       

    D.                                       

13. Briefly explain the primary Purpose of this Lesson.
Key Memory Verses

Ephesians 4:11-12; 1 Corinthians 12:27; 2 Timothy 2:2

NOTE: Many Churches today are not fulfilling God’s Plan, because their primary attitudes are:

1. In order to really learn the Bible you need to go to a Bible College.

2. The primary purpose of a local Church is to be a Social or Political Organization.

3. The local Church is Primarily for Weddings, Funerals, and Religious Holidays.

4. Only the “leadership” of the Church is charged with any responsibility of meeting people’s spiritual needs.

From the Bible Principles taught in this Lesson, you should understand these attitudes are false and why.

⇒ Write any questions you may have concerning the Subjects in this Lesson.
LES SSON 9 - OTHER CH RISTIANS

What is My Relationship to Other Christians?

As we learned in Lesson 1, when you got Saved, you moved from the devil’s family to God’s family. Spiritually, you now have a new Family with many brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

We saw how the Church is likened to a Body in the previous lesson and in this Lesson we will study the special relationship which you now have with your Spiritual Family. This Lesson is designed to give you a clear understanding of how the Body of Christ operates as a family unit.

I. You Have Both A Family And Functional Relationship To Other Christians

A. Other Christians are your brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

1. Be sure to understand, only those in Jesus Christ (saved people) are your brothers and sisters regardless of any other factors.

2. Likewise, those NOT in Jesus Christ (lost people) are not your brothers and sisters regardless of any other factors.

Romans 8:29; 1 John 3:1-3; Romans 9:8; Hebrews 2:9-12

B. Other Christians are your fellow laborers in Service for Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:5-10

II. You Have And Share Certain “Responsibilities” With Other Christians

A. We are to Pray for each other. Almost every one of Paul’s letters opens with a Prayer for those to whom he is writing.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3; 2 Timothy 1:3
B. We are to **Minister** to each other.

1. Physically

   a. For those in your **immediate** Family.
      
      Galatians 6:10; Romans 12:13

   b. For the **entire** Body of Christ.
      
      Acts 11: 27-30

2. Spiritually

   Galatians 6:1-2; Romans 15:1-2; Hebrews 13:3

C. We are to **Encourage** and **Edify** one another.

   1 Thessalonians 5:11

D. We are to **Serve** one another with **Humility**.

   Philippians 2:3-4; Matthew 20:25-28

III. **You Have A “Personal Responsibility” To Maintain A Proper Biblical Attitude Toward Other Christians**

   A. You should **Love** them.
      
      1 John 3:14-16; 1 Peter 4:8

   B. You should be **Patient** with them.
      
      Romans 15:5-7
C. You should be **Sensitive** to their needs.

1 John 3:17-18; James 2:15-16

D. You should be **Forgiving** of them.

Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13

IV. **You Now Have A Part In, A Biblical “Fellowship” That Unites Christians**

A. Fellowship is **Sharing** our common life **in** Christ.

1. “Fellowship” is a **term commonly** used by Christians generally referring to getting together for Activities or times of sharing common interests. However, this is **only a small part** of True Fellowship.

2. While fellowship is sharing things in common, **True Biblical Fellowship goes FAR BEYOND** just a meal or an activity. It is the sharing of **Life and Ministry** with other believers **through** the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

   Philippians 1:3-6; 2:1-2

3. The **essential Elements** of **true “Biblical Fellowship”** are not **physical** matters such as Social Status, Friendship, common Interests, etc.;

   a. But are the **Biblical essence** of the “Common Life” and “Mission” **we share**.
B. Fellowship **involves** many aspects of Christian living.

1. Prayer  2 Corinthians 1:11
2. Faith  Romans 1:12
3. Ministry  2 Corinthians 8:4;  Galatians 2:9
4. Suffering  Philippians 3:10;  1 Peter 4:13, 5:1
5. Doctrine  Acts 2:42;  Romans 16:17

C. Fellowship is **maintained by** the **Practice** of Biblical **Character** qualities.

1. Humility  Philippians 2:3-8
2. Honesty  Ephesians 4:25;  2 Corinthians 4:2
4. Hospitality  Titus 1:8;  Acts 2:42, 46-47

D. Fellowship among Believers **must be based** on your Fellowship with Christ.

1. You **must learn** to have Personal Fellowship with Him **BEFORE** your Fellowship with other believers **will be** Proper.

2. **True** Biblical Fellowship is **rooted in** the Elements listed above (prayer, faith, ministry, suffering, doctrine) as WE come **together** in our Fellowship in the person of Christ.

   1 John 1:3-7;  1 Corinthians 1:9-10
V. Basic Question: What if another Christian offends ME?

Unfortunately, this will probably happen to you if you spend any time with your brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Just as in your Physical family, there will be times of offense, hurt, and disagreement within the Body of Christ.

The Bible gives us directions dealing with all situations. In serious cases of offense, the following Principles provide a definite progression to deal with such matters:

A. Privately take the offense directly to the other party first and try to settle it between yourselves.

Matthew 18:15

B. If the matter is not resolved Privately, take a mature Believer with you as a mediator in the situation. This person should be able to bring an objective evaluation and give balance in dealing with the offense.

Matthew 18:16; 2 Corinthians 6:1-5

1. Do NOT go to the Lost World to settle a Spiritual problem within the Body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 6:6

2. Do go to the Authorities if a Crime has been committed.

Romans 13:1-5

C. If this matter still cannot be Resolved, take it to your Pastor so the offending party has the opportunity to submit to Biblical Authority and respond to the Structure of the Church.

Matthew 18:17

1. Be prepared to support Church Discipline.

Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 5:9-11; 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14; 1 Timothy 6:5
2. **Commit** the situation **to** the Pastoral Leadership of the Church. They will handle it justly **as** the Holy Spirit **leads** **through** the Structure God has established.

   Hebrews 13:7, 17

3. **While** YOU should be ready to **Forgive** your brother or sister if there is true Repentance, Reconciliation and Restoration cannot take place without this repentance on the part of the offending party. God made forgiveness possible when Christ died and rose again.

   That forgiveness **becomes** operative **only when** we Repent and receive His forgiveness.

   Matthew 18:21-22; Luke 17:3; Colossians 3:13

4. **Pray for** your brother.

   Matthew 5:43-48; Romans 12:14

5. Though you are **ready** to Forgive **when** the offense is dealt with Biblically.

   Be **certain** that YOU **do not** enter into Sin, **by** harboring Bitterness **in** YOUR heart in the meantime.

   Hebrews 12:14-15
OTHER CHRISTIANS

Lesson #9

1. List the **two primary** aspects of your Relationship with other Christians.
   
   A.

   B.

2. List **four responsibilities** you have **toward** other Christians and **give** a Scripture **reference** that best defines each point.

   A.

   B.

   C.

   D.

3. List **four attitudes** you should have toward other Christians and **give** a Scripture **reference** that best defines each point.

   A.

   B.
4. What does the term “Fellowship” mean?

5. The essential elements of true biblical fellowship are not ____________________ matters, but pertain to the essence of the common ____________________ and ____________________ we share.

6. List five areas of true Fellowship and give a Scripture reference for each.
   A.
   B.
   C.
   D.
   E.
7. List four **Character** Qualities **needed** in the Christian’s life in order to participate in **true** Fellowship with other believers.

   A. 
   B. 
   C. 
   D. 

8. True or False:

   A. True **Biblical** Fellowship is **based** on **exact** Doctrinal beliefs. ____________
   B. True **Biblical** Fellowship is possible with a Lost person. ____________
   C. We must have fellowship with Jesus Christ **before** we can have **true** Fellowship with other Christians. ____________

9. In the event another Christian offends you, list three principles which should govern your actions in attempting to resolve the matter.

   A. 
   B. 
   C. 

10. In the event your brother **refuses** to help **resolve** a problem, what should you do?

11. Briefly explain the **primary** purpose of this Lesson.
Key Memory Verses

*Ephesians 4:32; 1 John 3:14-15; 2 John 1:7*

NOTE: Among many Christians today, the following attitudes prevail:

1. We are not to *associate* with Christians who do not believe exactly as we do.

2. “Fellowship” must be *centered* around a meal or an activity.

From the Bible Principles taught in this Lesson, you should understand these attitudes are false and why.

👉 Write any *questions* you may have concerning the Subjects in this Lesson.
What is the Meaning of Giving?

What Are My Responsibilities in this Area?

Giving is an extremely controversial subject in Christianity today largely due to the severe pressures exerted on God’s People to give to so many worthy causes. The majority of those “worthy causes” are Organizations that operate outside the local Church, which are unbiblical by God’s standards of operation.

That is why Giving is perhaps one of the most misunderstood subjects in Christianity.

Before you can properly understand the nature of New Testament Giving, you must understand one fact clearly:

God does not need YOUR MONEY  – He Owns Everything.

This Lesson will deal with your responsibility in Stewardship of your Life as well as your Resources.

I. Biblical Giving Begins With Your Life

   A. God bought you with a price, His blood, and you belong to Him.

      1 Corinthians 6:19-20

   B. God commands you to present your body as a living sacrifice, not just your pocketbook.

      Romans 12:1

   C. God will always bless your gift. But a willing mind and heart with a life committed to serve God must accompany Financial Giving in order for God to bless you.

      2 Corinthians 8:3-5; Exodus 25:2
II. **Biblical Giving Accomplishes Several Purposes**

A. Giving *proves* the Sincerity of your love for Jesus Christ.

   2 Corinthians 8:8

B. Giving *develops* an Attitude of grace. It takes no special talents or abilities to give, only grace.

   2 Corinthians 8:6-7, 9:8

C. Giving is an *investment* in Eternal riches, *removing* your focus from Earthly riches which will eventually fade away.

   Philippians 4:17; Matthew 6:19-21

D. Giving *shows* that God is your Priority.


E. Giving shows your dependence upon God to bless all of your substance, not just what you give to Him. Simply giving God your leftovers does not show your trust in Him.

   Proverbs 3:9-10

III. **Biblical Giving Has A Clear Destination**

A. Biblical giving first supports God’s missions through the local Church.

   1. That is what it means to bring God’s Tithes into the storehouse – it is God’s structure through which He accomplishes His Mission in the World.

   Malachi 3:8-10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
2. The Tithe has to be brought to the storehouse so there is meat in God’s house. That is God’s priority.

   Galatians 6:10

B. Biblical giving can reach beyond the local church but must not conflict with your responsibility toward it.

   1. Obviously, anyone is free to give to causes outside the local church. But you cannot count that as tithing because it is the local church which is central in God’s plan.

   2. Any giving outside of the church should never be done at the expense of the work of the church. God will lead you in all giving to the church – time and service as well as money.

   2 Chronicles 31:11-12; Deuteronomy 12:5-7

   3. Bring your giving to the place where God’s servants can use it to take care of the house God has bought as they follow his Spirit. Otherwise, we are robbing God.

   Malachi 3:8

IV. Biblical Giving Is How God Intended To Meet Practical Needs In And Through The Local Church

A. Church leaders are supported by your biblical giving.

   1 Corinthians 9:11, 13-14; Galatians 6:6; 1 Timothy 5:17-18

B. Other works of God are supported through your biblical giving to your local church.

   Philippians 4:15-16; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
C. Those within the church body who are UNABLE to support themselves are helped through your biblical giving to the local church.

   Acts 6:1;  1 Timothy 5:16, 9-10
   1. Those who receive such help should have proven themselves faithful under New Testament guidelines.
   2. These needs should be confirmed by your pastor.

D. Other needs will be met by your biblical giving as determined by the leadership of your church.

   2 Corinthians 8:4;  Acts 11:27-30

V. Biblical Giving Is Systematic And Grows As You Grow

   You begin by giving your life. Your giving is to be out of a willing heart and because you love the Lord Jesus Christ.

   2 Corinthians 8:4-5

Let Us Examine Types Of Giving From The Bible:

A. The Tithe – this is for Management. Tithing was practiced by God’s people even before the law of Moses. We see this when Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedec.

   1. The Tithe was One-Tenth of a person’s Income.

   2. In addition, it had to be taken off the Top (first fruits). Even though it was such a small amount, it was given first to show that God was the Priority.

      Exodus 23:16, 19;  Deuteronomy 26:2
The test of a right Relationship with this Church is that a person starts **Tithing**.

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

1. The principles of the Old Testament establish patterns for our relationship with God.

   1 Corinthians 10:11; Romans 15:4

2. The **goal** of Tithing is to aim for transformed lives by funding the General Budget of the Church – the many logistical necessities to assure the smooth and uninterrupted functioning of the local Church.

B. **Offerings** – this is for **Ministry**. The goal of Giving is to **expand** the Church’s Ministries by funding the Special Projects and Ministries **established through** your church.

   1. This is where a person can mature in giving and go above the tithe (ten percent of income) to give an **offering** to support the things he or she does in ministry together with others.

      2 Corinthians 8:6-7, 9:1, 11-13

C. **Sacrificial Giving** – this is for **Missions**. The goal of sacrificial giving is to provide you with spiritual vision by funding the budget of missionaries your church sends out or approves.

   1. A person grows to go above the offering for his ministry and makes a **sacrifice** to support someone else in a mission endeavor of the church. Sacrificial giving is a cell-function based on a relationship with someone who is sent out. It gets missionaries to places you cannot personally go.

      Philippians 4:15-18
2. A young Christian should establish Discipline in his life in all Areas. Structure in Giving is laid out in the New Testament. These Principles of Biblical funding are structured in His likeness – as a Trinity.

3. WARNING Failure to be Obedient to God in Giving is an indicator of a poor Steward and someone who is obviously not qualified for Ministry Responsibility and Leadership in a local Church.

   1 Corinthians 4:2;  2 Corinthians 8:7-8, 10-11

VI. Biblical Giving Is Subject To Biblical Truth

A. Give as God has prospered you. Do not concern yourself with the Giving of others, just give according to the amount God has blessed you.

   1 Corinthians 16:2;  2 Corinthians 8:12

B. Remember at all times the Law of Sowing and Reaping.

   2 Corinthians 9:6;  Galatians 6:7-9

C. True New Testament giving goes much further than a simple “Tithe.”

   1. It includes Offerings and Sacrificial Giving.

   2. It concerns turning over Complete control of your Life and Resources to Jesus Christ.

   3. If God has control of your life, He will fund His Mission through control of your resources.

   4. All of the above Principles of Giving can be applied to your Time and Service as well as your Money.
5. God’s will is that we be conformed to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ.

   Romans 8:29

6. God’s essential nature is Giving, manifested in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

   John 3:16; 1 John 4:10; 2 Corinthians 8:9

7. When you give according to Biblical Principles, you will manifest the nature of the Lord Jesus Christ in your life resulting in God being glorified through you.

   2 Corinthians 9:8-15; 1 Chronicles 29:8-13

VII. Six Area’s Of Giving As We Mature In The Lord

1st Your Resources

2nd Your Time

3rd Your Talent

4th Your Self a Sacrifice to be spent

5th Your Control a Full surrender

6th Your Treasure
VIII. Some “Saying” To Keep In Mind

A. God Will “Give Through You”, …….. What He Will Not “Give To You”

B. So often we want to leave or give “God a Tip” in life.

C. Giving is not God’s Way of “Raising Money”

   It is His Way of “Raising” His children

IX. Basic Questions

A. How can I be sure I am giving to the Right things and that my money (and time) is being used as God would have it?

   1. Build your Giving (time, service, and money) around the local Church. It is the Lord’s structure to accomplish His Mission in the World.

   2. Our Pastors are accountable to our people. Since you are not mailing money to some far-off “electronic church,” you can see how the money is being spent up close. If you have prayerfully sought God’s leadership in choosing a local Church and you have followed the Principles in His Word, then you ought to trust the Leaders of the Church to handle this matter properly.

      2 Corinthians 8:20-21

B. What should I do now?

   1. Make Giving to and through your Church a priority over any Other Organizations.
2. Make Biblical Giving your goal. **Do not be** an indiscriminate Giver.

   a. Offering Envelopes will help you to be Organized in your giving. You won’t forget if you have done it or not.

   b. Offering Envelopes will provide you a record of your giving. This can lower your Income Taxes and leave you more money for your family and ministry.

   c. Offering envelopes will provide the Church a **record** of your giving. This is important for **designating** offerings **above** your Tithe.

   d. Make growth an objective in your Giving.

   e. Learn to progressively mature in this important area of your life.

   f. The tithe is God’s prescribed beginning point.

   g. An offering is growing to give above your tithe.

   h. It is a voluntary expression of your thankfulness and love.
GIVING

Lesson #10

1. Give one **reason** from your own studies in the Bible, Why you believe God does not need your Money.

2. Before you consider giving any money to the Lord’s work, you **must** give of yourself **first**. List **three reasons** for this:

   A.

   B.

   C.

3. List **three reasons** for Giving your Resources:

   A.

   B.

   C.

4. The Christian should **first give** of his Time, Service, and Resources to the **local** Church. Briefly explain why this is true.
5. List **four areas** in which money is to be used by the Local Church. Give a **verse** that best defines each point.

   A. 

   B. 

   C. 

   D. 

6. Your giving should begin by ______________________

   ______________________   ________________________ .

7. Briefly detail the **three types** of Giving found in the Bible.

   A. 

   B. 

   C. 

8. If God has control of your ___________________________ , He will fund His mission through control of your _________________________ .

10. Who benefits the most from giving: God, the church, the pastor, or the giver?

11. Briefly explain the primary purpose of this lesson.
Key Memory Verses

2 Corinthians 9:7; Matthew 6:21;

2 Corinthians 8:9

NOTE: From many Pulpits, and on many Radio and Television shows, you will hear the following Teachings regarding Giving:

1. The Christian’s primary responsibility is in Giving his money.

2. Christians are obligated to give to any good cause.

3. If you cannot give cheerfully, then you should not Give at all.

From the Bible Principles taught in this Lesson, you should understand these teachings are false and why.

Write any questions you may have concerning the Subjects in this Lesson.
LESSON 11 - MONEY and POSSESSIONS in GENERAL

What Should Be My Attitude Towards Money and Possessions Be?

One of the greatest Temptations we face as Christians in America is the tremendous materialism in our Culture. We are geared to think “Success” is measured by the abundance of our material Wealth. In reality, a man’s success is measured by fulfilling God’s Plan for his life as we saw in a previous lesson.

The Bible has a great deal to say about your attitude toward physical possessions. The object of this Lesson is to determine how God would have you deal with this matter in light of Biblical Principles.

I. Wealth, Or The Lack Of It, Does Not Affect Your Relationship With God

A. Money is not the issue, but rather your Attitude toward Money.

1. The Bible does NOT say money is the root of all evil. It says “…the LOVE of money is the root of all evil…”

   1 Timothy 6:10

2. This is very important to understand. Spirituality is NOT measured by either the abundance OR lack of material goods. Nowhere in the Bible does God specifically condemn anyone for having money. Instead, he deals with their heart attitude.
B. Money was not a problem, as there are several key biblical Characters who were very Wealthy.

1. Solomon was the wealthiest man in history, yet observe his conclusion of this matter.
   
   Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14

2. Job was the wealthiest man of his day (*Job 1:3*), yet when all his wealth was gone, observe his attitude.
   
   Job 1: 20-22

3. Even the Lord Jesus Christ was accompanied by a group of wealthy women who materially provided for Him.
   
   Luke 8: 1-3; John 12:3

II. Wealth, Or The Lack Of It, Can Interfere With Your Relationship With God When You Make That Your Focus

A. You must trust in God rather than Wealth or Possessions.
   
   Mark 10: 23-27; Proverbs 11:4, 28

B. You must set your affection on Heavenly treasures rather than earthly possessions.
   
   Matthew 6: 19-21; Colossians 3: 1-4

C. You must not measure your own or another’s Spiritual walk by material possessions.
   
   Luke 12:15; 1 Samuel 16:7
D. You must not set your **objective** in life to earn as much money as possible.

   Proverbs 23:4; Ecclesiastes 5:10-12

E. You must trust God to **provide** for your needs rather than think you can provide for yourself.

   Philippians 4:19; Deuteronomy 8:10-18

III. **Wealth, Or The Lack Of It, Demands Proper Biblical Attitudes**

   A. **BE CONTENT** with what you have.

   To be Content is **not** to grudgingly resign yourself to **accept** your state. Being content is to **realize** whatever you have been given is a Blessing and to rest, satisfied in God’s provision. This is the **most important** **Attitude** you can possess toward Wealth and Possessions.

   1. We are to be content with our possessions.

      Hebrews 13:5; 1 Timothy 6:8

   2. We are to be content in whatever state we find ourselves, resting in the Lord Jesus Christ.

      Philippians 4:11 – Note that Paul wrote these words while in jail!

   B. **Realize** there are many things far more important than money and which money cannot buy.

   1. Wisdom.

      Proverbs 16:16

   2. A Righteous life.

      Proverbs 28:6, 16:8; Psalm 37:16
3. A Good night’s sleep.
   Ecclesiastes 5:12

   Psalm 119:14, 72, 127

5. Good Health.
   Luke 8:43

6. Quietness and Peace.
   Ecclesiastes 4:6; Proverbs 15:16, 17:1

C. Do not forget God if He blesses you physically.
   Deuteronomy 6: 10-12; Proverbs 30: 7-9; Revelation 3:17

D. Realize if God takes all your Wealth away, your relationship with Him should be the same.
   Job 1: 20-22

E. Do not be Envious of someone else’s Wealth.
   Psalm 49: 16-17; Exodus 20:17

F. Stay Away from “get rich quick” Schemes and Attractions.
   Proverbs 20:21, 28:20, 22
G. Realize the Media and Advertising have a tremendously negative, materialistic influence on you. Guard yourself. Make sure your Major desires are Spiritual instead of physical.

1. Materialism: is the Modern day word for “Idolatry”.

2. Let’s define what “Idolatry” is according to the Bible.

   Eph 5:5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

   Col 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

   a. As we can clearly see “Covetousness” is Idolatry

3. As many “sacrifice” their Family and Children:

   a. For their “Careers”.

   b. For their “Pursue of Happiness”

   c. For their “Pursue of Fulfillment”

   d. For their “Pursue of Things”,

H. Strike a proper balance in your attitude toward Money and Possessions.

1. Proverbs 11:1 says, “A false balance is abomination to the Lord...”

   a. The same Bible that says, not to worry about your physical provisions in Matthew 6: 25-34

   Also says in 1 Timothy 5:8 “..if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith,”
b. The same Bible that says;

“...the love of money is the root of all evil...
1 Timothy 6:10

” also says “...the laborer is worthy of his reward.”
1 Timothy 5: 18

2. These are not Contradictory statements, but balancing Principles to show you how to handle physical possessions.

IV. Basic Question: What will God provide for ME?

1. God promises to provide your NEEDS.

Philippians 4:19; Matthew 6: 25-34

2. Those NEEDS will be Physical as well as Spiritual.

3. You must discern between NEEDS and WANTS.

This is a very difficult thing to do, especially in our Society.

4. Compare the following verses on Needs and Wants:

a. Needs James 2: 15-16; Hebrews 4: 15-16; Mark 2:25

b. Wants Psalm 23:1; Proverbs 13:25; Philippians 4:11; James 1:4
MONEY & POSSESSIONS
Lesson #11

1. Does the amount of Wealth you have determine whether or not God is pleased with you? _______________ Briefly explain.

2. What can we learn about man and money from 1 Timothy 6:10?

3. Two men in the Bible who were very wealthy had an attitude that was uncommon among others. What was so different about their attitude concerning wealth?
   A. Solomon
   B. Job
4. List five **wrong attitudes** toward Money that will interfere with your relationship with God. Give a Scripture **verse** that helps you best understand each **wrong** Attitude.

   A.  
   
   B.  
   
   C.  
   
   D.  
   
   E.  

5. What is the most **important** Attitude you should **develop** toward Physical possessions?

6. What does the Apostle Paul teach us through the **attitude displayed** in the following **verses**?

   A. Hebrews 13:5  
   
   B. 1 Timothy 6:8  
   
   C. Philippians 4:11
7. List six important things that Money cannot Buy and that only God can give You.
   
   A. 
   
   B. 
   
   C. 
   
   D. 
   
   E. 
   
   F. 

8. List five other Attitudes you should develop toward Money and physical Possessions.
   
   A. 
   
   B. 
   
   C. 
   
   D. 
   
   E.
9. God promises to provide your Needs, not necessarily your _________________.

Your needs are both __________________________ as well as
_____________________. Give examples of your needs and wants. Use the
verses provided for each in Part IV as well as your own personal studies.

Needs:

Wants:

10. Briefly explain the Primary Purpose of this Lesson.
Key Memory Verses

*Philippians 4:11; Philippians 4:19; Colossians 3:2*

**NOTE:** Some common attitudes regarding physical possessions are:

1. If you get enough material wealth, you will be satisfied.

2. God must be pleased with Wealthy people for Him to have **blessed** them so much.

3. A Wealthy person must have **violated** God’s Laws to obtain his Wealth.

4. Your **worth** as a person is **measured by** your material Wealth.

From the Bible Principles taught in this Lesson, you should understand **these attitudes** are False and Why.

⇒ Write any **questions** you may have concerning the Subjects in this Lesson.
A preacher once said that when a Saved person begins to “battle sin” in his own life, he enters a Combat so intense it makes World War II look like a picnic. The problem is, this Truth is not evident to a young Christian. As you grow, however, you will more completely Realize the intensity of this personal Struggle within.

As we saw very briefly in Lesson One, when you got Saved you became two people. Your old man in Adam’s image has a Sinful Nature and your new man in Christ Jesus has God’s image. This Lesson is designed to help you combat the Sin Nature of the Old man.

I. We All Are “Sinners” By Four (4) Very Basic Reasons
   A. We are Sinners by “Birth” because of Adam & Eve
   B. We are Sinners by “Nature” it is Natural for US
   C. We are Sinners by “Practice” it is Our Nature James 4:17
   D. We are Sinners by “Choice” of unbelief John 3:18

II. Understand The Nature Of Sin
   A. Sin is breaking God’s Law.
      1 John 3:4
B. Sin is any Unrighteousness.

1 John 5:17

C. Sin is anything done apart from Faith.

Romans 14:23

II. Understand Why You Sin

A. You sin because you inherited a Sinful Nature from Adam.

Romans 5:12;   1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

B. You Sin because your Old Nature draws you into Sin.

James 1: 13-14;   Romans 7: 14-25

C. You Sin as a result of Temptation in three Major Areas which are outlined in 1 John 2: 15-16. Jesus was also tempted in these three Areas, yet without Sin as stated in Hebrews 4:15.

1. The Lust Of The Flesh   Eve was tempted in this point in Genesis 3:6 when she saw that the tree was “good for food.”

   a. Jesus was tempted in this point in Matthew 4:3 when the devil tried to get Him to turn stones into bread.

2. The Lust Of The Eyes   Eve was tempted here when she saw the tree was “pleasant to the eyes.”

   a. Jesus was tempted when the devil showed Him all the Kingdoms of the World and promised to give them to Him in exchange for Worship.
3. The Pride Of Life Eve fell to the temptation “to be desired to make one wise.”
   
   a. Jesus overcame the Temptation to cast Himself down to prove the angels would take care of Him.

III. Understand How God Views Your Sin

   A. God judged your Sin at Calvary.
      
      2 Corinthians 5:21

   B. God will Chastise you as a father chastises his child if you continue in Sin.
      
      Hebrews 12: 5-11

   C. God will allow you to Reap according to what you have Sown.
      
      Galatians 6: 7-8

IV. Understand How You Can Overcome Sin

   A. Accept responsibility for your Sin. Your Sin is your own Fault, not anyone else’s. You will never correct anything until you Face Up to Responsibility.
      
      Proverbs 28:13

   B. Do not allow Sinful thoughts to control your Mind.
      
      2 Corinthians 10:5
C. **Make NO Provisions** for the Flesh.

   Romans 13:14; Eph 4:27

D. **Realize** you are Dead to Sin’s **control in** Jesus Christ. Dead men **cannot** Sin

   Romans 6: 6-13; Colossians 3: 1-10

E. **Judge** your Sin. **Agree with** God that it is SIN.

   1 Corinthians 11: 31-32; Amos 3:3

F. **Confess** your Sins to God.

   1 John 1:9; Psa 41:4

G. **Hide** God’s Word **in** your Heart to **battle** SIN.

   1. 1 Corinthians 10:13 says God has made a Way of Escape from temptation.

   2. That way of Escape is found in Psalm 119: 9-11. It is the Word of God.

   3. Jesus Christ **overcame** His temptation by **quoting** scripture.

   4. The only sure way of overcoming Sin in your life is **through** the power of the Word of God as you hide it **in** your Heart and **applied** to your life.

H. **Trust** God’s Promises to **cleanse** you and to fight your Battles for you.

   2 Corinthians 7:1; Hebrews 4: 15-16


   Galatians 5: 16-25; Romans 8: 1-8
J. **REPENT!** If you have true godly sorrow concerning your Sin, repentance will follow naturally. After you have done all these things listed above, do not Go Back To Your Sin, but rather turn from it. Ask God to give you a hatred for that Sin and then do not Go Back to *wallowing* any more.

2 Corinthians 7: 10-11; 2 Peter 2:22; Romans 6: 1-2; Proverbs 8:13

V. **Basic Questions** How do I keep the *influences* of a sinful World from affecting me?

A. Do not *involve* yourself with Sinful activities. Of course, you must associate with lost people in order to try to win them, but do not get *involved* in their Sin.

Ephesians 5: 5-12

B. Separate yourself from the *ways* of the World and follow the Lord Jesus Christ

2 Corinthians 6: 14-18; James 4:4

C. Realize “Separation” is also a *positive* thing. Not only are you to be separate from the World, but you are to separate yourself **UNTO** the Gospel.

Romans 1:1

D. Understand that **ALL** Sin comes with hidden “Cost” and “Problems” attached to it.
Dealing With Sin
Lesson #12

1. List three definitions of Sin.
   A.
   B.
   C.

2. Why do we have to Battle Sin?
   A.
   B.

3. Briefly explain in your own words what the Apostle Paul is communicating to us in Romans 7: 14-25.
4. All Sin **originates** from one of three Categories. **List** the three that are seen in 1 John 2:16.

A.

B.

C.

5. **Match** the above Categories with the **three things** that Eve saw in Genesis 3:6.

A.

B.

C.

6. **Match** the above Categories with the **three areas** in which Jesus was tempted by the devil in Matthew 4: 1-11.

A.

B.

C.
7. List the three ways that God looks at your Sin.
   A. 
   B. 
   C. 

8. Why must you accept Responsibility for your Sin?

9. List three ways that help minimize the Influence of a sinful World on your life.
   A. 
   B. 
   C. 

10. Briefly explain the instruction given to us in the following verses.
    A. Romans 13:14
    B. 1 Corinthians 11: 31-32
    C. 1 John 1:9
    D. 2 Corinthians 7:1
11. Jesus Christ overcame His temptation by quoting scripture (Matthew 4:3-11).

What do the two following verses teach us about this?

A. 1 Corinthians 10:13

B. Psalm 119:11

12. Briefly explain the Primary purpose of this Lesson.
Key Memory Verses

Psalm 119:11; Hebrews 4:15; Romans 6:11

**NOTE:** In many Churches today, some popular teachings are:

1. There are “Big Sins” and “Little Sins”.
2. Sometimes you have to Sin because someone else forces you to.
3. Our Sins can be forgiven by other men if we confess to them.
4. If I sin bad enough, I can lose my Salvation.
5. There is a “Sin unto Death” or an “Unpardonable Sin” I can commit.

From the Bible Principles taught in this Lesson, you should understand these teachings are false and why.

⇒ Write any questions you may have concerning the Subjects in this Lesson.
LESSON 13 - LIBERTY IN CHRIST

Since All My Sins Are Forgiven, 
Am I Free to Do As I Please?

The New Testament is very clear, that as Saved People you are no longer bound by Law to please God. You are now under “His Grace”. However, many people, take this freedom or liberty as an opportunity to Sin, thinking they are free to do as they wish.

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Rom 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

The purpose of this Lesson is to help you understand just what your Liberties in Jesus Christ are and what lines need to be drawn in your life in relation to your actions as a child of God.

I. Liberty: is our Freedom; Right; Privilege; ability to Serve.

A. Liberty issues come up where there is no clear, “thou shall not”.

1. They are those so called “grays area’s” of the Bible.

B. This Liberty deals with “the various areas” of our involvement in Life.

1. Whether it be “People”, “Things” or “Activities”.

C. It deals with area’s our of “Conscience”, “Morals”, “Up-Rightness” and our “Ethics”. 
D. Another word or term for Liberty, is our “Free Will”, freedom to Choose

1. Choices that determine his future and destiny with the Lord.

2. Every Decision and Choice we now make, will have Eternal affects upon Ourselves, the ones we love and those around us.

E. Our Liberty and Free Will is to be used to serve “God” and “other’s”

1. It is not for our “Pleasures” and “Sin”.

2. It is not our “License to Sin” in the name of God. Rom 6:1-2

F. Our tendency is, WE abuse “God’s Grace” often times under the names of;

1. Legalism, a “personalized code” to measure Others with.

2. Or under the pretend of Liberty “while in Sin”

Gal 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

1 Peter 2:16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak (cover) of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

G. In the Christian life, .it is what you can “Give Up” for the Lord that counts, …. not what you can “Get Away With” in the name of Liberty. Matt 16:24

H. When it come to Liberty and Free Will, if you put yourself in a Position “to Sin”, you will eventually get into SIN.

1. Because “your flesh” never quits, till you die.
II. Your Freedom Is Liberty To Do God’s Will, Not A License To Sin

John 8:36

A. You are free from the Old Testament Law to do “what is Right”, and not “what you Want”.

Romans 6: 12-18, 8:2; Galatians 3: 24-25

1. Your Liberty and Free Will is not so you can feed your Sinful Flesh.

Galatians 5:13

2. Your Liberty and Free Will is so you can Serve God.

1 Peter 2:16

B. You are free to make your own Choices.

1. Good Decisions should be made from a pure Heart exercising Faith in God’s Word.

Romans 14:22; Titus 1:15

2. Bad Decisions will Guarantee that Consequences will come, but it will not result in Loss of your Salvation.

You are Eternally Secure in Jesus Christ. If you have genuinely placed your trust in Him as your Savior.

Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2: 8-9

3. But Salvation will not keep you from the Consequences of Bad and Wrong choices you make in life with your Liberty and Free Will.

Galatians 6:7-8; Hebrews 12:5-11
III. Your Freedom Has Consequences For Your Personal Life

A. Your choice “to Sin” will bring Consequences.

1. You will not bear right Fruit.
   John 15: 1-8

2. You will be Chastened as God’s child.
   Hebrews 12: 5-11

3. You will Reap as you have Sown.
   Galatians 6: 7-8

B. Your choice “to Obey” will bring Good Fruit into your life.

1. You will reap Holiness.
   Romans 6:22

2. You will Reap Glory.
   Galatians 1:24; Romans 8: 12-18

3. You will reap Fruits of Righteousness.
   Philippians 1: 9-11

4. You will reap What you have Sown.
   Galatians 6: 7-8; Ephesians 6: 7-8
C. Now **please understand** that, your **choice** will **result** in “Glory to God” one way or another.

1. **You will be either** a Vessel of Honor or **Dishonor**.

2. Many times God can get **more Glory out of** a “christians Funeral” that He can by “the life” they have chose to Live.

3. The **choice** is Yours, it is **called** your Liberty and Free Will.

   2 Timothy 2: 20-21

IV. The Cost Associated Misuse Of Our Liberty And Free Will

A. The **Consequences** of Bad and Wrong **choices WE make** in life with our Liberty and Free Will are clear.

1. A Life that is described as “Shipwreck”, that is scattered everywhere with nothing in tack or in place.
   
   a. 1 Tim 1:19 “….some having put away concerning faith have **made** shipwreck”

   b. 2 Tim 2:25 “… those that **oppose themselves**”

2. A Life **filled** with “Chastisement” from the Lord.

   a. Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth,  

   b. Rev 3:19 As many as I love, I **rebuke and chasten**: be zealous therefore, and repent.
3. A Christian life that is Filled with Lost.
   a. A lost of Fellowship 1 John 1:6-7
   b. A lost of Testimony 1 Cor 8:7-13; Gen 19:14; 2 Peter 2:6-8
   c. A lost of Service 1 Cor 9:27, Ezek 18:24; Ezek 3:20
   d. A lost of Rewards 2 John 8; 1 Cor 3:15
   e. A lost of Health 1 Cor 11:29-30
   f. A lost of physical Life 1 Cor 11:30; Heb 12:9
      1 John 5:16 There is a sin unto death:
      Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death;
      Ecc 7:17 why shouldst thou die before thy time?

V. Our Freedom Has Consequences For Those Around You
   A. You are a Testimony for Good or for Bad whether you want to be or not.
      Romans 14:7

   B. You are to avoid things which could cause a Weaker Christian to stumble in his Faith.
      Romans 14: 13-15; 1 Corinthians 8: 9-13

   C. You are to avoid things which appear Wrong even though they may not be wrong for the sake of others.
      Romans 14:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:22
D. You are to **have** a Good Testimony **toward** both Saved and Lost people.

Romans 14:18

1. To the Saved.


2. To the Lost.

   Colossians 4:5; 1 Timothy 3:7

3. The **purpose** of this is to **Influence** them **for** good **in** the Lord Jesus Christ.

   Acts 11: 22-24; 1 Corinthians 9: 19-23

VI. Your Freedom Has Biblical Boundaries

A. Some **boundaries** are clearly defined.

   1. In relation to **God**.

      Matthew 22: 37-38

   2. In relation to **parents**.

      Ephesians 6: 1-3

   3. In relation to **others**.

      Romans 13: 8-9
B. Some boundaries are not so clearly Defined.

Even in so-called “Gray Areas” you can determine Biblical boundaries through the application of God’s Word.

From a practical standpoint, you can do this by asking yourself questions based on Biblical Truth.

1. Am I being brought under the Power of something that should not be controlling my Life?

   In other words, can I a “walk away” and leave it Alone?

   1 Corinthians 6:12

2. Am I Edifying myself or Others?

   Does draw Me Towards God or does it Distract me from him?

   1 Corinthians 10:23

3. Can I ask God to bless it with a clear conscience?

   Is there “Godly value” to it, that God will Bless?

   Colossians 3:17; Acts 24:16

4. If the Lord returned at this Moment, would I be “Ashamed” or “Embarrassed”?

   Is something I need to conceal, hid or keep secretive about because do not want hear about it from others?

   1 Corinthians 1:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:23
5. Would it cause a Brother to stumble?

Would cause a Young or Weaker Christian to “question” or “doubt” or “mislead” or to become weaker?

Romans 14: 13-15; Romans 15: 1-2

6. Would it be cause for a Lost Person to question Your Christianity or reject the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior?

1 Corinthians 10: 31-33

7. Does My conscience condemn me for it?

Do I have those internal “doubts” and “questions” about it?

1 Peter 3:16; Hebrews 13:18; 1 Timothy 1:5

8. What is Good or Right about this thing that I would allow in My life?

Philippians 4:8; Romans 14:23

VII. Basic Question

A. How do I achieve a Balance between “my Liberties” and other people’s needs?

1. You can achieve that balance ONLY through the power of the Holy Spirit as you walk with Him.

2 Corinthians 3:6, 17; Romans 7:6
Liberty and Free Will in Christ

LESSON #13

1. As a Christian, are you Free to do whatever you please? Briefly explain.

2. The Word of God draws some Boundaries on our Freedom. Explain those boundaries from each of the following verses.
   A. Galatians 5:13
   B. Romans 6:18
   C. 1 Peter 2:16

3. When you choose to SIN, what are the Consequences of your choice?
   A.
   B.
   C.
4. God will **get** the Glory from your Life, either as a ______________________
   __________ _______________ or as a ______________________ ________
   ________________________.

5. List **four ways** that your Freedom can **influence** People **around** you.
   
   A. 
   
   B. 
   
   C. 
   
   D. 

6. You are **to have** a Good Testimony toward **both** Saved and Lost people. What is the **reason** for this?

7. List **eight Questions** you can **consider** in Setting the **bounds** of Your **personal** Liberty and Free Will ?.
   
   A. 
   
   B.
8. What is the role of the Holy Spirit regarding your Personal Liberty?

9. Briefly explain the primary Purpose of this Lesson.
Key Memory Verses

*Galatians 5:13; Romans 15:1;
1 Corinthians 10:31*

**NOTE:** In many Churches today, some popular Teachings are:

1. There is a “Set Of Rules” a Christian must live by in Order to please God.

2. You are Free to do whatever you want regardless of how it affects other people.

3. What you do has no real influence on other People.

From the Bible Principles taught in this Lesson, you should understand these teachings are false and why.

⇒ Write any questions you may have concerning the Subjects in this Lesson.
LESSON 14 - MY JOB AND EMPLOYER

What Should Be My Attitude Toward My Job and My Employer?

Since the Bible is the Final Authority in everything you will ever encounter in life, it is no surprise it has a great deal to say about how you are to conduct yourself on your job.

We spend about one-fourth of our Adult life on the job and it is essential to your growth to learn how the Lord Jesus Christ would have you look at this area of Responsibility.

If you intend to be an effective Servant of God, you must do so with all Your Life and not just three-fourths of it.

This Lesson is designed to help you be the type of Employee or Employer God would have you to Be.

I. Your Job Is Merely Part Of Your True Calling To “Full-Time” Christian Service

A. Your true Vocation (not Occupation) is to serve Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 4:1

B. You are an vital part of the Body of Christ and your contribution is important. God expects “every Christian” to be involved in the Lord’s work.

1 Corinthians 12: 12-27; Ephesians 4: 11-16

C. Your service for God is to be at All times, not just when you go to Church.

1 Peter 3:15; 2 Timothy 4:2
II. Your Job Has A Primary And Practical Purpose To Support Your Ministry

A. Your first Ministry is to “your Family”.
   1 Timothy 5:8, 3:5

B. Your second Ministry is to your “Church” and “Church family”.
   Galatians 6:10

C. Your third Ministry is to reach “the Lost”.
   2 Corinthians 5:20

D. Your Ministries are funded by your Honest and Sincere work.
   1. As we saw in a previous Lesson, your Resources should be yielded to God’s Service.
   2. Those Resources are to be used to glorify God through the above three Areas.

III. Your Job Should Be A Ministry Opportunity, Not Just A Job

A. Your “Fellow Workers” are probably the greatest Exposure you have to Lost people.

B. Your life may be the only True Witness of the Lord Jesus Christ they ever see.
   1. Your Life should be a light “Representing” Jesus Christ.

   Matthew 5: 14-16, Phil 2:15
2. Your life should **reflect** the Bible.
   
   a. See “Our life” **may be**, the **only** Bible that some People, will **ever** READ!

   2 Corinthians 3:2

3. **You are** a “Legal” and “Official” Representative.

   2 Cor 5:20 “… Now then we are ambassadors for Christ”

   a. As a **Ambassador** is the **Highest** Ranking “Representative” here is.

   b. They are **highly** “Entrusted”.

   c. They are the **Official** “Courier”.

   d. They are the **Sent** “Messenger”.

   e. They are to be a “Spokesman’s” **for**, the one they Represent.

   f. They are **used as** a “Mediator” and a “Negotiator”.

   g. They **Stationed upon** “Foreign Soil” as a **Temporary** Assignment.

   h. At the **End** of it they **go to** their **true** Home.

C. You will **have a much greater influence** on those you spend the **most time** with. Although total strangers are surely an opportunity for a witness, those who can see a **consistent** Testimony of a Christian’s life are much easier to win.

IV. **Your Job Demands Biblical Attitudes**

   A. **Serve as if** “the Lord Jesus Christ” **is** your Employer.

   Ephesians 6: 5-8; Colossians 3: 22-24
B. Respect **Authority**. Obviously, no Employer will be correct in every point and you certainly can **have disagreements**; **however**, you are to **submit** to your Supervisor’s leadership, using **it** as an opportunity to **show** a Testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ.

\[\text{Titus 2: 9-10}\]

C. Respect your Company’s **Property** – it does **not** belong to YOU.

\[\text{Leviticus 19:11}\]

D. Respect your Company’s **Time** – do Eight hours of **work** for Eight hours of pay.

\[\text{2 Corinthians 8:21; Colossians 3:22}\]

E. Do the **very best** you can to help the Company **succeed** and **make** your Employer **look good**.

\[\text{Romans 12:11; 1 Corinthians 10:24; Proverbs 10:4, 18:9, 21:25, 22:29}\]

\[\text{Joseph is the greatest Biblical example. Genesis 39-50}\]

F. **Mind** your Own Business and do not let **someone** else’s **laziness** affect YOU.

\[\text{1 Thessalonians 4:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-13}\]

V. **Your Job As An Employer Or Supervisor Also Demands Biblical Attitudes Toward All Employees**

A. **Treat** people **justly** and **equally**. Set standards for them **consistent** with those you **set for yourself**.

\[\text{Colossians 4:1; Ephesians 6:9}\]
B. **Consider** the needs of Others without being consumed by your own self-interests or a Business success.

    Philippians 2: 2-3

C. **Consider** the Cost of “climbing the Organizational Ladder.”

1. A great Bible Principle is, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much...” (Luke 16:10)

    **Be sure** you can handle what you have NOW.

2. **Realize** the more Responsibility you have, the more potential there is for problems to arise.

    James 3:1; Ecclesiastes 8:9

3. **Realize** the more Responsibilities you have, the more time and energy is demanded.

    Be sure any new Responsibilities will not “hinder” your Service for the Lord.

    2 Timothy 2:4

D. **Always Maintain** the attitude of a Servant, even as a Leader.

    Mark 10: 42-45; 1 Corinthians 9:19, 10:33
VI. Basic Questions

A. What if “my Job” conflicts with Spiritual matters?

1. There will always be some conflict of priorities between Church activities and your Work Schedule.
   a. You cannot Quit your Job or take off Work because of a few minor conflicts.
   b. Remember, your Job is a Ministry Opportunity.
   c. However, you must not use your Job as an excuse to neglect your Responsibilities to your Church.
   d. You MUST maintain a Balance in this Area.

2. When your job Responsibilities are contrary to Biblical principles, then you must draw a line:
   a. Refuse to Lie or Steal for your employer or Violate other clear Commandments of God.
   b. Guard against Temptations on your Job.
   c. Do not be influenced by Sinful activities around you.

B. How do I handle “persecution” on the job?

1. Most “persecution” in our Culture is a result of the Christian’s “own ignorance” or “lack of personal commitment” to the Lord.
   a. If you are being “persecuted,” it is usually for one of two reasons:
      1. Your behavior is improper,
      2. Or your proper Testimony is an Offense to someone.
   b. 1 Peter 3: 16-17
2. **Expect** a certain amount of Adversity from the World **if** you are truly serving Jesus Christ.

   2 Timothy 3:12

3. **Learn** how to Commit that adversity **to** the lord.

   1 Peter 2: 18-23

C. **What** should I **consider** when “looking for” Employment?

   1. Have you taken the matter **“to God”** in Prayer ?

      James 1:5;  Philippians 4: 6-7

   2. Will the new Responsibility **destroy** what God is trying to build in your life ?  This is a complex question.

      a. Do not be afraid to **seek** Wise Counsel in this area from another **brother** in Christ whom you Respect.

   3. If you are being **asked** to move to another city.

      a. This is an **extremely** Critical Point!  If this applies, review the Principles in Lesson 8 on **how** to find a good Local Church in another city.

   4. **In looking** for a “change of Jobs”, **are you** running away from something you should be facing and **trying** to **Correct** ?

   5. What is the “Lord’s Will” **for** your Life in this matter ?

   6. **Write out** on Paper the Lord’s leading **in** this matter and **review** it with other Strong and Committed believers.
My Job And Employer

Lesson #14

1. Why are all Christians called into “full-time Christian service?” Give a scripture reference for each reason.
   
   A. 
   
   B. 
   
   C. 

2. The primary purpose of your Job is to support your ministry. List the three Ministries you need to support.
   
   A. 
   
   B. 
   
   C. 

3. Why should you view your Job as a Ministry opportunity?
   
   A. 
   
   B.
4. What are the **Attitudes** you **should have** toward your Company and/or Supervisor?

   A. 
   
   B. 
   
   C. 
   
   D. 
   
   E. 
   
   F. 

5. List some Principles you should **observe** from *Genesis 39: 1-6*, in the life of Joseph which **had** an impact on his Master.

   A. 
   
   B. 
   
   C. 

6. As an Employer, what are some **questions** you should **ask yourself** concerning your **attitude** toward the people who **work for** you?

   A. 
   
   B. 
7. List three costs to consider when deciding whether or not to take a Promotion.
   A.
   B.
   C.

8. What should you do when your Job schedule does not allow you to be involved in Church activities?

9. Jobs, at times, may contain Responsibilities which violate Biblical Principles. List three Areas of which to be aware.
   A.
   B.
   C.
10. **What** should you **consider** if someone at Work gives you a hard time concerning your Christian faith?

   A.

   B.

   C.

11. When you are looking for a **new** Job, **what** should you **Consider**?

   A.

   B.

   C.

   D.

12. Briefly **explain** the Primary purpose of this Lesson.
Key Memory Verses

2 Timothy 2:4;  Mark 10:44-45;
Colossians 3:23

In Our Society Today, Some Common Beliefs Are:

1. Your Job is just a Pay Check.

2. Your Job status is the most important measure of YOUR Success.

3. Your Employer must always take a back seat to Church Activities.

From the Bible Principles taught in this Lesson, you should understand these Beliefs are false and why.

⇒ Write any questions you may have concerning the Subjects in this Lesson.
As a Christian, How Do I Relate to the Lost World?

The Bible is very clear that the present “World System” is contrary to God’s Eternal purpose. The Word of God commands His children to be separate from this World System. At the same time, we are to reach Lost men and women who live in it for Jesus Christ.

This Lesson is designed to show you how to live “a balanced” and “consistent” Life in order to influence people for the Lord Jesus Christ without the World influencing them for Evil.

I. Learn To Expect Opposition From The World If You Live For Jesus Christ

A. You will be opposed because Jesus Christ was Opposed.

John 15:18-21

B. You will be opposed only if you “Live for Him”. If you go along with the World, you will not be opposed.

2 Timothy 3:12

II. Learn The Area From Which Opposition Will Come

A. Your opposition will come from those closest to You, those who know you best like – Friends, Family, Fellow workers and Acquaintances.

Matthew 10:35-36; John 1:11; Mark 6:4
B. Your opposition will come from “Lost People” in General. The two Spiritual Families have NEVER gotten along and NEVER will.

Galatians 4:29

C. Your opposition will come from “Society” in General.

1. The nature and course of this Present World System is against God.

2. This opposition is Communicated subtly through the Media (Literature, Television, Radio, Music, Education, Internet, etc.).

3. You must judge those things by the “Word of God”.

   1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4

D. Your opposition will come from “Satan” himself.

   2 Corinthians 4:3-4

   1. He is your Adversary.

      1 Peter 5:8

   2. He is currently at work in Lost People.

      Ephesians 2:2

III. Learn How To Overcome This Opposition

   A. Give a Soft answer. Avoid Fights whenever possible.

      Proverbs 15:1; Romans 12:18
B. Please God with Your Life.
   
   Proverbs 16:7

C. Have Faith in God.
   
   1 John 5:4-5

D. Love your enemies and help them. Jesus Christ loved His enemies enough to die for them when He didn’t have to do it.
   
   1. The World cannot understand this type of Love, and those who are seeking the Truth will be drawn to IT.

   Romans 12:14, 20-21

E. Pray for your Enemies; Pray with Pure motives and by Obedience.
   
   Matthew 5:44

F. Keep Good Company. Associate with People who love God and want to serve Him.
   
   Proverbs 13:20; 1 Corinthians 15:33

G. Immerse yourself in “the Word of God”.
   
   Romans 12:1-2

IV. Learn How The Lost World Should View You As A Christian

A. They should know you love God – NOT by your Mouth, but by your LIFE.

   1 Corinthians 8:3
B. They should see your life-style as separate from the World and your behavior a Testimony to others.

    2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 1 Peter 2:9

C. They should view you as **moderate** in all things, but **not so** peculiar that you lose influence. This would include your dress – moderate, **not weird**.

    Philippians 4:5; 1 Corinthians 9:22

D. They should see you as being **open** and **honest** in all matters.

    2 Corinthians 8:21; Romans 12:17

E. They should see a **living** Testimony of the Grace of God.

    Philippians 2:14-15

F. They should see you as being of “Good Report.”

    1 Timothy 3:7; Colossians 4:5-6

V. **Learn How You Should View “Your Place” In The World**

A. You are a **pilgrim** in a Strange Land.

    Hebrews 11:13; 1 Peter 2:11

B. Your **home** is **in** Heaven now.

    Ephesians 2:6; Philippians 3:20

C. Your “Mission” is to Reach, Touch and Affect the Lost **for** Jesus Christ.

    Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20
VI. **Basic Question:** What are **my** Responsibilities to my Government?

A. Government is one of **three** institutions ordained by God. The other two are the Family and the Church. All governments are **influenced** and some what **controlled** by Satan (Luke 4:5-6), and therefore, are essentially against God. However, you are still to **submit** to the ordinance of God.

   Romans 13:1-2

B. If you do what is Right, you have **no** Reason to Fear. God will honor you for doing Right.

   Romans 13:3-5

C. **Render to the Government what** is due by Law.

   Romans 13:6-7; Matthew 17:24-27, 22:15-22

D. **Submit** to their Ordinances.

   1 Peter 2:13-15

E. **Honor those in Authority, even the wicked, without** partaking of their wickedness. Commit any adverse situations to God and let Him **handle** them.

   1 Peter 2:17-23 – When Peter wrote these words, Nero was king, perhaps the most Wicked King Rome ever had.

F. **Realize you cannot Legisl ate Mor als or change mankind through Political action.** Man is **by** nature Fallen and Sinful and **must be** changed individually, from the inside out, through a Personal “Saving knowledge” of the Lord Jesus Christ.

   Titus 2:14
The Lost World

Lesson #15

1. As a Christian you **will** encounter some **opposition** from the **World**. **Why** is this?
   
   A. 
   
   B. 

2. List the **sources** of **opposition** you will face.
   
   A. 
   
   B. 
   
   C. 
   
   D. 

3. There are ways the Christian can deal with **opposition** from the World. Briefly **explain** how the following verses can help you.
   
   A. Proverbs 15:1
   
   B. Proverbs 16:7
   
   C. 1 John 5:4-5
D. Romans 12:20-21

E. Matthew 5:44

F. Proverbs 13:20

G. Romans 12:2

4. When Lost people observe your life, What should they SEE?

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

F.

5. As you look at the Lost World, what is Your Position?

A.

B.

C.
6. God has ordained three Institutions for man. **List** them.
   
   A. 
   
   B. 
   
   C. 

7. As Christians we have Responsibilities concerning our Government. **List four Primary** Responsibilities.
   
   A. 
   
   B. 
   
   C. 
   
   D. 

8. Many “Christian” groups today are trying to force Morality on people through the passing of Laws. Why won’t this Process work?

9. Briefly **explain** the Primary Purpose of this Lesson.
Key Memory Verses

2 Timothy 3:12; 1 John 2: 15-16; 1 Corinthians 8:3

Some popular attitudes among Christians are:

1. Christians are to be totally Separate from Lost people.

2. I should do anything to keep people from being upset with Me.

3. The best way to fight Opposition is with an Aggressive approach.

From the Bible Principles taught in this Lesson, you should understand these Attitudes are false and why.

⇒ Write any questions you may have concerning the Subjects in this Lesson.
LESSON 16 - THE JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

Is There a Judgment Day for Christians?
And For What Will I Be Held Accountable?

The Christian life is a series of choices and decisions we all must answer for some day. The Bible warns us that God’s ways are not our ways (Isa 55:8-9), because man looks on outward physical matters while God looks at the heart attitude and operates in the Spiritual realm.

If you are going to serve God effectively, you must take your focus off physical matters and concentrate on the Spiritual. Your life will only make sense and have purpose and meaning as you live in the Spiritual realm, focused upon Eternal matters and issues.

This Lesson is designed to keep your focus on these Eternal matters by detailing your final accountability to the Lord Jesus Christ as His servant.

I. Understand The Nature Of The “Judgment Seat Of Christ.”

A. First, Judgment faces every human being who has ever lived.

   Proverbs 29:26; Hebrews 9:27

B. There are three kinds of “Judgments” that a Child of God faces.

   1st Judgment as a “Sinner”
   2nd Judgment as a “Son”
   3rd Judgment as a “Servant”
1st Judges us as “Sinners” at the Cross

1. Jesus took our Judgment there.

2. Judgment for Sin took place at Calvary.

3. By placing your faith in Jesus Christ, you do not have to fear Judgment for your Sins, because He took your Judgment upon Himself.

   1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13

2nd Judges us as “Sons” with Chastisement here upon this earth

1. Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

   Heb 12:7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

   Heb 12:8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

3rd Judges us as “Servants”, for our Stewardship of our opportunities.

1. This Judgment takes place at the “Judgment Seat of Christ” being judged for our Service to Christ.

   2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10

II. Understand For What You Will Be Judged At The Judgment Seat Of Christ

A. You will be judged for your work as a servant of Jesus Christ.

   1 Corinthians 3:11-15
B. Your work will be judged for the quality as opposed to the quantity.

1. “Of what SORT it is.” (what kind) 1 Corinthians 3:13

2. Duty and obedience are more important than feelings and emotion. If the proper works are maintained, the proper attitudes will come naturally and the proper relationships will be developed.

   1 Thessalonians 2:4; Ephesians 6:6

3. God tries our heart by giving us a task to perform.

   1 Chronicles 29:17, 19; Jeremiah 17:10; Revelation 2:23

III. Understand The Negative Consequences Of This Judgment

   A. Loss and Shame are possible.

   1. Paul said in speaking of the Judgment Seat of Christ in 2 Corinthians 5:11 that the “terror of the Lord” should motivate us to serve Him and persuade others. A Christian should never fear going to hell, but there are some things to beware of in relation to the final judgment.

   2. Some Christians will be found:

      a. Ashamed for not living for the Lord Jesus Christ at His appearing.

      1 John 2:28

      b. Suffering Loss because their works were temporal and not Eternal.

      1 Corinthians 3:15
c. Losing rewards because they lived in Sin, rather than for Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:10; Galatians 6:7-8

B. Appearances and Assumptions are deceitful.

1. Do not be fooled by outward Appearances, in your own life as well as the lives of others. Many people only APPEAR to be servants of the Lord.

Luke 16:15; 1 Corinthians 1:27-31

2. Be sure to invest in heavenly rewards instead of earthly rewards. The real servants of the Lord will be revealed at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Matthew 6:19-20; Colossians 3:1-4

IV. Understand The Rewards That Are Obtainable At This Judgment

The Rewards obtainable at the Judgment Seat of Christ can be seen by studying the Five Crowns in the New Testament:

A. Crown of Righteousness – 2 Timothy 4:8 – given to those who love the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. The Bible closes with “Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”

Revelation 22:20

2. Your overriding desire should be, at all times, to be with the Lord.

Philippians 1:23-24
3. You **will not** love His appearing **unless** you, like Paul, have **fought** a good fight, **finished** your course, and **kept** the faith!

   2 Timothy 4:7

B. **Crown of Life** – Revelation 2:10 – the Martyr’s Crown.

   1. This is also seen in James 1:12 as given to those who endure temptation.

   2. This is the same as the Martyr’s Crown **because** you overcome temptation **by** dying to self.

       Romans 6:6-11

C. **Incorruptible Crown** – 1 Corinthians 9:25 – given for Temperance or Moderation.

   1. The context of 1 Corinthians 9:18-27 deals with temperance or moderation in all matters (Physical, Spiritual, and Mental) to be a testimony to others.

   2. This is **balanced by** remembering some have infirmities for the purpose of glorifying God. Paul is a great example.

       2 Corinthians 12:7-10

D. **Crown of Rejoicing** – 1 Thessalonians 2:19 – the Soul-Winner’s Crown.

   1. This is given to those who win people to Jesus Christ.

       Philippians 4:1

   2. This is called the Crown of Rejoicing **because** it produces rejoicing in heaven when someone gets saved.

       Luke 15:7
E. **Crown of Glory** – 1 Peter 5:4 – the Shepherd’s Crown. Given to those who Pastor or Shepherd or Oversee people in the Word of God.

1. The New Testament is very clear that ALL saved people are to be actively teaching someone the Word of God, not just Preachers.

   Ephesians 4:11-16

2. This Reward requires great wisdom which can only be obtained through the Word of God.

   Proverbs 4:7-9

V. **Here Is A Quick Summation Of What We Will Be Judged About For Our Service To The Lord**

   1st  Quality of our Life       Worth-While or Worth-less

   2nd  Work of Life             Treasures Laid Up in Heaven or Earth

   3rd  Stewardship with what was given you. Invested or Wasted

   4th  What was our “Motivation” sort - 1 Cor 3:13

Psa 96:13 “. he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.
VI. Here A Quick Summation Of The “Rewards Ceremony”

1st A Verbal Commendation “Well done good and faithful servant”
   Matt 25:21-23

   Mat 25:23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

2nd Five various Crowns 1 Cor 9:24-25

3rd Robe & Clothing 2 Cor 5:3, Rev 3:18

4th Inheritance 2 Tim 2:12

5th Your place of Position Luke 12:42, Mark 10:37, Rev 3:21

A Key word to Remember Is, Eternal

VII. Basic Question: Why should I be concerned about the “Judgment Seat of Christ?”

A. The focus on the return of the Lord Jesus Christ is one of the most practical Doctrines for everyday living in the Bible.

   Notice in the following verses how many practical Character qualities are produced by focusing on the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

   1. Patience

      James 5:7-8; 2 Thessalonians 3:5

   2. Peace

      1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
3. Joy

1 Thessalonians 2:19

4. Holiness

1 Thessalonians 3:13; 1 John 3:1-3

5. Confidence

Philippians 1:6; 1 John 2:28

6. Diligence in Service

2 Timothy 4:1-8

7. Righteous Living

Titus 2:11-14

8. Faith even in difficult Times

1 Peter 1:5-7

B. The rewards you receive on earth are all temporal and will perish. The rewards you receive at the Judgment Seat of Christ are eternal and will never perish.

2 Corinthians 4:17-5:4

C. By consistently focusing on the Judgment Seat of Christ, you will naturally develop a desire to please God rather than men. Developing this attitude is the surest way to handle criticism and opposition.

2 Corinthians 5:6-9; 1 Corinthians 7:23
The Judgment Seat Of Christ

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1. What group of people will be judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ?

2. What will you be judged for at the Judgment Seat of Christ?
   A. 
   B. 
   C. 
   D. 

3. There are some things of which you should beware regarding the Judgment Seat of Christ. List them below.
   A. 
   B. 
   C.
4. The real servants of Jesus Christ will be revealed and the less sincere will be exposed. What are two principles to remember concerning this? Give a scripture reference for each.

   A. 

   B. 

5. There will be rewards available for those who are found to be faithful in their service to the Lord Jesus Christ. List the five crowns and describe briefly what they are given for.

   A. 

   B. 

   C. 

   D. 

   E. 

6. When a Christian focuses his attention on the Return of the Lord Jesus Christ, he tends to develop some proper Character Qualities. List them.

   A. 

   B. 

   C.
7. What is the **difference between** the Rewards you receive on Earth and the ones received at the Judgment Seat of Christ?

8. What is the **greatest benefit** in your life of constantly focusing on the Return of the Lord Jesus Christ?

9. Briefly explain the **primary** Purpose of this Lesson.
Key Memory Verses

2 Corinthians 5:8-9; 1 John 2:28; Luke 16:15

NOTE:  In many Churches today, some popular teachings are:

1. God is going to **judge** Christians for their Sin.

2. Christians will be judged for their “heart attitude” apart from righteous works.

3. Our Rewards and Losses are all received in **this** life.

From the Bible Principles taught in this Lesson, you should understand these teachings are false and why.

⇒ Write any **questions** you may have concerning the Subjects in this Lesson.