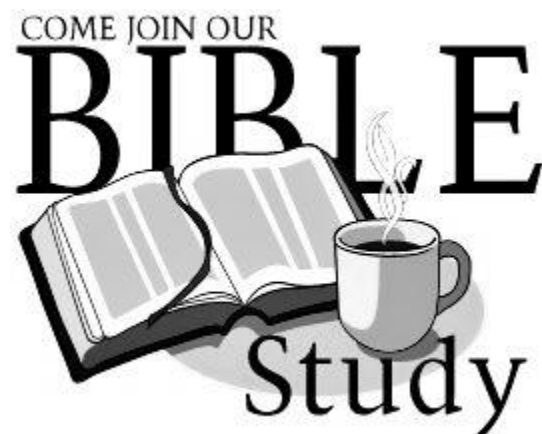




Chapter 10

Part #1

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SWEARING

GRACIOUS SPEECH

MAKING JESUS REAL TO ME!

WHY STUDY GOD'S WORD?
& DEVOTIONS

PRAISE WORTHY



II Tim. 2:2

"The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

Ephesians 6:17b

the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Psalm 119:18, 24, 49

18 Open my eyes, that I may behold
Wonderful things from Your law.

24 Your testimonies also are my delight;
They are my counselors.

49 Remember the word to Your servant,
In which You have made me hope.

Hebrews 13:7

Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.

WHAT WE LEARN FROM HORSES

Note what each verse says about Horses:

Duet 20:1

Psalm 20:7,8

Psalm 32:9

Psalm 33:17

Psalm 147:10,11

Isa. 31:1,3

Isa. 30:15-17

Thought questions:

1. What does the horse symbolize in the above verses?
2. What do we learn from horses?
3. What are “Horses” in our lives?

Summary Verses:

Zech. 4:6

Psalm 127:1,2

Eccel. 9:11

John 15:5

WHAT WE LEARN FROM A FARMER

Introduction:

II Tim 2:6 “The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops.”

James 5:7-8 “Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. 8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

Read the following scriptures and try to see how it relates to the Christian life. Also, match these verses with the statements about the Laws of the Harvest. (Part B)

Hosea 8:7

10:12

Luke 8:11-15

6:38

I Cor. 3:6-7:11-15

Eph. 6:8

5:15-16

Gal 6:7-10

Gen 1:11-12

8:1

Job 4:8

Matt 13:23

19:29

Prov. 11:18

11:25

22:8

26:27

Lev. 26:18,21,24

2 Cor. 2:10

9:6

Phil 3:13-14

Rev. 3:11

MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART

Why do some make it with God and some fail?

Saul and David started the same but didn't end the same. Let's find out why?

the beginning

Saul

David

I Samuel 10:1,6,10

Samuel 16:13

Samuel anoints Saul

-Spirit of Lord comes upon Saul

Samuel anoints David

-Spirit of Lord comes upon David

I

What did you learn about how to live a life pleasing to the Lord?

From Saul --

From David --

Who got the credit for winning the battle?

I Samuel 13:3,4

I Samuel 17:46,47

How did each man respond to the pressure of battle?

I Samuel 17:11,25,33

I Samuel 17:26,32,45-47

What was each man's sin?

I Samuel 15:1-3,7-9,22,23

II Samuel 11:1-5, 15-17

What was each man's response to sin?

I Samuel 15:20,21,

Psalms 51:1-4

What was God's response?

I Samuel 15:11,26; 16:14

II Samuel 11:27; 12:13

How did each person treat the other?

I Samuel 16:21; 18:8-13

I Samuel 24:9-12

How did each die?

I Samuel 31:4

I Kings 1:1; 2:10

QUESTIONS **GOD** IS ASKING EACH ONE TO ANSWER

Section -- A.

1. “Why do you spend money for what is not Bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy?” Isaiah 55:1,2
2. “You look for much, but behold, it comes to little; when you bring it home, I blow it away. Why?”
Haggai 1:5-11 (9)
3. “Why are you anxious about clothes?”
Matthew 6:25-34 (28)

How do these verses relate to the above questions?
John 6:35

Jeremiah 17:5

Psalm 37:23-25

Luke 12:13-34

I John 2:15-17

What decisions have you made in light of the above scriptures?

QUESTIONS **GOD** IS ASKING EACH ONE TO ANSWER

Section -- B.

1. “Why not be wronged?” I Corinthians 6:1-8 (7)
2. “Why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye?”
Matthew 7:1-5 (3)

How do these verses relate to the above questions?
Psalm 37:8,9

Matthew 18:21-33

Romans 12:16-21

I Peter 2:18-21

I Peter 3:13-17

Hebrews 12:2-4

What decisions have you made in light of the above scriptures?

QUESTIONS **GOD** IS ASKING EACH ONE TO ANSWER

Section -- C.

1. “Why are you timid, you men of little faith?”
Matthew 8:23-27 (26)
2. “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?” Luke 24:36-39 (38)

How do these verses relate to the above questions?

II Timothy 1:7

Matthew 10:28

Isaiah 40:9-14

Isaiah 43:1,2

Isaiah 46:4

Isaiah 54:10

Romans 8:1,31

John 16:33

What decisions have you made in the light of the above scriptures?

QUESTIONS **GOD** IS ASKING EACH ONE TO ANSWER

Section -- D.

1. “Who are you, O man, who answers back to God?”
Romans 9:20,21
2. “Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord’ and do not do what I say?” Luke 6:46-49 (46)

How do these verses relate to the above questions?

Isaiah 45:9,10

Isaiah 40:12-17

John 15:16

James 1:22-25

John 14:21

John 13:17

I Samuel 15:22

What decisions have you made in light of the above scriptures?

BIBLE STUDY - A Characters Comparison Study

Put yourself in the shoes of the people mentioned and try to determine the qualities or characteristics that was either commendable or repulsive to God.

Matthew 18:23-35

The King:

The Foolish Slave:

Matthew 15:22-28

The Canaanite Woman:

Matthew 25:1-13

The Foolish Virgins:

The Wise Virgins:

Matthew 25:14-30

The First Servant:

The Second Servant:

The Third Servant:

Matthew 25:31-46

Those on His Right:

Those on His Left:

Luke 21:1-4

The Widow:

The Rich:

Luke 18:18-23

The Rich Ruler:

Luke 18:9-14

The Pharisee:

The Publican:

Luke 17:11-19

The Nine Lepers:

The One Leper:

Luke 16:19-31

The Rich Man:

Lazarus:

Which person do you most identify with?

What attitudes and characteristics need to be changed in your life?

PEER PRESSURE

Old Testament Illustration: Exodus 32:1-26

New Testament Illustration: Luke 22:54-61

Aaron and Peter had on thing in common, they failed to stand up for God when circumstances were not going God's way.

Personal Illustration:

Have you ever failed God when you were with your friends?

Matthew 5:14-16 - How bright is your light at school or at home?

II Corinthians 5:20 - We are to be God's representatives on earth.

Mark 8:34-38 - I'm sure that we all want Jesus to be proud of us!

We might lose friends, (Am I willing to give up my friends for Jesus?)

John 15:18-22 I John 3:13 Matt. 10:34-39

But Jesus has prayed for us: John 17:13-16

Satan wants to make us blow it for God, to be bad examples.

Luke 22:31 I Corinthians 15:33

But Jesus' words are our assurance -

Luke 22:32 I Cor. 10:13
Rev. 3:21 John 16:33 James 1:2,3

So that Philippians 2:14 and 15 will be true of us.

Challenge for a prayer of commitment to choose God in difficult times.

Closing thought:

When you are alone as a Christian in a crowd you reveal to what extent your commitment to Christ is.

FRIENDSHIPS Pt I

Part One

Love or Status, Sincere or Phony

1. What do you think a friend is?

What are your friends like? (church, school, any different?)

What would you like your friends to be like?

What do you think you have to do in order to be a good friend?

Who is your best friend? Why?

2. Let's take a look at verses in the Bible that refer to friendship. How do each of these verses relate to friendship? Characteristics of friendship?

- Proverbs 17:17
- Proverbs 18:24
- Proverbs 27:6
- Ruth 1:16
- Eccles. 4:9,10
- John 15:13
- John 15:14,15

Do your true friendships carry any of these qualities? I trust they do.

FRIENDSHIPS Part II

1. **God really wants to be your friend.**

I John 4:19
Deut. 7:7-9
John 15:13-
Romans 5:8
John 16:27
Rom. 8:36-39
Jer. 31:3 -

How are we friends to God?

I John 4:19
I John 4:11
John 15:14-15
Mt 22:35-40
Rom. 13:8-10

We are not acting like friends with God when:

James 4:4
Rom. 8:6-8

Examples of some friends:

Ex. 33:11 & Heb. 11:24-25
James 2:14-16, 22-24
Mt. 20:28

2. **How can we be genuine friends to our brothers and sisters in Christ?**

John 13:34-35	Romans 15:1-6
Mt. 18:32-35	Phil. 2:1-8
Mt. 23:11-12	I Peter 3:8-9
Rom. 12:9-21	Acts 20:35

What will happen when we do this?

John 17:26

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A PERSON DIES?

First – get the permission from a cemetery in order to do this activity

CEMETERY TOUR

What do we learn from a cemetery?

Please try to find as much information as you can in the following areas:

1. Can you determine the sex of the individual?
2. Can you determine the age of the individual?
3. Are you aware of how successful they were in life?
 - a. Were they happy?
 - b. Were they wealthy?
 - c. Were they healthy?
4. Can you tell anything special about the person (hobbies, service, loved by family, etc.)?
5. Can you determine their eternal destiny, are they going to heaven or not?
6. Does it make any difference to you that these people ever lived?
7. Why do you think those people ever existed?
8. Do you think they were prepared for death?

What does the bible say??

Heb. 9:27

Reb. 20:11-15

II Pet. 3:9

LESSONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Lesson One

Genesis Chapters 12 & 13

1. Please read through these two chapters and look for lessons which relate to us (Christians) today.

- a. What do we learn about God?
- b. What do we learn about man?
- c. What other lessons did you find?

2. Please read the scripture referred to below and think about how they relate to chapter's 12 and 13 of Genesis and how they relate to us.

- a. Romans 5:8
- b. I Cor. 10:13
- c. I John 2:15-17
- d. Romans 8:31-32
- e. Heb. 11:6

* In addition, discuss any other scriptures that come to mind which might relate to the lesson.

LESSONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Lesson Two

Genesis Chapters 18 & 19

Please read Genesis 18 first, and go through the chapter together before reading Genesis chapter 19.

1. From Genesis 18: What do you think?

a. What lessons are in this chapter for us today?

b. How do these verses relate to the chapter and to us?

☐ II Peter 3:9

☐ Jer. 32:27

☐ I Cor. 1:9

☐ I Tim. 2:1-3

2. From Genesis 19: What do you think?

a. What lessons are in this chapter for us today?

b. How do these verses relate to the chapter and to us?

☐ II Peter 2:7-9

☐ James 4:4

☐ I Cor. 6:9,10

☐ Gal. 6:7,8

* In addition, discuss any other scriptures that come to mind which might relate to the lesson.

LESSONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Lesson Three

Genesis Chapters 39, 40 & 50:15-21

Please read chapter 39 first. What do you think?

1. What lessons are there which apply to us?

2. How are these verses helpful?

a. Gal. 5:16,17

b. John 16:33

c. Romans 8:6

Please read Chapter 40 & 50:15-21. What do you think?

1. What lessons are there which apply to us?

2. How do these verses relate to the Genesis story and to us?

a. Romans 8:28

b. Romans 8:37-39

c. James 5: 7-11

* In addition, discuss any other scriptures that come to mind which might relate to the lesson.

LESSONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Lesson Four

Exodus Chapters 3 & 4:1-23

Please read the two passages. What do you think?

1. What lessons are there which apply to us today?

2. Now look up these verses below and consider them in light of the Exodus account above; then apply them to today.

a. Phil. 2:12-16

b. Acts 1:8

c. I Peter 3:14-16

d. Hebrews 2:14-15

e. Matt. 10:19-20

* In addition, discuss any other scriptures that come to mind which might relate to the lesson.

LESSONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Lesson Five

Exodus Chapters 12:1-42 & 14

Please read Exodus 12:1-42

1. What lessons are there for us from these verses?

2. In what ways do you think these verses relate to the story and to us?
 - a. Hebrews 9:14 & 22
 - b. I Cor. 11:23-26
 - c. Rev. 20:11-15

Please read Exodus Chapter 14 What do you think?

1. What lessons are there for us from this chapter?

2. How do these verses apply here?
 - a. I Cor. 1:26-29
 - b. James 1:2-8
 - c. I Thess. 5:24

* In addition, discuss any other scriptures that come to mind which might relate to the lesson.

LESSONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Lesson Six

Exodus Chapter 32 and Numbers Chapter 11

1. Please read I Cor. 10:1-13. List the five Old Testament accounts which we are to learn from today.

2. Now read Numbers 11 with I Cor. 10:6 and discern the lessons which we are to “take heed lest we fall”.

a. How do these New Testament scriptures relate to this account?

☐ Mark 8:34-38

☐ I Tim. 6:6-10

☐ Matt. 5:6

3. Now read Exodus 32 with I Cor. 10:7. What do you think are the lessons in here for us today?

a. How do these New Testament scriptures relate to this account?

☐ Col. 3:5-7

☐ I Peter 4:3-5

* In addition, discuss any other scriptures that come to mind which might relate to the lesson.

LESSONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Lesson Seven

Numbers 21:1-9 and 25:1-15

1. Please read Numbers 21:1-9 with I Cor. 10:9 and discern the lessons which apply to us today?

a. What additional insights do these scriptures bring?

☐ Matt. 4:1-11 (especially verses 5-7)

☐ James 1:12-17

☐ John 3:14,15

2. Now read Numbers 25:1-15 with I Cor. 10:8 and I Cor. 6:15-20. What are the lessons for us today?

a. What additional insight do these scriptures bring?

☐ Eph. 5:3-12

☐ Romans 1:24-27

☐ I Cor. 6:9-13

* In addition, discuss any other scriptures that come to mind which might relate to the lesson.

SPIRITUAL BLAHS - Heb. 5:11,12

1. Please look up these verses and see if they give any insight as to the steps of spiritual vitality.

Psalm 1:1-3
Romans 12:1,2
II Tim 2:22
John 15:16
II Tim 2:15
John 14:21
Heb 10:23-25
II Cor 5:9
Matt 6:19-21
II Cor 5:14,15
Matt 6:33
II Cor 5:20
Matt 7:24-27
I Cor 9:24-27
II Peter 1:2-11
I Cor 8:6
II Peter 3:9-13
I Cor 10:31
Acts 1:8
I John 2:15-17
Psalm 119:9,11
Rom. 13:11-14
I Thess 4:1-8
Rom. 14:7-13
Phil 2:1-12
Mark 8:34-38
Phil 3:12-14
Gal 6:7-10
Phil 4:8,9

2. In light of the verses above and the steps which you have determined are critical to overcome spiritual blahs, what might you do to remedy your situation?

THE EYE

The Bible has a lot to say about the eyes. Not so much about how our eyes look to world but more of the idea of how the world looks through our eyes. How we see; what we see is far more important than having good-looking eyes!

Please look at these scriptures and answer the following questions:

Prov. 3:7
Prov. 7:2
Prov. 4:21
Prov. 12:15
Prov. 23:29-33
Prov. 4:26
Prov. 15:3
Prov. 27:20
Prov. 5:21
Prov. 16:2
Prov. 23:4,5
Prov. 28:22
Prov. 6:16,17
Prov. 20:12
Prov. 30:17

1. What is said about human eyes? (Man's seeing)
2. What is said about God's eyes? (His seeing)
3. What relationship has God's Word; His Wisdom with our eyes? (our seeing)
4. What is the Lord concerned about when it comes to our eyes from these verses?

Matt. 18:9 Eph. 6:6 Ecc. 11:9 I John 2:15-17

THE HEART

Please review these verses and seek to determine how they relate to the life of a Christian?

James 1:7,8

Rev 3:14-19

Luke 16:10-13

Mark 3:24,25

Luke 9:62

Luke 14:25-35

Romans 8:6,7

In the Old Testament we have recorded what God saw in the heart of some people which was the reason those individuals did not do well. Please note where these individuals messed up. Why did they fall?

II Chronicles 12:14

II Chronicles 25:2

II Chronicles 26:4,5,16

Others succeeded with God, why?

Numbers 14:24

II Chronicles 31:20,21

II Chronicles 34:20,21,27,31

What does God want you to do?

Deut 5:29

Joshua 24:14,15

I Kings 18:21

I Peter 4:3-5

Now there is the problem that Christians face –

How to be a child of God and still enjoy some sins?

What does God say about that -

Romans 6:12-16

II Peter 2:19

John 8:34

II Peter 2:7 & 8 - what does that mean to you personally?

Now What?

Since you have come this far in understanding, you must make a choice. There are three ways in which you can go.

1. You can say, “Forget God, I love sin too much to give my life to you.”
2. You can say, “Yes God, you’re right but I’m not ready yet.”
3. You can say, “Yes God, I want You, and I will give to You my sins.”

Please be honest with God. Which decision are you ready to make?

Gal 5:7,8:

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever as man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal

I John 2:6 - The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

The question that needs to be answered, so that we can truly understand I John 2:6, is: How did Jesus walk?

Remember the lesson from Phil 2:5-8, Jesus humbled Himself and became man. Therefore the way Jesus lived is the same way we should live (walk).

1. Let’s find out - How did Jesus live?

Summarize each verse in the light of the above question.

John 5:19 -

John 5:30 -

John 8:28 -

John 12:49 -

John 14:8-11 -

Luke 4:1

Luke 22:42

From your studies of the above verses, which on of these next 3 statements do you think were true of the way Jesus lived?

1. Jesus depended on the Father to work through Him each day.
2. Jesus relied on Himself to meet each days problems.
3. Jesus sought the Holy Spirit to lead Him daily.

3. How did Jesus walk? Or Live?

4. Before we answer how we are to live, summarize these verses:

Hebrews 11:6 -

Hebrews 12:2 -

a. What pleases God?

b. Who should we keep our focus of attention on; keep looking toward? Why?

5. Did Jesus live by Hebrew 11:6?

a. Who was His focus of attention on?

6. What part then does the Holy Spirit play in our lives?

John 15:26 -

John 16:13,14 -

7. Now then, How are we to live?

WHY DO I THINK AND ACT THE WAY I DO SO MUCH OF THE TIME

Galatians 5:17 -

Romans 7:15-23 -

James 4:1-4 -

II Peter 2:7,8 -

Ephesians 6:12 -

I John 2:16 -

Romans 6:16,19 -

Proverbs 7:6-27 -

Psalms 73:2-5, 16-20 -

James 1:14,15 -

Romans 8:6-8 -

(Discuss the above verses in small groups)

*Note that we are victim to our senses

Pleasure - a feeling of enjoyment or delight, a cause or source of this feeling, a gratification of the senses.

Fact: When one's senses are bombarded most of the time toward sinful gratification for that person not to gratify himself is next to impossible. "Garbage in - Garbage out"

Romans 6:19 - has a key of insight:

1. How do/did you present yourselves as slaves to sin?

Answer: Exposing your senses to that which promotes sinful action.

2. How are we Christians to guard against that exposure?

Answer: Cut back to stop negative exposure and expose yourself to positive Christian things.

Things to do: Psalm 139:23,24

- Open to God's inspection.
- If you know some areas that need changing but are unwilling for God to change you then you will be a deformed Christian.
- Evaluate your spending of time. How much negative or positive exposure time do you have?

WALKING IN VICTORY

WHAT TO DO:

A. Begin memorizing Psalm 119:9,11.

B. Write in the answers to the following questions in your own words.

1. To whom does God promise victory? I John 5:5
2. How do we know that a victorious life is possible? II Thess 3:3
3. What does God expect us to do in regard to sin? II Tim 2:19
4. What is a good prayer for a person who wants to live a life of victory? Ps 139:23,24
5. Through whom will God give continual victory? II Cor 2:14
6. How does Christ accomplish this for us? Romans 8:34
7. What did Paul learn concerning victory over circumstances? Phil 4:11,12
8. List several outstanding things over which God can make us conquerors. Romans 8:35-39
9. We should be victorious over (I Peter 5:8) and (I John 2:15,16)
10. What are some means which will lead to consistent victory in our lives?
Eph 6:16 -
Matt 26:41 -
Ps 119:11 -
11. a. What effect can the Word of God have upon us? Ps 119:1,11
b. What must we do to receive this benefit?
12. Write out Psalm 119:9,11 in your own words.

NOTE ALL THE “WALKS” IN THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

2:2 - “you formerly walked according ...”

2:10 - “that we should walk in them.”

4:1 - “walk in a manner worthy of the calling ...”

4:17 - “walk no longer just as the Gentiles ...”

5:2 - “and walk in love, just as Christ ...”

5:8 - “walk as children of light.”

5:15 - “be careful how you walk, ...”

Note: just from these verses a Christian has enough given to him as to his practical life that would make all of our churches live together better. We have how not to live and how to live. We are responsible for the quality of our Christian walk, God has provided for us now it is up to us.

I Thess 2:12 - “walk in a manner worth of God.”

Romans 14:15 - “walk according to love.”

Psalm 1:1 - “walk in the counsel of the wicked”

THE PROMISES OF GOD

Their place in the life of the Christian
The promise of God's Word!!!

MAKING GOD'S PROMISES MY LIFE'S EXPERIENCE.

1. God's Ability
- A) His Character
- 1) Psalm 100:5
- 2) Jeremiah 32:27
- 3) Titus 1:2
- 4) Isaiah 40:21-26
- B) His Word
- 1) Psalm 33:4
- 2) Isaiah 40:8
- C) His Power
- 1) I Kings 8:56
- 2) Joshua 23:14
3. How Promises Work
- Our Response to God
- A) John 15:7-12,16
- B) Romans 4:18-21
- C) Hebrews 6:11-20
- D) Heb. 10:23,35,36
4. Our Daily Practice
- 1) Faith's Formula -- "My faith can be based only on God's faithfulness, made possible only through His Power and trusting Him to keep His Word to me."
- 2) Pray for God to do in you and through you what He has promised in His Word to do.
- 3) Be willing for God to change you so He can fulfill His Word to You.
- 4) Turn commands into promises, realizing that God alone gives you the power enabling you to fulfill His commands.
- 4) Read and study God's Word to find and know the promises and commands which He intends to fulfill in your life.
- Keep a "promises" list with dates and then refer to them often.

PROMISES VERSES:

About provision:

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. I Kings 19:5-8 | 8. Psalm 132:15 |
| 2. I Kings 17 | 9. II Cor. 9:8 |
| 3. Phil. 4:19 | 10. James 1:17 |
| 4. Matt. 6:19-21 | 11. Psalm 68:19 |
| 5. Matt. 14:15-20 | 12. Isaiah 48:21 |
| 6. Psalm 36:8 | 13. John 6:31 |
| 7. Duet. 20:9 | 14. II Peter 1:4 |

About promises:

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. I Cor. 2:9 | 7. Eph. 1:13 |
| 2. II Peter 3:13 | 8. I Tim. 4:8 |
| 3. I John 2:25 | 9. II Tim. 1:1 |
| 4. I John 3:3 | 10. Heb. 11:11 |
| 5. Heb. 6:12 | 11. James 1:12 |
| 6. Romans 4:21,22 | |

About forgiveness:

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| 1. Luke 15 | 8. Psalm 85:2 |
| 2. I John 1:9 | 9. Psalm 103:12 |
| 3. Psalm 34:18 | 10. Isaiah 55:6 |
| 4. Micah 7:18 | 11. Jer. 31:34 |
| 5. Acts 3:19 | 12. Jer. 33:8 |
| 6. Isaiah 43:25,26 | 13. Mark 3:28 |
| 7. Isaiah 44:21,22 | 14. I John 2:1,2 |

BIBLICAL DECISION MAKING

1. Our own judgement can fail us -

Jere 17:9
Prov 13:13
Prov 14:2
Prov 16:2

2. Knowing God's way will prosper

Ps 1:1-3
Ps 37:4,5

3. Use the Scriptures as the standard

II Cor 10:12
Avoid comparison with others

4. Basic knowledge of the Scriptures

Rom 12:2
Rom 2:17,18
Ps 119:9
Eph 1:7-9
Eph 5:10,17
John 14:21,23,24
John 15:10,14
Col 1:5,9-11

5. Commanded to seek counsel of godly men or women

I Cor 15:33
Prov 11:14
Prov 12:15
Prov 15:22

6. Prayerfully examine your conscience in the matter

Ps 27:14
Acts 20:23
Acts 21:4
Rom 14:5-22

7. Prayerfully wait for the leading of the Holy Spirit

Ps 27:14
Acts 20:23
Acts 21:4
Rom 8:14,26

8. Prayerfully look at the circumstances of God - (Should always be done last)

Ps 25:15;31:7,8
Ps 32:4;39:10
Ps 90:17
I Cor 16:9
II Cor 2:12
Rev 3:8

THE WILL OF GOD - Part I

God wants us all to know what His plan for our life is.

Ephesians 5:17 -
Acts 22:14 -
Colossians 1:9 -

What will knowing God's will result in for you?

Matt. 7:21 - Matt 12:50 -
Luke 12:47 - John 4:34 -
Acts 13:22 - Heb. 10:36 -
Heb. 13:20,21 - I John 5:14,15 -
I John 2:17 -

Every time you pray The Lord's Prayer, you say, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." But do you know what God's will is for your life? It would be a lot easier for you to do God's will if you knew what it was.

First, let's get rid of the notion that God's will is only what my job will be for life. God's will is a lot bigger than that. His will includes who to marry, how to live, what to do, when to do it, responsibility, relationships, attitudes, and conduct. It includes what to do about yesterday, how to handle today, and how to prepare for the future. We are not going to answer all the questions, but I hope to answer, or give some guidelines to some of your questions these next two weeks.

Question #1 - What does the Bible say is definitely God's will for my life?

There are not very many verses in the Bible that say "this is God's will." The whole Bible is to be seen as God showing Himself to us and communicating to us many important things; which includes His will for us on many matters. For instance, God did not say that The Ten commandments were "His will" in so many words. But it is obvious that they definitely are "His will." So, whenever God says we are to do or not to do something, you know it's His will. Yet there are several places that God does say this is His will.

II Peter 3:19 Matthew 18:14 Eph 5:17,18
I Thess 4:3-7 I Peter 2:13-15 I Peter 4:19
I Timothy 2:8 I Thess 5:18

Question #2 - Can a Christian ever get back God's will once he has deliberately gone against it?

Look at the verses in question #1. Are you following God's will there totally? If not, how can you start over?

I John 1:9 II Chron. 7:14 II Chron. 6:36-39

GOD'S WILL - Part II

From last week's lesson on God's will, we saw that doing God's will involved more than a person knowing what they should do (vocation) or who they should marry. It involved everyday stuff, too.

God's will is not to be difficult to discern as He has revealed a lot of things in His Word that makes it clear as to what God's will is.

Please note what is God's will and what is not God's will from these verses:

Romans 13:11-14 -
I Cor 6:18-20 -
Gal 5:16-24 -
Eph 5:1-11 -
Col 3:15-17 -
Now in the areas where God's will is not made clear to you in the Bible, how are we to discern what God would have a believer do?
Ps 143:10 -
Ps 16:11 -
James 1:5 -
Prov 11:14 -
Prov 15:22 -
Rom 12:1,2 -
I John 3:22 -
Ps 37:4 -
I Cor 10:31 -
Isa 30:21 -
Jerm 29:11 -
Col 1:9 -
Ps 32:8 -

Any believer can have confidence in discerning the will of God when they have a growing relationship with Him and they are seeking to obey God in the areas where He has revealed His will.

WE NEED TO PRAY SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

Dear Lord, if you have a file that you look through whenever you think about me, put red in there that says, "_____ wants to be in Your will." No matter what I think at the minute, or what trials or troubles come my way, there's one thing I want that's to be in Your will.

THE CONCERN GOD HAS FOR WHAT A PERSON SAYS

(Part 1)

I. Please look up these verses and note:

Why God is concerned about what a person says.

Why we should be concerned about what we say.

a. Mark 7:14-23 -

b. Ex 20:7 -

c. Prov 15:4 -

d. I Peter 3:10 -

e. James 1:26; 5:9

f. James 3:2-12 -

g. Luke 12:2,3 -

THE CONCERN GOD HAS FOR WHAT A PERSON SAYS

(Part 2)

I. Review your answers in part 1.

Remember - when a Christian is not walking with God one of the first places it shows is in their speech. What a person says is a demonstration of how they are on the inside.

II. Look up these verses and note the advice God gives about what a person says:

a. Proverbs 16:28 -

b. Proverbs 17:28 -

c. Proverbs 18:13 -

d. Proverbs 20:3 -

e. Proverbs 21:23 -

f. Proverbs 29:20 -

g. Eph 4:29 -

h. Col 4:6 -

III. What does god want us to understand about the way we talk from I Tim 4:12?

LYING

I. Lies are like ‘Heinz’ - they come in ‘57’ varieties. Can you name a few?

Psalm 12:2

Psalm 5:9

Psalm 28:3

Psalm 52:4

Psalm 50:20

Proverbs 7:21

Psalm 55:20,21

Proverbs 11:9

Exodus 23:1

II. What’s wrong with telling a lie?

Proverbs 6:16-19 -

Psalm 101:7 -

Proverbs 10:9 -

Proverbs 19:5 -

Psalm 63:11 -

Proverbs 10:18 -

Psalm 59:12 -

Psalm 55:23

III. Do you know who the grand-daddy of all liars is?

John 8:44,45 -

Do you know who his first victims were?

Genesis 3:1-5 -

Have you fallen into his trap? When it gets to be that many people are liars, and one can’t trust others, is that a sign of anything important? What?

II Timothy 3:1-9 -

I Timothy 4:1,2 -

II Thessalonians 2:9-12 -

IV. Is it easy to stop lying and to start being truthful?

James 3:6-12 -

Romans 7:18-20 -

V. What can I do to stop lying?

Colossians 3:7-10 -

Psalm 34:11-14 -

I Peter 3:8-12 -

VI. What would God have me do to make right a lie that resulted in a loss to someone else?

Leviticus 6:2-7 -

SWEARING

I. The Problem

Swearing is a word used widely now to mean such things that are commonly called "naughty words". But the word really means:

1. to affirm, vow, testify and the other is:
2. blaspheme

The words people use should not be referred to as swearing but vulgar language. The reason I think so, is because they learn that the blasphemous use of God's name is on the same level as vulgar words, so consequently when they hear a dirty word, it's not much more to say the Lord's name and what have you.

Old Testament Illustration: Isaiah 52:5

New Testament Illustration: I Timothy 1:20

Both passages show the consequences of blaspheming God's Holy Name.

Personal Illustration: When God's name is used, does it affect you more than just a common dirty word?

II. The Process James 3:1-12 Psalm 119:9,11

To change someone's attitude is under three categories:

1. It is a process

a) a costly one sometimes (I Cor. 13:7)

1. time
2. sleep
3. money
4. privacy
5. rights

2. Requires people

a) willing to help (II Cor. 5:20) Must discern if this is a problem NOW or some underlying reason.

3. It leads to progress - but does take time

III. The Power

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| A. Teaching ministry to do right | John 14:26 |
| B. Convicting Ministry | John 16:7-11 |
| C. Guiding Ministry | John 16:13 |

Satan wants, to get his hands into this. Luke 22,,31

But God's Word helps us along. Psalm 119:105

A Word of Caution: A persons almost spontaneous reaction of swearing and cursing when the name of Jesus Christ or God is mentioned can be a symptom of an unclean spirit or demon. A continual compulsion to blaspheme the name of God and/or Christ, can be in connection with symptoms, be a sign of demon possession.

GRACIOUS SPEECH

Out of all the things that are true - I choose those things which build up and edify.

II Cor. 6:3-6 and Phil 4:8 - only places where this true concept of Graciousness is used.

One can choose to say what is good or bad because both probably are true.

Need of inner change to be able to speak graciously.

Phil. 2:1-4

Recognize that the HOLY SPIRIT is in other believers.

Recognize that others have many needs.

Recognize that others have many problems.

Recognize that others have many burdens.

v. 3 & 4 - My problem is that I am more concerned for myself and image. World says if you don't take care of your interests no one will. Scriptures say that if we don't seek for others interest, I won't succeed.

Paradox but true.

v. 5-11 - Illustration: The principle that to succeed I must be concerned for another's wellbeing.

Jesus the King of Kings - God - Creator had to lay aside His position and use of attributes to succeed in securing us. This is the model of what our understanding should be.

Christ had others success upper most in His mind when he hung on the Cross.

MAKING JESUS REAL TO ME!

There are three main attributes about Jesus that we need to understand. He is our Savior, He is a friend, and also, He is our Lord. Let's see how the Bible looks at each of these attributes.

I. Savior - according to Webster's College Dictionary, "Savior" is defined as "A person who saves, rescues or delivers." How does Jesus fit this description?

- A. Matthew 1:21 -
- B. I Peter 2:24 -
- C. I Timothy 1:15 -
- D. Titus 3:5-7 -

II. Friend - Webster says a friend is "A person attached to another by feelings of affection or personal regard." The Bible speaks of friendship in what ways?

- A. Luke 5:20 -
- B. Proverbs 17:17 -
- C. John 15:13-15 -

III. Lord - finally we come to Jesus as Lord. Webster says the "Lord is a person who has authority, control, or power over others." How does the Bible show Jesus as Lord?

- A. Luke 2:11 -
- B. Revelations 4:11 -
- C. John 13:13 -
- D. Ephesians 4:4-6 -
- E. Romans 14:8-9 -
- F. Philippians 2:9-11 -

IV. Discuss how these three points relate to us when we are actively involved in, a) Reading our Bible, b) In our prayer life, and c) acknowledging Him as Lord in our life.

WHY STUDY GOD'S WORD?

1. Before we look into the Bible and see why studying it is so important, write down some thoughts you have as to why a person should study God's Word.

Your Devotional Life

I Tim 4:7,8

Acts 2: 42-47

2. Look at these verses and note the benefits of studying God's Word.

- a. Psalm 119:98-100, 104, 105, 130 -
- b. John 8:31,32 -
- c. I Timothy 3:16,17 -
- d. Psalm 119:9-11 -
- e. Psalm 119:165 -
- f. Romans 10:17 -
- g. Luke 4:4,8,12 -
- h. I John 5:13 -
- i. Psalm 19:7-11 -
- j. Deuteronomy 32:47 -
- k. Psalm 1:1-3; James 1:21-25 -
- l. I Peter 2:2 -
- m. II Timothy 2:15 -

The Result:

Rom 15:4
Ps. 119:24
Isa. 55:10,11
II Tim. 2:15
Ps. 119:18

DEVOTIONS - READING THE BIBLE AND PRAYER

I PETER 2:2

I. Discussion: Why are they needed?

1. Joshua 1:8 -
2. Deut 4:5-9 -
3. Psalm 42:1,2; 63:1,5-8 -
4. I Peter 2:2 -
5. Matt 7:7; James 1:5 -
6. Phil 4:6,7; I Peter 5:7 -
7. John 16:23-27; Heb 4:16; I John 5:14 -
8. Matt 26:41; II Thess 3:1-2 -

II. What can be done?

1. Plan for it. Decide what you want to accomplish and how much time you will spend.
2. Find a good place. Mark 1:35. A place where you can be safe from always being interrupted.
3. Ideas on how to do it. Feel free to do your own thing, in a way you will enjoy doing it most.

Suggestions: Keep a notebook -

- a. Write down what you learn when you read the Bible. Take one book and break it down into paragraphs or chapters.
- b. When you pray write down the requests and the date you started praying it, and the date when God answers.
- c. Ask yourself the following questions: Do I have any of the following -
 1. Sins to forsake?
 2. Promises to claim?
 3. Examples to follow?
 4. Teachings about God?
 5. Warnings to consider?
 6. Other important truths?
 7. Applications to Me?

In closing: take a look at this poem and see if it doesn't relate to YOU!!!!

Peering into the mist of grey
that shroud the surface of the bay,
Nothing I see except a veil
of fog surrounding every sail.
Then suddenly against a cape
A vast and silent form takes shape,
A great ship lies against the shore
where nothing has appeared before.

Who sees a truth must often gaze
into a fog for many days;
It may seem very sure to him,
nothing is there but mist-clouds dim.
Then suddenly, his eyes will see
a shape where nothing used to be.
Discoveries we missed each day
by men who turn too soon away!!

PRAISEWORTHY: A HEART OF PRAISE

What are the qualities of God to be praised?

Psalm 91:11-12 -

Psalm 95:3-5 -

Psalm 100:3 -

Psalm 103:11 -

Psalm 103:12 -

Psalm 103:13 -

Psalm 111:3,7 -

Psalm 139:1-5 -

Psalm 140:12 -

I Cor 15:57 -

How then can I offer my Praise to God?

Psalm 96:2b-3 -

Psalm 100:2a -

Psalm 103:1-2 -

Since I know the qualities of God to be praised and the ways that I can praise Him, What is the encouragement given in Phil 4:8?