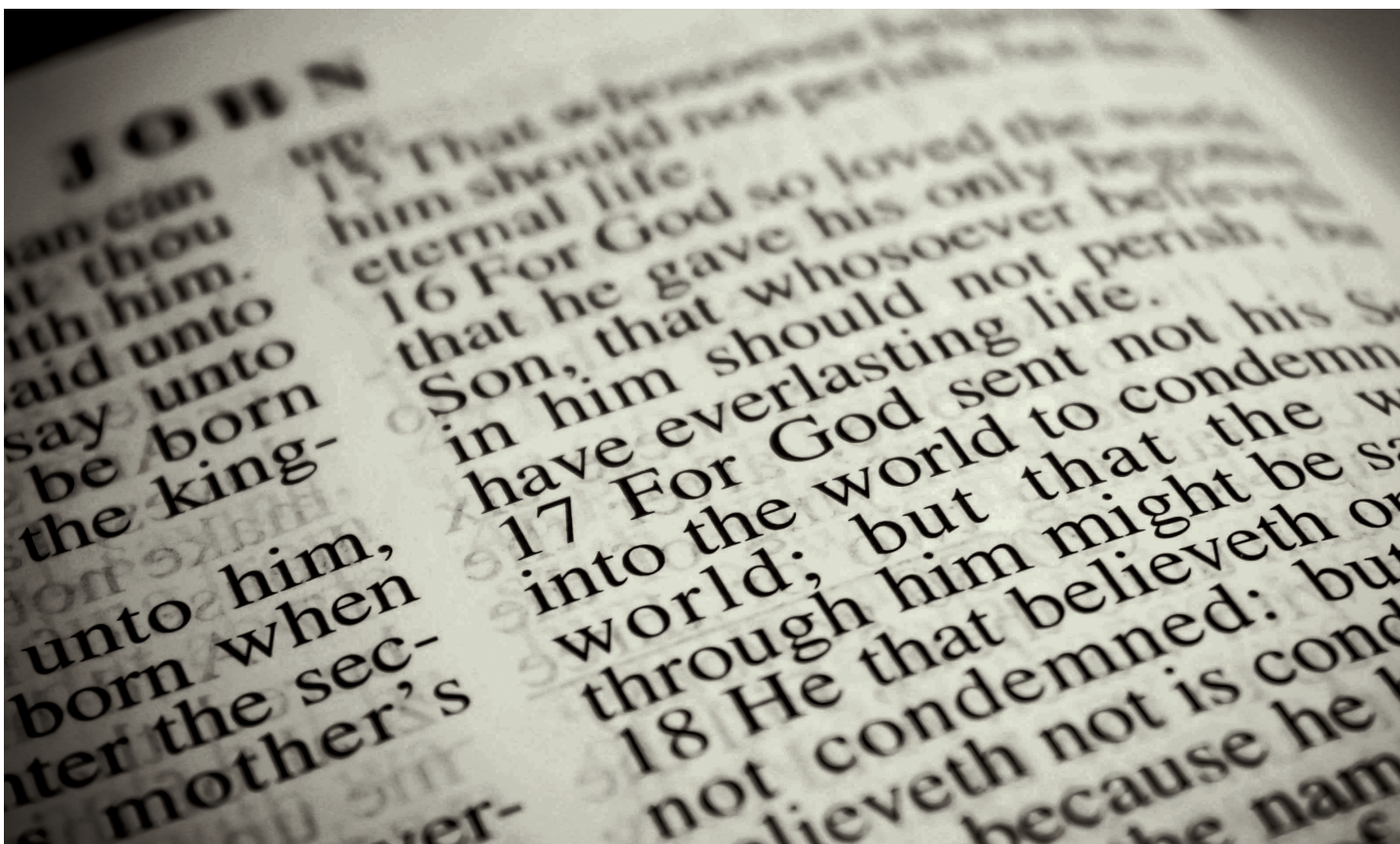




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INTRODUCTION

FOLLOWING CHRIST PUBLICLY

Following Jesus Christ, our Savior, is both a private and a public matter. Christ, who is their Lord, always asked and expected believers to let others know they were following Him. You have already decided privately to commit your life to Jesus Christ and follow Him.

Our Lord meant for His disciples to follow Him openly. “And He [Jesus] said to them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me” (Luke 9:23). He says here that believers should follow Him openly every day. Matthew 9:9 is an open example of immediate obedience.

BASIC STEPS IN FOLLOWING CHRIST

I. ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST PUBLICLY.

Jesus said, “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 10:32, also see Romans 10:2–10). Public acknowledgment includes telling both Christians and non-Christians.

This would involve acknowledging Christ by the sharing of your faith with unsaved friends and relatives, and following Him in obedience in baptism.

II. BE BAPTIZED PUBLICLY FOLLOWING YOUR PROFESSION OF FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.

The basic lesson of baptism identifies us with the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. It is a physical act revealing a previous spiritual experience (Romans 6:1–3 and 1 Peter 3:21).

Biblical examples of baptism:

1. **Matthew 3:16** – Jesus was baptized in order to be identified with the people.
2. **Acts 2:7–41** – 3,000 people were baptized immediately after conversion.
3. **Acts 8:35–39** – Philip baptized the eunuch right after conversion – NOT BEFORE.
4. **Acts 16:25–34** – A whole family was baptized the same night that they were saved.

III. BE PUBLICLY RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP OF A LOCAL CHURCH THAT PREACHES AND TEACHES THE BIBLE.

“Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25).

The purpose of church membership is:

1. **Acts 20:20** – to be fed spiritually on God’s Word.
2. **Acts 2:42** – for teaching, fellowship, communion and prayer.

LESSON ONE

A NEW LIFE

This course will help you discover facts you need to live life at its fullest. Through this study, you will gain an insight into the mind of God, increase your knowledge of His will and learn more of His plan for your life.

To answer the following questions, just look up the Bible references from the Gospel of John, think through what the verse means, then either complete the blank in your own words or circle the letter which you think is the most correct answer, whichever is appropriate. Pray for guidance. Use only the references given to answer the question. Let God teach you the Bible.

1. Why was the Gospel of John written (20:31)? _____

2. What is eternal life (17:3)?
 - ☐ getting baptized
 - ☐ living by the golden rule
 - ☐ knowing God and Jesus Christ personally
3. What is the main reason so few people come to a knowledge of salvation (5:40)?

4. Where do we find the truth about Jesus (5:38–39)?
 - ☐ in the newspapers and religious books
 - ☐ by believing what people say
 - ☐ in the Bible
5. People without Christ in their hearts prefer evil to good (3:19–20); why?
 - ☐ because they can not help it
 - ☐ because there is greater pleasure in evil
 - ☐ because they choose not to come to the light of Jesus & be saved

We find that the Scriptures give us the truth about Jesus. All men are sinful and in rebellion against God, His perfect will and plan for their lives so that they will not come to the "Light of the World," Jesus Christ, His Son. Now we shall see God's judgment on sin and His revelation of His great love for us that we may live.

6. Who is able to take away our sin (1:29, 36)? _____

7. What happens to those who do not let Jesus, God's lamb, take away sin (3:36, 8:24)?

8. At the trial, what fault was found in Jesus (18:38, 19:4)? _____

9. Give two reasons why God let His only Son die on the cross (3:16). _____

10. After His death, how was Jesus buried (19:40–42)? _____

11. What happened to Jesus after He had been in the grave three days (20:9–20)? _____

12. What word means the same as "believe" in 1:12? _____

13. Have you ever received Jesus into your heart as Savior and Lord? _____

If so, when? _____

If you are a child of God, you have personally received Jesus into your heart as Lord and Savior. You believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins, was buried and rose again from the grave and is now living in your heart as King.

14. Do you believe that you are now a child of God and have received eternal life through Jesus Christ?

{ } Yes { } No

LESSON TWO

JESUS CHRIST, THE LORD!

We are so happy that you are going on with your Bible study! Remember to answer each question from the Scripture reference given in the Gospel of John, using your own words.

This lesson teaches us some of the things Jesus actually said about Himself and His relation to the Father, what others said about Him and how we may know for sure that we have eternal life.

1. How may we come to know Jesus Christ in a personal way (5:39–40)? _____

2. Who does Jesus say wrote about Him (5:45–47)? _____

3. What was John's main testimony about Jesus (1:34)? _____

4. Whose witness is greater than John's (5:36–37)? _____

5. What does Jesus say about those who claim to honor God, but do not honor the son (5:23, 8:18–19)? _____

6. What was Jesus really saying in calling God His Father (5:17–18)? _____

7. Why did they seek to kill Jesus (10:30–33)? _____

8. Could Christ have avoided this terrible death (10:17–18)? _____

9. Jesus claimed to be (8:56–59).
- { } 30 years of age
 - { } ageless and eternal
 - { } about the same age as Abraham
10. How has God personally revealed Himself to man (14:6–9)? _____

11. If we come to Jesus, will He forsake us (6:37)? _____

12. What does a person have who sincerely believes in Jesus (6:47)? _____

13. What is the question usually asked by those who seek to merit salvation rather than depend completely on the value of Christ's death (6:28)?

14. How does Jesus answer these people (6:29)? _____

15. What promise does He give to those who hear and believe Him (10:27–29)? _____

16. In contrast to the belief that there are many ways to God, what did Jesus say (14:6)?

17. What three blessings are ours when we hear and believe Him (5:24)?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

18. If you were to die today, would you go to be with Jesus Christ? _____

How do you know? _____

19. If a man rejects Christ and His words now, what will those same words do in the last days (12:48)?

20. What is the penalty for the sin of unbelief (8:24)? _____

21. True or false:

a. Jesus was created T or F

b. Joseph was Jesus' father T or F

c. Jesus claimed to be equal with God T or F

d. Jesus never had a beginning T or F

e. Jesus created the world T or F

LESSON THREE

THE ABUNDANT LIFE

Your continued faithfulness in these simple studies indicates a heart that God will surely bless abundantly. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6).

Meeting Christ and receiving Him as Lord and Savior of your life may take but a moment of time, but getting to know Him is a matter of growth through study of the Bible, prayer and fellowship in the church. Sin is the only thing that blocks our union and communion with Jesus.

Remember to use your own words as you prayerfully "search the Scriptures" for His answer to the questions in this lesson.

1. Why did God send Jesus to us (3:17)? _____

2. What is Jesus' purpose for coming into our lives and saving us (10:10)?

3. In order to live abundantly (live life to the fullest), what did Jesus say to do (8:11b)?

4. How is this change brought about (15:3)? _____

5. If His word is going to change us, what must we do (2:22)? _____

6. What is truth (14:6, 17:17)? _____

7. What does Jesus promise those who “know” the truth (8:32)? _____

8. From what does God promise to set us free through the Son (8:34–36)? _____

9. What new promise belongs to those who believe and follow Christ (14:13)? _____

10. What are God’s conditions for answered prayer (9:31, 14:13, 15:7)? _____

11. If you are a believer, were you included in Christ’s prayer (17:20)? _____

12. In this prayer, what was Christ longing for (17:24)? _____

13. In His prayer, what does Christ ask from the Father (17:5)? _____

14. What does He ask for His followers (17:11)? _____

15. What does He say about the world (17:25)? _____

16. When Jesus Christ is within us, what can He do for us as we face the following problems (6:35, 14:27, 15:11)?
- a. Dissatisfaction _____
 - b. Anxiety _____
 - c. Unhappiness _____

It is God's desire that "your joy may be full" by answering your prayers. Have you asked and received a specific answer to prayer in the last month?

John 16:24, 14:13

Attach a specific prayer request that is on your heart to one of the above promises from the Bible, then pray about it until you truly believe that God has heard you and will answer it. Nothing can take the place of a specific time for daily communion with God. One help in prayer is a "prayer list." Write down the names of your friends and relatives, your pastor, your church and unsaved contacts. Ask specific things from God for them, and believe Him for great answers.

Please review chapters 16 and 17 then answer the following true or false questions.

1. Jesus had to leave the earth before the Comforter (Holy Spirit) could come T or F
2. Before Jesus left the disciples, He guided them into all truth. T or F
3. The Lord said that the world would sorrow over His death. T or F
4. Jesus said that the disciples would be popular in the world after the resurrection. T or F
5. Jesus prayed for the entire world. T or F
6. All of the world knows God. T or F

LESSON FOUR

THE DISCIPLE

A disciple is a follower and a learner. Jesus never looked for converts, only disciples. His command to the disciples was to “go into all the world and make disciples of all nations.” This was His last earthly command. It takes a disciple to win and build another disciple for Jesus Christ. This study will aid you in finding His will for your life in discipling men for Jesus Christ. Be sure to answer each question, using your own words, after prayerful meditation on the verses given.

THE TRUE DISCIPLE – THE MARKS OF REALITY

1. What are the marks of a true disciple of Jesus Christ (1:37, 8:31, 13:34–35)? _____

2. What, therefore, is the heart’s prayer of every true disciple (3:30)? _____

THE OBEDIENT DISCIPLE – THE MARKS OF RESPONSIVENESS

3. Who is truly a friend of the Lord Jesus (15:14)? _____

4. If a man truly loves the Lord, what two things will he do with Christ’s commands (14:21)?

5. Our obedience indicates (14:15).

- { } our sincerity in serving Christ
- { } our willingness to sacrifice for Him
- { } our love for Jesus
- { } our zeal for Christ's kingdom

6. What is our source of strength to do God's will (15:5)? _____

7. What else does God use to guide and assure us (16:13). _____

8. Why is it that many so-called converts never become true disciples of Christ (12:42–43)?

9. What can we, in ourselves, do for the Lord Jesus Christ (15:5)? _____

10. What does the Good Shepherd promise His sheep (10:4)? _____

11. Fruit is the natural result of what (15:5)? _____

12. When Andrew met Jesus, what three things did he do (1:40–42)? _____

13. Where are we sent (17:18)? _____

14. What one thing is necessary for the care of those who are new in the faith (13:1)?

15. How may we be treated if we follow our Lord (15:18–20)?

16. What happens to everyone who does not accept Christ as Lord (3:18, 8:24)?

Do you believe the above?

Have you personally witnessed of the living Savior to anyone during the past thirty days?

Sin, ignorance, laziness and fear can keep us from consistently winning others to Jesus Christ. If you have been fruitless, why not confess it now and ask Christ to lead you to someone who needs Him. Fruit is excess life, the daily overflow of the life of Christ through us. Daily spending time in prayer and Bible study, together with consistent memorizing of Scripture is a basic essential for Spirit-led witnessing.

HOW TO MAKE WISE USE OF YOUR TIME

Prayerful Planning – List things to do in order of priority.

Obedient Selection – Do the most important things first and in faith commit unfinished ones to the Lord.

Concentration and Diligence – Do the task you select whole-heartedly. Do one thing at a time and stay with it until it (or the part of it selected) is completed. Do not have a “grasshopper mind.”

LESSON FIVE

CLAIMING THE PROMISES

A promise is “one pledge to another to do or not to do what is specified.” God has placed in the Bible over 3,000 “pledges” to us. Some of His promises are conditioned on specific obedience: others are unconditional. But all must be claimed by faith to receive their blessings. To claim is to “demand as due.” There are over 60 promises in the Gospel of John and some of the most wonderful are listed in this study.

Carefully look up the references, write the answer in your own words, then prayerfully examine your own life in the light of each promise. Are you now believing it and using it in your own daily life?

PROMISES TO BELIEVE

1. Jesus makes three wonderful promises to all who hear His word and believe. What are they (5:24)?

2. List some of the blessings to be claimed by those who truly believe in Him (8:51, 11:26, 15:5, 16, 12:46, 16:33).

3. Where is Jesus and what three things does He promise us (14:2–3)? _____

4. What is Jesus' promise to those who serve Him as their Lord (12:26)? _____

5. What did Jesus promise to those who could abide in Him (15:5) _____

6. Who is able to pluck out of Christ's hand those who have eternal life (10:27–28)?

7. Who joins with Christ to safeguard the Christian's salvation (10:29)? _____

8. The greatest treasures are priceless. What does Jesus freely give to those who claim these promises (14:27; 10:11, 15; 15:9)?

9. If we faithfully practice what Jesus says, we have His _____
in us now (15:11).

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10. List three promises to be claimed by His followers.
- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
11. If we do what Jesus asks, two promises may be claimed from Him. What are they?

PROMISES ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

12. Who comes as a “river of living water” to all who believe (7:38–39)? _____

13. The Holy Spirit is given to all who believe in Jesus. How long will the Holy Spirit stay in us (14:16)?

14. What is the first work of the Spirit in anyone’s life (16:8)? _____

15. What does He promise to do in the believer (16:13)? _____

16. In what way does God give a promise to an honest doubter (7:17)? _____

17. In John 13:17, Jesus promised happiness to those who _____

What verse in this study will you prayerfully believe now and claim for your life?

For as many as may be the promises of God, in Him they are yes; wherefore also by Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us (2 Corinthians 1:20).

LESSON SIX

MEDITATION

Meditation on the Word of God is perhaps the most neglected single spiritual avenue of blessing that Christians have today. It is the doorway to the application of the great truths of the bible to our hearts. Meditation has been called “reflective thinking with a view to application.” Two of God’s greatest promises are conditioned on meditation. See Psalm 1:2-3 and Joshua 1:8.

The suggestions below will help you “break down” a verse or thought so that it can be grasped and applied to your own life. This is the real purpose of the Bible—to change us into the likeness of Christ.

Here are three verses chosen for you to meditate upon this week. Write them out in your own words and rethink what the verse has to say to you personally.

1. John 14:21 in your own words: _____

Is there a promise to claim and believe? _____

Is there a command to obey and follow? _____

Is there a blessing from God to thank Him for? _____

How does this verse apply to you? _____

2. John 15:5 in your own words: _____

Is there a promise to claim and believe? _____

Is there a command to obey and follow? _____

Is there a blessing from God to thank Him for? _____

How does this verse apply to you? _____

3. John 16:24 in your own words: _____

Is there a promise to claim and believe? _____

Is there a command to obey and follow? _____

Is there a blessing from God to thank Him for? _____

How does this verse apply to you? _____

Think about how you can use these verses in your life now.

LESSON SEVEN

EXAMINATION

This examination will help you more clearly bring into focus what you have learned so far. Please mark true or false and give a scripture from the Gospel of John to substantiate your answer:

	True / False	VERSE (S)
1. Men are anxious to be relieved of their sins.	T or F	_____
2. One is set free from the bondage of sin at salvation.	T or F	_____
3. Eternal life is effective immediately when one believes.	T or F	_____
4. If one fails to believe, he is lost eternally.	T or F	_____
5. Man took the initiative in salvation.	T or F	_____
6. No one deserves salvation.	T or F	_____
7. If after salvation one fails the Lord, he is cast out of God's family.	T or F	_____
8. The Bible we reject today will be our judge at the final judgement.	T or F	_____
9. It is impossible to be sure of eternal life.	T or F	_____
10. If one invites Jesus into his life, he has to get rid of bad habits before salvation.	T or F	_____
11. Salvation is attained by being good.	T or F	_____
12. Jesus is not the only door to heaven.	T or F	_____

	True / False	VERSE (S)
13. Feelings are not a basis of salvation.	T or F	_____
14. Satan can take one out of God's hand.	T or F	_____
15. After conversion, our main textbook must be the Bible.	T or F	_____
16. There is no need for being alarmed about one's conversion immediately; there is plenty of time.	T or F	_____
17. One of the ministries of the Holy Spirit is to teach one the Word of God.	T or F	_____
18. If a believer commits a serious sin, he is lost.	T or F	_____

Mark the best answer:

19. One receives the Holy Spirit:

- { } a. when he quits his bad habits.
- { } b. at conversion.
- { } c. six months after conversion.

20. When a believer faces a serious temptation, he should:

- { } a. go to church.
- { } b. go to God in prayer.
- { } c. keep silent so no one will know.

21. When a believer sins against God, he should:

- { } a. go to church.
- { } b. confess his sin to God and ask for forgiveness.
- { } c. keep silent so no one will know.

22. Choose the correct answer:

- ☐ a. One must be baptized in water for salvation.
- ☐ b. One is baptized in water because of his salvation.
- ☐ c. One is baptized in water to cleanse him from sin.

Mark the best TWO answers:

23. When a believer sins against another person, he should:

- ☐ a. ask God to forgive him.
- ☐ b. not speak anymore to the one offended.
- ☐ c. ask forgiveness of the one offended and make restitution if necessary.
- ☐ d. give some money to the church.

24. Choose the two correct answers:

- ☐ a. God has promised to answer prayer for everyone.
- ☐ b. God has promised to answer prayer for believers only.
- ☐ c. God has promised to answer prayer for pastors only.
- ☐ d. God has promised to answer prayer for all who call upon Him for salvation.

LESSON EIGHT

YOUR LIFE AS A CHRISTIAN

The Bible is the source of your spiritual food; this study material is only a tool. When Christ enters your life through faith, the Bible calls this “new birth.”

1. Why did you need this “new birth” (Romans 3:23)? _____

2. What gift does God offer to you (Romans 6:23)? _____

3. In what way did sin enter into the world (Romans 5:12)? _____

4. How is this gift made possible (Romans 5:8)? _____

5. Since Christ came into your life, to whose family do you belong (John 1:12)?

6. When Christ entered your life, what happened to your old nature (life) (Galatians 2:20)?

7. Some people trust in inward feelings for salvation. In what do you trust (1 John 5:13)?

8. In your opinion, what does "*grace*" mean (Ephesians 2:8–10)? _____

9. How can grace be received? _____

10. Where do "*good deeds*" fit into salvation? _____
11. What is Jesus trying to get Nicodemus to understand in order to be rightly related to God (John 3:3–7)?

12. What is the meaning of the words, "*water and spirit*" (John 3:5; Ephesians 5:26)?

13. If you are a believer, to whom does your body belong (1 Corinthians 6:19–20)?

14. If you are a believer, you can be sure of heaven; but how does your salvation relate to your present life (Colossians 2:6; 1 John 2:6)?

15. Where does the Christian get the power to do the will of Christ (Philippians 2:13, 4:13)?

16. What part does obedience play in the life of a Christian (John 14:21; 1John2:5)?

17. What has Christ promised us if we follow Him (Matthew 4:19)?

18. Why should a Christian be baptized (Matthew 28:19–20)?

19. Can one be born again apart from baptism (Acts 10:43–48)?

LESSON NINE

THE CHRISTIAN AND THE WORD

There is a great deal of similarity between physical growth and spiritual growth.
To neglect food in either case means trouble.

1. What is a new Christian called, and what is to be his diet (1 Peter 2:2)? _____

2. What is God's command to spiritual babies (2 Peter 3:18)? _____

3. As a child of God develops, how is he built up and made strong (Acts 20:32;
1 John 2:14)?

4. What is God's desire concerning spiritual growth (Ephesians 4:14–15)?

5. How is this spiritual growth accomplished (Colossians 1:10; 2 Peter 1:2–3)?

6. What means does God use to impart faith to us (Romans 10:17)? _____

7. In what way did God give us the written Word (2 Peter 1:20–21)? _____

LESSON TEN

THE CHRISTIAN AND PRAYER

Prayer is a slender nerve which moves the arm of God; we only close the circuit.

1. What must we do before it is possible to receive an answer to prayer
(Luke 11:9; James 4:2)?

2. What conditions must accompany our requests in order to receive answers
(Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 21:22)?

3. In whose name should we come before God in prayer (John 14:14; 16:24)?

4. As we pray, how do we know Christ understands our weakness (Hebrews 4:15)?

5. If we have trouble in prayer, to whom should we go for instruction
(James 1:5; Luke 11:1)?

6. When is the Lord open to our prayers, and when is he against them (1 Peter 3:12)?

7. What is necessary to cleanse us from all our sins and unrighteousness (1John 1:9; 2:1–2)?

8. Why did God accept the prayer of the Publican rather than the prayer of the Pharisee (Luke 18:9–14)?

9. Not only do we pray to God to confess our sins, but prayer will help to keep us from sin. Why should we watch and pray (Matthew 26:41; Luke 22:46)?

10. What did Christ do before eating (Matthew 14:19)? _____

11. Is it your custom to thank God for your food before eating (Acts 27:35)?

12. For whom is it our special privilege to pray (Colossians 4:12; Ephesians 6:18)?

13. What lesson is the Lord trying to teach us in the parables on prayer in Luke 11:5–8 and 18:3–5?

14. What did Jesus pray when He was faced with the greatest of all decisions (Luke 22:42)?

15. Where and how did Jesus spend the morning hours (Mark 1:35)? _____

16. In your opinion, what time of day should we spend with God in prayer?

17. What is the meaning of the words "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17)?

LESSON ELEVEN

THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS SERVICE

1. What is a person to do after receiving Christ (Colossians 2:6; 1 John 2:6)?

2. What is the main teaching of the following passages?

Luke 12:21–23 _____

Matthew 28:19–20 _____

Acts 1:10–11 _____

3. For what purpose has God chosen us (John 15:16)? _____

4. In your opinion, what is the best preparation to win men to Christ (Matthew 4:19)?

5. Paul was burdened for his countrymen. What did he do (Romans 10:1)?

6. What kind of a life should one live to reveal Christ and attract men to Him (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14–16)?

7. How can we best prepare ourselves to witness for Christ
(1 Peter 3:15; 2 Timothy 2:15)?

8. What is the main teaching of the following passages?

John 1:12 _____

Romans 3:23 _____

Romans 5:8 _____

Romans 6:23 _____

Ephesians 2:8-9 _____

1 John 5:13 _____

9. Why is it so important to present Christ to a lost world (John 14:6; Acts 4:12)?

10. Who are the people that are going down the religious highway (Matthew 7:13–14)?

11. After we are privileged to introduce someone to Christ, what should we do
(1 Peter 2:2–3; John 21:15–17)?

12. According to the following verses, in what other areas should new converts be instructed?

Mark 5:19 _____

John 14:21 _____

Philippians 4:6 _____

Hebrews 10:25 _____

1 John 2:6 _____

13. What was Paul's desire for his converts (1 Thessalonians 3:10)?

LESSON TWELVE

THE CHRISTIAN AND STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship involves managing someone else's property. The Christian is a steward of both his life and his property since both belong to God.

1. As the Lord's stewards, what should we be aware of (Romans 14:12)?

2. In your own words, what are some areas in which God expects us to be faithful, according to the following verses?

Matthew 6:19; Luke 6:38 _____

1 Corinthians 4:2; 2 Timothy 4:2 _____

Ephesians 5:15-16 _____

1 Thessalonians 2:4 _____

1 Peter 4:10 _____

3. What are the results when we have a lust for money (1 Timothy 6:9–10)?

4. The parable in Luke 16:1–13 has to do with stewardship. In verses 8 and 9, the unjust man was commended because:

- { } a. He felt sorry for the debtors.
- { } b. He thought it was better to get a little than nothing.
- { } c. He was making plans for the future.
- { } d. He used his head.

5. God's people in Old Testament economy gave as much as 30% of their income in tithes and offerings. How should we give under New Testament standards (1Corinthians 16:2)?

How many were encouraged to give? _____

Were the Corinthians instructed to put aside their gifts at regular times or irregular times?

6. What quality in our giving is important to God (2 Corinthians 9:7)?

For further perspective:

7. In what way had Israel robbed God (Malachi 3:8–11)? _____

8. What has God promised to those who give Him first place? _____

9. Oft times we seem not to have enough money to meet our needs. What might be the cause of this (Haggai 1:6, 9)?

Scriptural giving should include these steps:

- Thoughtfully decide what part of your income you will give to God.
- Set aside the Lord's portion first whenever you receive money. Put this aside to be used as He leads. Do not borrow what is HIS!
- Prayerfully distribute the Lord's money as He directs. Your local church you attend should be considered first. Do you give weekly, monthly...regularly?

LESSON THIRTEEN

EXAMINATION

	True / False	VERSE (S)
1. Babies are born sinners.	T or F	_____
2. Sin came into the world through Abraham and Sarah.	T or F	_____
3. All sins (past, present, and future) were taken care of when Jesus died on the cross.	T or F	_____
4. When one is converted, he is dead to sin.	T or F	_____
5. When a believer sins, the Holy Spirit leaves him.	T or F	_____
6. Obedience is a necessary part of the Christian life.	T or F	_____
7. Soul-winning ability depends much on one's prayer life.	T or F	_____
8. After conversion, one should start studying about Jesus Christ.	T or F	_____
9. Selections of the Bible are not necessarily inspired.	T or F	_____
10. A daily reading of the Bible is a must for growth.	T or F	_____
11. God will not answer prayer when we live in sin.	T or F	_____
12. Jesus was never tested like we are.	T or F	_____
13. Pride in a Christian is sinful.	T or F	_____

	True / False	VERSE (S)
14. The resurrection of Christ completes the Gospel message.	T or F	_____
15. God chose us before we chose Him.	T or F	_____
16. A dedicated life is necessary in order to win men.	T or F	_____
17. A new convert should be baptized in order to be saved.	T or F	_____
18. A new believer is obligated to give a tenth of time and money to the church.	T or F	_____
19. Usually, where our treasure is, there will be our heart's desire.	T or F	_____
20. If we withhold our gifts from God, He may withhold things from us.	T or F	_____
21. If one gives money to the Lord regretfully, it does not even count with God.	T or F	_____
22. It is possible for a Christian to rob God.	T or F	_____
23. Money is the root of all evil.	T or F	_____

Mark the best answer:

24. The best way to be victorious over Satan is to:

- { } a. be regular in church attendance.
- { } b. not associate with unsaved people.
- { } c. memorize God's Word and use it.
- { } d. meditate on positive thinking.

25. A believer should spend much time in prayer. The most effective time to pray is:
(Also tell why you chose this time)

- { } a. just before going to bed. _____
- { } b. when driving on the freeway. _____
- { } c. in the church services. _____
- { } d. in the early morning hours. _____
- { } e. before eating your meal. _____

Mark the TWO best answers:

26. The resurrection of Christ proves:

- { } a. that the Scripture was fulfilled.
- { } b. that the Jews were disappointed.
- { } c. that the soldiers were asleep.
- { } d. that the believer will be raised.
- { } e. that the disciples were looking for Him.