

## 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.**”*

<i>But as many as received Him,</i>	Your decision to trust Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior.
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<i>To them gave He power to become the Sons of God,</i>	Our entrance into God’s family.
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<i>Even to them that believe on his name:</i>	A biblical belief marked by faith and repentance.
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<i>Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man,</i>	It is <b>not</b> a Physical birth.
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<i>But of God.</i>	It is a Spiritual birth.
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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. *I 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.

*Psalms 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.

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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 *I 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.

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## 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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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.
3. Phil 1:6.
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:

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|---------------------------|---|
| 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 | Luke 19:15-26, 2 Tim 2:11-15;<br>Luke 15:31 |
| 6. Life                   | 1 Cor 11:30, 1 Cor 5:5, 1 John 5:           |

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

<b>Scripture Reference</b>	<b>Words Found</b>	<b>Words <u>Not</u> Found</b>
Col 1:27; 3:11	In me	Who can remove him ?
Eph 5:30-32 Rom 12:5	Part of his Body	Who can cut you off ?
John 3:16	Not perish	Define ?
	Everlasting	Define ?
John 3:15	Eternal	Define ?
Rom 10:11-13	Saved	Re/Un-saved
Gal 3:13 Titus 2:14	Redeemed	Re/Un-redeemed



# 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
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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.

## LESSON 3 - BAPTISM

### Now That I Am Saved, Where Do I Start At ?

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.

*Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22*

- 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*
2. The Apostle Paul. *Acts 9:18*
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.
2. Baptism is an **integral part** of the Great Commission and precedes teaching.

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)
4. Acts 16:14-15 (Lydia)
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**

1. John 3:23 (in a desert) Acts 8:26

### C. **It was Approved** by Christ and Paul;

1. John 4:1-2
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)
5. Proclaiming of the Gospel Message. 1 Cor 15:1-4
6. For the edification of the Church Body 1 Thes 5:1-11

**Notes**

# BAPTISM

## Lesson #3

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. \_\_\_\_\_

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:

1. A Christian does not **get all of** the Holy Spirit **at** Salvation.
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 Bibles 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”.

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
- C. **27** in the New 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**;
  - 1. History, Law, Poetry, Educational discourses, Parables, Biography, Personal correspondence, and Prophecy.
- 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

### 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)

### 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.”

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**;

**1<sup>st</sup>** 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Our “Sanctification” **depends** upon because;

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

**3<sup>rd</sup>** 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.

**4<sup>th</sup>** 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”**

**5<sup>th</sup>** Our “Freedom from Sin” **depends** upon because;

John 8:32 “and the truth **shall** make you free”.

6<sup>th</sup> Our “fulfillment in life” **depends** upon because;

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

7<sup>th</sup> 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      | Psalms 119:103; Proverbs 16:24       |
| 3. Apples     | Proverbs 7:2, 25:11                  |
| 4. Bread      | Luke 4:4                             |
| 5. Water      | Isaiah 55:10-11; Ephesians 5:26      |
| 6. Meat       | Hebrews 5:12-14; 1 Corinthians 3:1-2 |
| 7. Vegetables | Psalms 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**

### *The Old Testament*

#### **The Law**

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy

#### **The Prophets**

6. Joshua
7. Judges
8. Samuel (1&2)
9. Kings (1&2)
10. Isaiah
11. Jeremiah
12. Ezekiel
13. **The Twelve\***

#### **The Writings or Psalms**

14. Psalms
15. Proverbs
16. Job
17. Song of Songs
18. Ruth
19. Lamentations
20. Ecclesiastes
21. Esther
22. Daniel
23. Ezra-Nehemiah
24. Chronicles (1&2)

(the **last Book**)

✧ (The Twelve) \* Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.

**Total of 24 Books In The Old Testament**

**Total Of 39 Books If “Divided Out”**

## **Protestant Version**

### ***The Old Testament***

#### **Pentateuch**

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy

#### **Historical Books**

6. Joshua
7. Judges
8. Ruth
9. 1 Samuel
10. 2 Samuel
11. 1 Kings
12. 2 Kings
13. 1 Chronicles
14. 2 Chronicles
15. Ezra
16. Nehemiah
17. Esther

#### **Wisdom Books**

18. Job
19. Psalms
20. Proverbs
21. Ecclesiastes
22. Song of Solomon

#### **Prophets - Major**

23. Isaiah
24. Jeremiah
25. Lamentations
26. Ezekiel
27. Daniel

#### **Minor – Prophets**

28. Hosea
29. Joel
30. Amos
31. Obadiah
32. Jonah
33. Micah
34. Nahum
35. Habakkuk
36. Zephaniah
37. Haggai
38. Zechariah
39. Malachi (the last Book)

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

## ***The New Testament***

### **Gospels**

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

### **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

### **To Those in Ministry**

15. 1 Timothy
16. 2 Timothy
17. Titus
18. Philemon

### **General Epistles**

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

### **Prophecy**

27. Revelation

**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 your 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

***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

1<sup>st</sup> What I will call “Public” prayer.

2<sup>nd</sup> 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**.

**1<sup>st</sup>** 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”

**2<sup>nd</sup>** 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

2. An **Un**forgiving spirit.                      Matthew 6:14-15

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

4. Not Asking.                                      James 4:2

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.

Psalms 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.





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



D.

E.

F.

G.

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.
  4. A properly functioning body **operates** as a Single Unit – verses 25-27.

## 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.
  6. Mutual assistance and Ministry – verses 44-45.
  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.

D.

E.

F.

G.

H.

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.

## LESSON 9 - OTHER CHRISTIANS

### 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
3. Love                     John 13:35; Galatians 5:13-15
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.

C.

D.

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.



## LESSON 10 - GIVING

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.

Exodus 22:29-30, 13:12-13, 34:19-20, 26

- 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**

- |                       |                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>Your Resources</b> |                         |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>Your Time</b>      |                         |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>Your Talent</b>    |                         |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Your Self</b>      | a Sacrifice to be spent |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Your Control</b>   | a Full <b>surrender</b> |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Your Treasure</b>  |                         |

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ .



## 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

4. God's Word.

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



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.



## LESSON 12 - DEALING WITH SIN

### How Do I Overcome Sin in My Life ?

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 <b>are</b> <u>Sinners</u> by “Birth”    | because of Adam & Eve              |            |
| B. We <b>are</b> <u>Sinners</u> by “Nature”   | it is <u>Natural</u> <b>for</b> US |            |
| C. We <b>are</b> <u>Sinners</u> by “Practice” | it is Our <b>Nature</b>            | James 4:17 |
| D. We <b>are</b> <u>Sinners</u> by “Choice”   | of <b>unbelief</b>                 | 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

I. **Walk** in the Power of the Holy Spirit.

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.





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.

Acts 6: 1-3, 16: 1-2

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.

C.

D.

E.

F.

G.

H.

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.

Titus 2: 9-10

- C. Respect your Company's **Property** – it does **not** belong to YOU.

Leviticus 19:11

- D. Respect your Company's **Time** – do Eight hours of work for Eight hours of pay.

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**.

Romans 12:11; 1 Corinthians 10:24; Proverbs 10:4, 18:9, 21:25, 22:29

Joseph is the greatest Biblical example. Genesis 39-50

- F. **Mind** your Own Business and do not let someone else's **laziness** affect YOU.

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**.

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.



C.

D.

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.

## LESSON 15 - THE LOST WORLD

### 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 Legislate Morals 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.



# 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.

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## 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.

**1<sup>st</sup>** Judgment as a “Sinner”

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Judgment as a “Son”

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Judgment as a “Servant”

**1<sup>st</sup>** 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

**2<sup>nd</sup>** 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**.

**3<sup>rd</sup>** 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**

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|-----------------|---|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Quality of our Life                                       | Worth- <u>While</u> <b>or</b> Worth- <u>less</u>          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Work of Life  | Treasures Laid Up <b>in</b> <u>Heaven</u> or <u>Earth</u> |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Stewardship <u>with</u> <b>what</b> was <b>given</b> you. | Invested <b>or</b> Wasted                                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | What <u>was</u> our “Motivation”                          | <u>sort</u> - 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”

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Five various Crowns 1 Cor 9:24-25

3<sup>rd</sup> Robe & Clothing 2 Cor 5:3, Rev 3:18

4<sup>th</sup> Inheritance 2 Tim 2:12

5<sup>th</sup> 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



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.

D.

E.

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G.

H.

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.

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