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Lesson One

Receiving Your New Heart

Is designed to help you obey the command found in Colossians 2:6-7. To better understand the command, write your **first name** in the following blanks:

"As you, _____, have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so you, _____, should continue to walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him, established in the faith, as you, _____, have been taught. (Colossians 2:6-7, paraphrased)

Deepening your spiritual roots requires four basic things:

1. _____ (Luke 18:1)
2. _____ (2 Tim 2:15)
3. _____ (Hebrews 10:25)
4. _____ (Matthew 28:19, 20)

Your Spiritual Salvation

In order to begin comprehending who Jesus is and what He has done for us, there are four basic truths about our salvation which we need to be aware...

I. God loves us and wants us to have eternal life

1) To better understand God's love for us, personalize His promise to us:

For God so loved _____, that he gave his only begotten Son, that if _____ believeth in Him, _____ should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(John 3:16 paraphrased)

II. God is holy and no sin can come into His presence.

2) The Bible teaches us that God's throne is founded on righteousness and justice (Psalm 97:2)

Question: If God loves us, why would we be separated from Him and guilty before Him?

Isaiah 59:2- _____

Romans 3:23- _____

3) What is the penalty for our sinful condition? (**Romans 6:23?**)

III. Only in Jesus Christ can forgiveness and salvation be yours.

4. How does God prove His love for us despite being sinners (**Romans 5:8**)?

5. Why is it so important that we trust Jesus for our spiritual salvation, according to John 14:6?

6) Knowing these things, and even believing they are true, is not enough (James 2:19):

IV. Jesus Christ must be personally accepted as Savior and Lord.

7) To better understand what it means to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, put your **first name** in the blanks:

Behold, I stand at _____'s door and knock: If _____ hears My voice, and opens the door, I will come in to _____ and dine with _____, and _____ with Me.
(Rev. 3:20, paraphrased)

Try to recall the day when you asked Jesus into your heart and commit it to memory. Then celebrate your spiritual birthday every year as you would your normal birthday.

I gave my heart to Jesus on:

Place:

MEMORY VERSE: John 14:6

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Notes:

Scripture References

Psalm 97:2

Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

Matthew 28:19-20

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: [20] Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Luke 18:1

And he taught a parable to them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, except by me.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 5:8

But God commands his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Tim. 2:15

Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Hebrews 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

James 2:19

You believe that there is one God; You do well: the devils also believe, and tremble.



Lesson Two

Confidence in Your New Heart: Assurance

To be the Christian God wants you to be you must be sure of your salvation. Assurance is what makes your salvation active, vibrant, and detectable. Without it there can be no real peace and joy in the Christian life. Therefore, you simply *must* have the assurance of your salvation if you are to grow into a strong and effective disciple of Jesus Christ.

There are at least **3** things in the Christian life that can give you assurance of your salvation...

I. The Word of God gives assurance

You can have assurance of your salvation based upon the “testimony” of God - His written Word, the Bible. You can be saved and know it beyond any shadow of a doubt because of what God says in His Word. God tells you in the Bible what you must do to be saved, and if you do that, you *are* saved.

1. Let’s look at how this works. Write your **first name** in the following blanks:

“For if _____ calls upon the name of the Lord, _____ shall be saved.”

(Romans 10:13, paraphrased)

2. Now ask yourself, have you called on the *name of the Lord*, believing that Jesus died on the cross for your sins and asking Him to forgive your sins and save your soul?

_____ Yes **(There is NO MIDDLE GROUND)** No _____

If you have, if God is reliable and can be trusted, and if the Bible is true, then you are saved.

If you are not sure; if you cannot remember asking Jesus into your heart, then you must face the truth that you need to do this right away in order to obtain the promise of Christ and receive salvation. Why take the chance, why not be sure and be saved today. A simple prayer “Lord Jesus, I believe you died upon the cross for my sins, please come into my heart, I wish to receive you as my Lord and Savior today, thank you Jesus!”

Using 1 John 5:11-13, answer the following:

a. Who gives eternal life? _____

b. Where is eternal life found? _____

c. Who has eternal life? _____

d. Why was the Book of 1 John written? (according to Vs 13)

4. When you meet the conditions of salvation, what is there about the nature of the Word of God that gives assurance? (1 Peter 1:23-25)

God's Word not only gives assurance, but also...

II The promise of Christ gives assurance

5. According to John 10:28-29, what guarantee does Christ give to those that are His?

6. Because of His death on the cross, what three promises did Jesus make in John 5:24?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

III. The work of the Holy Spirit gives assurance

7. In what ways can you find assurance because of the work of the Holy Spirit, according to the following scriptures?

Ephesians 1:13-14 _____

Romans 8:16 _____

Because of your emotions, sometimes you may not “feel” like you are saved, and thus, you may question your salvation. At those times you must remember that your salvation is not based on how you “feel” but on the **Word of God**, the **promise of Christ**, and the **work of the Holy Spirit**.

8. List below two things that personally give you assurance of your salvation:

a. _____

b. _____



Memory Verse: John 5:24

Scripture References

Scripture References

John 5:24

²⁴ "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

John 10:28-29

²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

²⁹ My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand.

Romans 8:16

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Romans 10:13

¹³ For "*whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.*"

Ephesians 1:13-14

¹³ In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

1 Peter 1:23-25

²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, ²⁴ because "*All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away,*

²⁵ *But the word of the LORD endures forever.*" Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

1 John 5:11-13

¹¹ And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to believe* in the name of the Son of God.

Lesson Three



The Pulse of Your New Heart

Next to reading the Scriptures and worship, nothing is more important to your Christian life than prayer. Knowing how to pray is crucial to your walk and communion with the Lord. Regardless of how much you know about church, the Scriptures or doctrines, it is the fervent prayers of the righteous that avails much.

In Luke 11:1 the twelve disciples of Jesus asked something of Him. What was it?

How did Jesus respond? _____

Prayer is something we _____ to do. We are not born knowing how to pray, or born again knowing how to pray. We, like the disciples, must learn to pray.

Praying according to God's will

How can you know that your request is in keeping with the Lord's will?

How will I know that my petition is pleasing to the Father?

God makes a threefold promise in 1 John 5:14-15:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

We bring God our requests and expect His answer. The condition of His blessing depends upon our praying according to His will. So how do we know when our request is in keeping with His will? When you're not sure there are two things you can do:

1) James 1:5 _____

2) Romans 8:26 _____

A barrier to discovering God's will in a matter is our feelings about what should be done. Sometimes we feel so strongly about a matter that we can't get past our will to see His.

Often times we are clouded by our own opinions of how God should answer our prayers. Neutrality is

Learn how to be neutral!

Remember that prayer is something you learn to do. Like anything else you learn, it takes practice. The more you pray, the easier it will be to discern the voice of God. The easier it will be for you to know His will. And, consequently, your assurance and confidence will grow proportionately.

The next important lesson to learn is:

How to recognize when God has answered the prayer

God answers prayers in one of four ways:

1). _____

2). _____

3). _____

4). _____

The language of the prayer

Although you will develop your own prayer style, here is a model to get you started.

A- Adoration: _____

C- Confession: _____

T- Thanksgiving: _____

S- Supplication: _____

The frequency of prayer concerning a matter is important as well

MUCH PRAYER = _____ POWER

LITTLE PRAYER = _____ POWER

NO PRAYER = _____ POWER

Why do prayers always end in Amen?

Amen is a Hebrew word that means the same in Greek, English, Latin and German. It may well be the most universal word in the world and it means very simply:

“ _____ ”

CAUTION! Jesus warned that unless you pray regularly you will *faint*, or lose heart in the Christian life (Luke 18:1). Without knowing God's will, without being able to recognize His answers, without fervent persistent prayer, you will be powerless to the temptations of Satan.

What would you like to pray about this week?



Memory Verse Jeremiah 33:3

Scripture References

Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)

3 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

Matthew 6:9-10 (NKJV)

9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

Luke 11:1 (NKJV)

1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

Romans 8:28 (NKJV)

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NKJV)

9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Ephesians 1:3 (NKJV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

James 1:5 (NKJV)

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV)

14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.



Lesson Four

Strengthening Your New Heart

Our English word *Bible* comes from a Greek word meaning “book.” While the word *Bible* simply means “book,” it is called the “Holy Bible” because it reveals the truth concerning the one true God and His message to the human race. The Bible is God’s divine library of 66 books - 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. The O.T. was originally written in Hebrew; the N.T. in Greek. To a Christian, the Bible is a handbook for living the Christian life.

The importance of the Bible in the life of a Christian cannot be over emphasized. The Bible is indispensable for the believer’s spiritual health and growth. Christians who neglect the Bible simply do not mature, and therefore, they cannot be used of God as He desires.

1. What does Jesus say about the importance of the Bible in Matthew 4:4?

In order to understand the importance of the Bible in the Christian life, there are at least three truths about the Bible that every Christian should know:

I. The Pronouncement of the Bible

2. God’s pronouncement of His written Word was accomplished through *inspiration*. 2Peter 1:21 describes how God did this. Paraphrase this verse in your own words:

3. Because the Bible is the inspired word of God, in what four ways is it *profitable* to you:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

There is no doubt that the Bible is the Word of God, because almost 4,000 times in the Old Testament alone we find phrases such as *the Lord spoke*, *the Word of the Lord*, or *God spoke all these words*.

II. The Power of the Bible

4. According to the following verses, what does the Bible have the power to do?

a. Romans 1:16 _____

b. Romans 10:17 _____

c. John 15:3 _____

d. Hebrews 4:12 _____

e. 1 Peter 2:2 _____

Each time you sit down to read and study the Bible you have access to the same guidance and power as Paul, John, James, and other Christians of old - the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

III. The Place of the Bible in Your Life

The famous evangelist D.L. Moody once said, "The Scriptures were not given to increase our knowledge but to change our lives."

5. If indeed the Bible is to change your life, there are at least five things you must do in regard to the Bible.

a. Matthew 11:15 _____

b. 1 Timothy 4:13 _____

c. 2 Timothy 2:15 _____

d. Psalm 119:11 _____

e. Psalm 1:1-2 _____

When you **meditate** upon the Word of God, you let God speak to you, and then you can apply what you have **heard, read, studied, and memorized**.

6. However, not only must you HEAR, READ, STUDY, MEMORIZE, and MEDITATE, but you must also **live** the Word of God. According to 2 Timothy 3:17, what kind of life will the Word enable you to live?

Agree to find a place and make the time to spend reading the Bible & praying.



MEMORY VERSE: 2 Peter 1:21

Scripture References

Psalm 1:1-2

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; [2] But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

Psalm 119:11

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!

Matthew 4:4

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

Matthew 11:15

He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

John 15:3

You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1 Tim. 4:13

Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

2 Tim. 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Tim. 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

1 Peter 2:2

as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

2 Peter 1:21

for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Lesson Five



Avoiding a Lonely Heart

Being a Christian is a personal, individual relationship with Jesus Christ, but it also involves a relationship with other believers. According to the New Testament, every follower of Jesus Christ should be an active part of a local church.

I. The Description of the Church

1. Many analogies are used in the NT to describe the church. How do the following references describe the church and its relationship to Christ?

a. 1Corinthians 3:9-11 & Eph 2:20-22 _____

b. Ephesians 5:25-32 _____

c. 1Peter 5:2-4 _____

Putting it simply, the church is God's family, in which we are brothers and sisters who assemble to learn more about our common Heavenly Father and how we can better serve Him. Therefore, every Christian should be an **active member** of a local church.

II. The Directors of the Local Church

In reality, there is only one leader of the church- Jesus Christ. However, all believers are given certain spiritual gifts for service and are called to lead and direct within the local church. There are some specific spiritual roles that members may be called to in Ephesians 4:11:

a. _____ d. _____

b. _____ e. _____

c. _____

2. Why did He give them to the church (Eph 4:12-14)?

3. What does the Bible teach about our attitudes towards the leadership within the local church according to 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 & Hebrews 13:7?

4. What instructions are given to each member of the body of Christ concerning the support of those called to preach and teach (1Corinthians 9:11-14)?

5. Where does the local church get the resources needed in order to maintain the church, it's staff and it's ministry according to Malachi 3:10?

III. The Duties of the Local Church

6. From the following references, list some of the duties of the local church:

a. Matthew 28:19-20 _____

b. Colossians 3:16 _____

c. 1 Corinthians 1:10 _____

What do you feel is your role in our church? _____



Memory Verse: Hebrews 10:25

Scripture References

1 Corinthians 3:9-11 (NKJV)⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building.¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:20-22 (NKJV)²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner *stone*,²¹ in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:25-32 (NKJV)²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.²⁸ So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church.³⁰ For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.³¹ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."³² This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

1 Peter 5:2-4 (NKJV)² Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;³ nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;⁴ and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

Ephesians 4:12-14 (NKJV)¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 (NKJV)¹² And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

Hebrews 13:7 (NKJV)⁷ Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of *their* conduct.

1 Corinthians 9:11-14 (NKJV)¹¹ If we have sown spiritual things for you, *is it* a great thing if we reap your material things?

¹² If others are partakers of *this* right over you, *are we* not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.¹³ Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar?¹⁴ Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.

Malachi 3:10 (NKJV)¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you *such* blessing That *there will not be room enough to receive it*.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV)¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

Colossians 3:16 (NKJV)¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NKJV)¹⁰ Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.



Lesson Six

Surviving a Heart Attack

Temptation is a daily spiritual battle for any serious disciple of Jesus Christ. The ways and methods differ, but temptation comes to all of us, and it originates with Satan.

1. Even though the truth about Satan has been greatly distorted in this present age, what do the following scriptures tell us about him?

a. John 8:44 _____

b. Luke 8:11-12 _____

c. 1 Peter 5:8 _____

Though the Bible is clear in its warnings about temptation and the awesome power and deceitfulness of Satan, it also has great news in regard to temptation 1 Corinthians 10: 13. What is it?

I. Our Temptation Is Common

The Bible teaches that Jesus was tempted in *all points*, or in every way, as you are, so let's look at His temptation and find the *common* ingredients in all temptations.

2. After His baptism, Jesus was led into the wilderness where He fasted for forty days. At the end of this time, Satan came and tempted Jesus to do what (Matthew 4:3-4)?

3. After this failed, Satan then enticed Jesus to test God by doing what (Matthew 4:5-6)?

4. Finally, Satan offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world without having to go to the cross, if He would do what (Matthew 4:8-9)?

The details were different, but three basic ingredients that are *common* to all temptations were present in the temptation of our Lord. All temptations are aimed at:

_____, _____ & _____

II We can endure temptation because of the faithfulness of God

1 Corinthians 10:13

God is dependable and trustworthy. He will do what He says He will do. Thus, you can know from this verse that God will not let Satan force you into sin.

5. Why do we yield to temptation (James 1:13-15)?

Sin can only take place when we agree to the temptation and decide of our own desire to yield to it.

III. God always provides a way of escape

The temptations you face are the same old ones, and *God is faithful* to ALWAYS provide a way for us to resist them. Sometimes a simple “no” will do. Sometimes a long-term resistance is required (James 4:7). However, there are times when we must FLEE. All temptations do not require the same resistance.

6. What are some of the things you can do to be able to resist various temptations, according to the following references?

a. Psalm 119:9 & 11 _____

b. Romans 6:13 _____

c. Hebrews 4:16 _____

7. Jesus was able to resist Satan by quoting the Old Testament. What was one of them?

Remember that your temptation is COMMON, that God is FAITHFUL, and that He will not allow you to be tempted ABOVE what you are able to resist.

8. List one temptation you want victory over this week: _____

Scripture References

Psalm 119:9

How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

Psalm 119:11

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!

Matthew 4:3-4

Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." [4] But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

Matthew 4:7-10

Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.' " [8] Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. [9] And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." [10] Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

Luke 8:11-12

"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. [12] Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Romans 6:13

And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

1 Cor. 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. [16] Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

James 1:13-15

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. [14] But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. [15] Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Lesson Seven



Sharing Your New Heart

Some of our Lord's last words on this earth were that we should be *witnesses* for Him (Acts 1:8). A witness is one who knows something by experience. God made a tremendous investment in you through the cross of Jesus. He not only saved us from sin but also to be His witness. He wants us to tell others what we personally know about His saving power.

I. The Purpose for Sharing Your Witness

1. Sharing what Jesus Christ has done for us should be one of the most logical, natural, and exciting things you do. What do the following verses say about witnessing?

a. Matthew 28:19-20 _____

b. John 4:35-36 _____

c. John 15:16 _____

II. The Preparation to Share Your Witness

It is really not a question of what kind of witness you will be. We are all witnesses for Christ - good or bad - but we ARE witnesses. Being an effective, positive witness is not an accident but the result of careful preparation.

2. Read 1 Peter 3:15-16, and explain why preparation for witnessing is important:

3. What four specific things should we pray for to prepare you for witnessing, according to Colossians 4:3-6?

a. Verse 3 _____

b. Verse 4 _____

c. Verse 5 _____

d. Verse 6 _____

4. What should be our attitude as we encounter people who do not know Jesus as Savior and Lord, according to Matthew 9:36?

5. Who are some of the first people to whom you should prepare to witness, according to Mark 5:19?

III. The Presentation of Your Witness

Presenting your witness should always include the essentials of receiving Jesus as Savior and Lord. The oldest and simplest plan is called the “Roman Road,” which requires only four verses from the book of Romans.

6. According to the following verses, what facts should you present when witnessing?

a. Romans 3:23 _____

b. Romans 6:23 _____

c. Romans 5:8 _____

d. Romans 10:9-10 _____

7. One thing that should always accompany a biblical presentation of the Gospel is a well-prepared personal testimony. In order to be prepared to share your verbal testimony, consider the following:

BC Experience:

What was your life and attitude like before you received Christ?

Transformation / Conversion Experience:

How did you realize your need for Christ? (Was it at a revival, regular church, elsewhere?) What did you ask Christ to do & how did you do it?

AD Experience:

What is your life and attitude like after receiving Christ?

After the verbal witness,

GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO RECEIVE CHRIST AS THEIR SAVIOR!

This is **THE** reason we witness, so that others can receive salvation in Jesus Christ. You may have to assist them in the prayer, but remember, they must confess with **their** lips that Jesus Christ is Lord.



MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 28:19-20

Scripture References

Matthew 9:36

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Mark 5:19

However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."

John 4:35-36

Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! [36] And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

John 15:16

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 10:9-10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Col. 4:3-6

meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, [4] that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. [5] Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. [6] Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

1 Thes. 2:10-12

You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; [11] as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, [12] that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

1 Peter 3:15-16

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; [16] having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

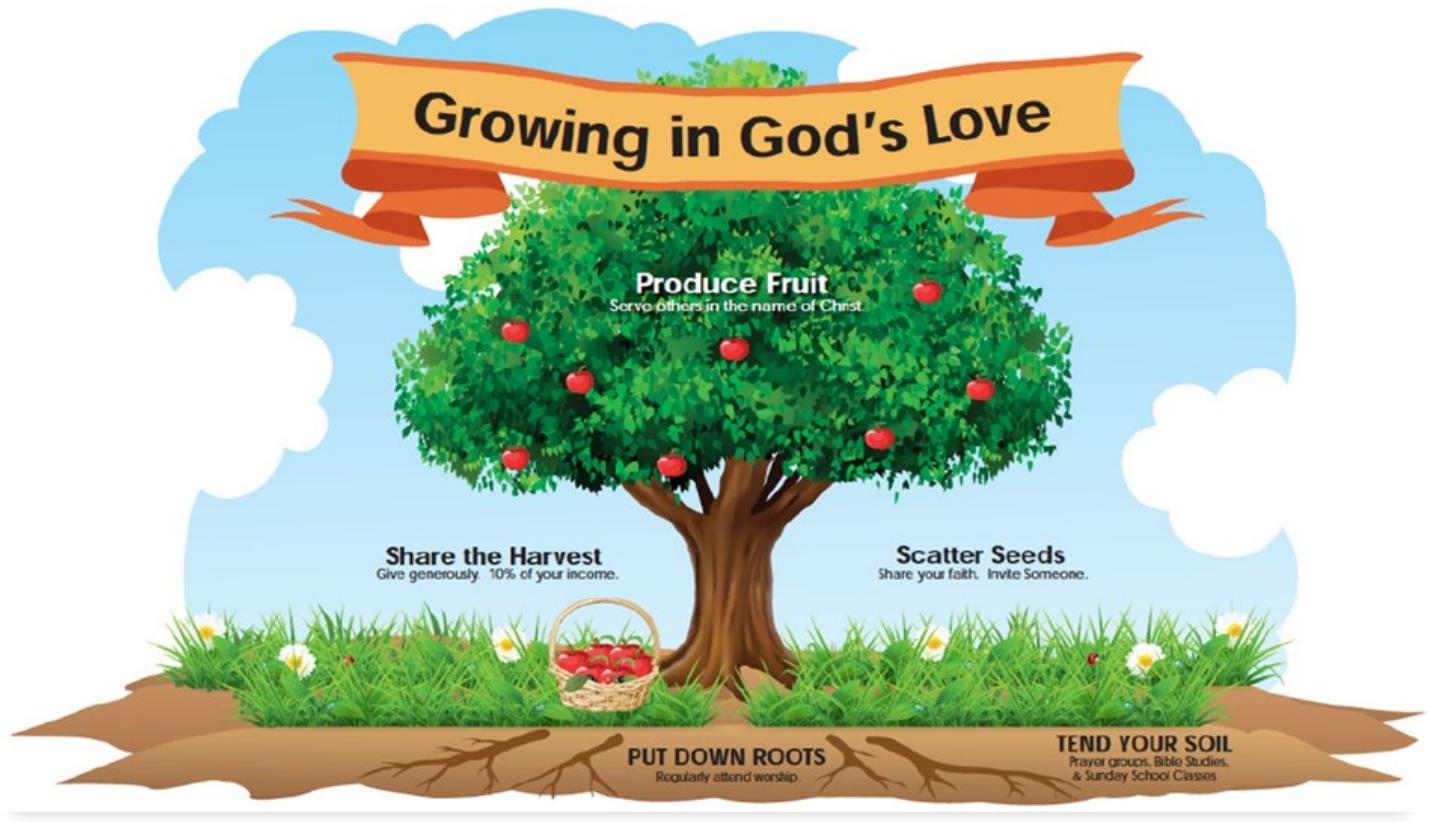


Ezekiel 11:19 (NKJV)

Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh,

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