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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."

II Timothy 2:15

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

DEVELOPING AN AWARENESS OF GOD

One of our greatest problems in prayer is in maintaining an awareness of the One to whom we are speaking. Someone once said “Begin the day with God. Every morning lean thine arms awhile on the window sill of heaven and gaze upon thy Lord. Then with the vision in thy heart, turn strong to meet thy day.” That sounds great, but how do we do it?

Building upon things shared with the larger group, try doing one or more of the following in your small group.

- a. Select some familiar portion of the Bible and then encourage each person to share something about God that the passage caused them to think of which could become part of their prayer. For instance, let’s assume you are reading through Exodus. Someone might say “I am impressed with the patience of God.” Their prayer then would first focus on telling God of His patience even to the point of telling God the story
- b. Ask each person to select some person in the Bible that would be meaningful if put into the following prayer: “Father, I come to you as the God of _____.” For instance, if they said, “The God of Abraham,” perhaps this would lead them to consider their God being One who always keeps His word, etc.
- c. Ask each person to select some recent event in which God had clearly done something (by the way, that includes a great deal!) and then put it into a prayer. (“My father, I come to You as the one who _____.”)

Then spend time in prayer primarily “gazing on thy Lord,” using short prayers, perhaps each person praying more than once as different things about God come to mind.

DEVELOPING AN AWARENESS OF THE PLACE TO WHICH OUR PRAYER ASCENDS

Below is a very partial list (from Hebrews) of descriptions of the awesome place we are approaching every time we pray.

- a. “The Majesty on High” (1:3; 8:1)
- b. “the throne of God” (1:8)
- c. The place of the “glory” of God (2:9-10)
- d. The place where Jesus as our High Priest is sitting next to God the Father (2:14-16; 10:12; 12:2)
- e. “the throne of grace” (4:16)
- f. “enter within the veil” (6:19)
- g. “The holy place” (9:24; 10:19)
- h. “the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God” also “a better country, a heavenly one,” Mt. Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (11:10; 11:16; 12:22; 13:14)
- i. The place of ‘Myriad’s of angels” (12:22; plus all of verse 23; see also Dan 7:10 and Rev 7:9-10)
- j. The place “which cannot be shaken” (12:28)
- k. The place of consuming fire (12:29; see also Dan 7:9-10)
- l. The place where our Shepherd is (13:20)

1. Which one of these best describes how you view the place to where your prayer ascends. Please share.

2. Share how this might help or does help your prayer time to be more practical.

3. When you pray to God with this vision in mind, do you get a mental vision or picture of God receiving your prayer? If so, share how it helps, if not, then you should try to picture it next time you pray.

4. Why don’t you take time right now and pray, mentally picturing and verbally referring to this most wonderful and mysterious place.

PRAYER

We always hear people talking about prayer, but why do we really need to have prayer in our lives?

A. Matt 26:41 -

B. Philippians 4:6 -

C. James 5:13 -

Prayer is the way that we talk to God. Let's see how some people in the Bible prayed.

A. Matthew 8:2 -

B. Hebrews 1:10-12

C. I Samuel 15:11 -

Since prayer is the way we talk to God and people in the Bible did pray, how are we to pray?

A. Matthew 18:19 -

B. I Thessalonians 5:17 -

C. James 15:16 -

D. Ii Chronicles 7:14 -

E. Matthew 6:6 -

Many of you may have a hard time talking to God. God has given us some prayers in the Bible that we can use. Just put your name in it or the person you are praying for.

A. I Samuel 12:21-25 -

B. I Thessalonians 3:10-13 -

C. Philippians 1:9-11 -

D. Jeremiah 1:6 (7-9) -

God wants us to talk to Him. The more you talk to Him the better you will know Him and the easier prayer comes. Right now let's take Philippians 1:9-11 and pray that prayer for the person on your right. Just put their name in it and believe in your heart that God will answer it.

PRAYER

Last week we talked about how to pray and that prayer is the way that we talk to God. Now we will learn more on how to pray and why our prayers are sometimes not answered.

First, we must be right with God. This is best done when we keep in tune with Jesus and follow His way.

John 15:4,7 -

I John 2:6 -

Colossians 2:6 (How we are to stay with Jesus) -

Now if we are to be right with God there are certain things that must be removed from our lives before God will answer our prayers. These verses list some things that can block our prayers to God.

Deuteronomy 1:45 -

I Samuel 14:37 -

Psalm 66:18 -

Prov 1:8 -

Prov 21:13 -

Prov 28:9 -

Isaiah 1:15 -

Isaiah 59:2 -

Zechariah 7:13 -

James 1:6 -

James 4:3 -

Okay, so we are right with God and have asked for forgiveness our sins, so next we must make known our requests to God. We need to ask before we receive. Note what verses say about asking and what goes along with asking.

Matthew 7:7 -

John 14:13,14 -

John 15:16 -

Phil 4:6 -

Job 33:26 -

We know now that we must make our request know to God. But what kind of things do we ask for and how do we ask?

Matthew 21:22 -

Mark 11:24 -

James 4:3 -

God always answers prayer. Sometimes it may not be the answer we want, but He does answer. He will answer in three ways, YES, NO, WAIT. Think of it this way, when a father sees his child about to stick a knife into an electric outlet, he says "NO!" The child doesn't know why, but also the child can't understand yet why the father said "NO." In the same way God, our Father, sometimes will see things that will hurt us and say "NO!", because we won't know how to handle it yet. Even though sometimes we will not understand, our Father knows what is best for us now. God will answer you, if you are right with Him and ask for things of God, not for yourself.

TOPICAL STUDY ON PRAYER

1. List the Promises of Answers from God:

Ex 22:23 -
 Psalm 34:15 -
 Psalm 34:17 -
 Prov 3:6 -
 Isa 58:9 -
 Isa 65:24 -

2. In Zech 13:9, why will God hear us?

3. In Matt 6:5-8, there is a list of thing to do and not to do with prayer. What are they?

TO DO NOT TO DO

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| 1. _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 4. _____ |

4. In Matt 6:9-13, Jesus gives us an example of how to pray.

Who are we to pray to? _____ After we identify the person we're praying to the next section does what, vs. 9,10: _____. Vs. 11 ask for what? _____ Do you think we should really want more? _____ Why or why not? _____

5. What does vs. 12 mean? -
 Who are debts and debtors? -

6. In vs. 13 it says "And do not lead us into temptation: What does temptation do to us? _____ But this only happen if we are depending on God, right? _____ When we ask deliverance from evil who are we asking for protection from? _____ How can this help my prayer life?

Read the following verses and comment:

Luke 18:1-7	John 14:13	John 16:23,24
Hebrews 4:16	James 5:16	
I John 5:14,15	Romans 8:26	I Thess 5:17
Phil 4:6		

PRAYER - WHAT IT IS?

1. Why did the disciples ask Jesus "Lord teach us to pray? Luke 11:1 -

2. What must one do with a well-constructed electric motor before it will do what it is capable of?

3. Why do we put gasoline into a car?

4. How are we made? Psalm 139:14 -

5. What are we created for? Eph. 2:10 -

6. Why do we often fail to do what we are capable of? Romans 7:18 -

7. What must we have if we are to overcome the old flesh? Romans 8:13 -

8. What did the apostles do before the power of Pentecost came upon them? Acts 1:14 -

9. How did the early church receive the power to stand against the persecutions? Acts 5:31 -

10. How can we receive God's power for our own lives? Acts 16:25,26 -

11. What is our greatest need for the Christian life? Eph 6:18 -

12. What is Prayer? Rev 3:20 -

He knocks in order to move us by prayer to open the door and accept the gift which He has already appointed for us. Attitude of our heart -

- A. David's prayer to God in Psalm 51
- B. Holy Spirit's work in our prayer life. Romans 8:26,27
- C. Desire and Attitude. Psalm 27

13. What is my greatest need. John 15:4,5 -

14. Why must I pray? John 15:7 -

15. Jesus' role in our praying I Cor 1:30: Our Source -

What we receive - _____

GIVING BACK TO GOD

Tonight let's talk about giving or tithing as the Bible teaches it.

I. First let's read about two Old Testament examples:

A. Abraham. (Read Gen 14:18-20) What did Abraham give to the priest of God Most High? _____ Now read Heb 7:1-6. Not only did Abraham pay a tithe but the _____ were to give, collected by _____.

B. Jacob (read Gen 28:19-22). Jacob vowed to give a tenth to God if He would _____ and _____ and _____.

II. _____ Now let's see what God says in Prov 3:9. Giving to the Lord is _____.

III. Third - God promises a blessing if we tithe or give to Him. Read Mal 3:7-15. How will He bless us if we do this (vs. 10) _____. Vs. 11 talks of another kind of blessing, _____. In vs. 12 we will even be blessed by _____. That's neat, eh?

IV. God also gives a promise if we give Him our lives.

A. Read II Chron 7:14. What four (4) things must we do?

What three (3) things will He do in return?

B. Now let's look at Philip, a New Testament example of a person that gave himself for God to use. Read Acts 6:3-5. What is the description given of Philip? _____. Read Acts 8:4-8. With persecution, the apostles were scattered. Where did Philip go? _____ What happened?

_____ How did the city react? _____

Now turn to Acts 8:26-31. Philip was told to leave a ministry with many people and go to one _____ from _____. So, what did Philip do?

_____ But in order for him to be able to do this he had to be _____. Are you willing to let God lead you in your life?

_____ How about in your giving? _____

WISE AND FOOLISH

(Mat 7:24-27 NASB) "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock.

25 "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock.

26 "And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand. 27 "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and it fell, and great was its fall."

(Luke 12:15-21 NASB) And He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions." 16 And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a certain rich man was very productive. 17 "And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?' 18 "And he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 'And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.'" 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared? So is the man who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.'"

1a. How do these two Scripture passages relate?

b. What are the individual messages?

2a. What does it take to be wise in God's sight?

b. What would God call most people today? Why?

3a. Who does the rock represent (Matt 7)? Why?

b. Why does this rock make the difference?

4. Are you standing on the Rock? How do you know?

WISDOM

Why wisdom?

Proverbs 16:16 -

24: 14 -

19:8 -

4:11,12 -

4:5,6 -

3:13-18 -

3:22,23 -

Where does wisdom come from?

Proverbs 2:6-10 -

1:7 -

9:10 -

10:23 -

10:31 -

13:10 -

15:33 -

The Promise and The Warning in regards to wisdom

Proverbs 8:32-36 -

29:3 -

24:14 -

21:30 -

11:22 -

7:4,5 -

5:1,2 -

1:29-33 -

Wisdom's Preparation

Proverbs 9:1-3 -

Where wisdom calls from

Proverbs 1:20,21 -

8:1-3 -

9:3 -

What wisdom calls or says

Proverbs 1:22,23 -

8:4-21 -

9:4-6 -

Results of wisdom

Proverbs 2:2-5 -

3:12-18 -

3:20-26 -

4:5-9 -

8:32-36 -

FEAR OF GOD (Part 1)

What do you fear most? Choose your top five fears -

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| ☐ That I won't get good grades. | ☐ Being lonely |
| ☐ That I won't get a good paying job. | ☐ Being honest with myself about myself. |
| ☐ That I won't be accepted by the people at school that I want to be friends with. | |
| ☐ Telling others that I am a Christian | ☐ My father or mother's tempers. |
| ☐ That God wants me to do something I don't want to do | |
| ☐ Of failure | ☐ Of war |
| ☐ Zits | ☐ Of Natural Disasters |
| ☐ Of an oil shortage | ☐ God |
| ☐ Making decisions | ☐ The unknown |

(Mat 10:28 NASB) "And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Jesus understood that fear was the reason why many people did the things they did. Fear is a very powerful motivation. The Death Star in Star Wars was to bring every planet into subjection to the empire through fear. It is said of the devil that he keeps people into him through the "fear of death." (Jesus has taken care of that - Heb 2:14,15) But Jesus in the verses quoted above said that there is really only one person to fear and that is God Himself. Many times in the Bible we are challenged to fear the Lord. Proverbs 1:7 says "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." Proverbs 23:17 Commands us to "live in the fear of the Lord always." But I think there is a real problem for Christians to "Fear the Lord." First I think it is tough to "fear" someone who is supposed to be your friend. Fear comes when you think you might interfere with your ability to achieve a goal or experience a dream. Yet, Jesus is on our side to give us life, not keep us from it. (John 10:10) Why are you to fear such a one who is pulling for us in every possible way? (Romans 8:31,32)

Before we get to that question I think we should mention another reason why it is hard to "fear the Lord." I believe that no human can handle a lot of fears at one time. I think the mind, in most of us, limits the number of fears which we are conscience of. Only those which loom over us as most urgent does our mind permit us to dwell upon. Therefore, the immediate pressure of the moment crowds out of our minds the need for us to "live in fear of the Lord always." Now to "why are we to fear the Lord?" In the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon gives us the ultimate answer. Ecc 12:13,14 - "The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil."

Why fear God? Because He is going to judge everyone – From Matt 10:28, God is the only one who destroys both the body and the soul. There is nothing or no one to be feared more than God for those very reasons. Psalm 119:120 expresses this: "My flesh trembles for Fear of You, and I am afraid of your judgements. Now read Matt 7:21-23 and answer the following questions:

1. Who will enter the Kingdom of Heaven?

2. Who will not enter?

Also read Hebrews 12:7-10

3. Why does God discipline us?

I believe that the Christian must have a healthy fear of God. Because God will test our hearts and "only those who have done the Will of God" enters heaven. God disciplines His own so that they will live better lives. Let's take a look at what fearing the Lord involves. What is fearing God?

Job 28:28 -

Psalm 19:9 -

Psalm 111:10-

Prov 1:7 -

Prov 8:13 -

Prov 14:27 -

Prov 15:33 -

FEARING GOD (Part 2)

More about what it means to fear the Lord. Note the promise (s) and the conditions in the following verses:

From Proverbs:

10:27 -

14:26 -

14:27 -

19:23 -

22:4 -

31:30 -

From Psalms:

34:9 -

103:11,13 -

145:19 -

147:11 -

What additional insights do these verses give on Fearing the Lord?

Psalms 36:1 -

34:11 -

Prov 1:28,29 -

15:16 -

23:17 -

29:25 -

Ecc 8:12

If someone were to ask you what it means to fear the Lord what would you say?

How can you tell if someone is living a life in fear of the Lord?

Do you fear the Lord?

Wrap up -

Psalms 33:8-12; Proverbs 2:1-5; Psalm 90:11,12

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

The fear of the Lord causes me to evaluate everything I do, say and think in light of whether God would be pleased or would judge it in me.

(Job 28:28 NASB) "And to man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; And to depart from evil is understanding.'"

(Psa 19:9 NASB) The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether.

(Psa 34:11 NASB) Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

(Psa 90:11,12 NASB) Who understands the power of Thine anger, And Thy fury, according to the fear that is due Thee? 12 So teach us to number our days, That we may present to Thee a heart of wisdom.

(Psa 111:10 NASB) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever.

(Psa 119:120 NASB) My flesh trembles for fear of Thee, And I am afraid of Thy judgments.

(Prov 1:7 NASB) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

(Prov 1:29 NASB) Because they hated knowledge, And did not choose the fear of the LORD.

(Prov 2:5 NASB) Then you will discern the fear of the LORD, And discover the knowledge of God.

(Prov 8:13 NASB) "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, And the perverted mouth, I hate.

(Prov 9:10 NASB) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

(Prov 10:27 NASB) The fear of the LORD prolongs life, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.

(Prov 14:26,27 NASB) In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And his children will have refuge. 27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death.

(Prov 15:16 NASB) Better is a little with the fear of the LORD, Than great treasure and turmoil with it.

(Prov 15:33 NASB) The fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom, And before honor comes humility.

(Prov 16:6 NASB) By lovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for, And by the fear of the LORD one keeps away from evil.

(Prov 19:23 NASB) The fear of the LORD leads to life, So that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil.

(Prov 22:4 NASB) The reward of humility and the fear of the LORD Are riches, honor and life.

(Prov 23:17 NASB) Do not let your heart envy sinners, But live in the fear of the LORD always.

(Prov 29:25 NASB) The fear of man brings a snare, But he who trusts in the LORD will be exalted.

(II Cor 7:1 NASB) Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

(Phil 2:12 NASB) So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

(Psa 33:8 NASB) Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

(Psa 34:9 NASB) O fear the LORD, you His saints; For to those who fear Him, there is no want.

(Psa 103:11 NASB) For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.

(Psa 103:13 NASB) Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

(Psa 145:19 NASB) He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will also hear their cry and will save them.

(Psa 147:11 NASB) The LORD favors those who fear Him, Those who wait for His lovingkindness.

(Prov 3:7 NASB) Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

(Prov 14:2 NASB) He who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD, But he who is crooked in his ways despises Him.

(Prov 31:30 NASB) Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

(Eccl 8:12 NASB) Although a sinner does evil a hundred times and may lengthen his life, still I know that it will be well for those who fear God, who fear Him openly.

(Eccl 12:13-14 NASB) The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. 14 For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

(Mat 10:28 NASB) "And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

FEAR OF GOD (Proverbs 2:1-16) Pt 2

Verses 1-4

If - you receive my sayings

- treasure my commandments within you
- make your ear attentive to wisdom
- Incline your heart to understanding

If - You cry for discernment

- Lift your voice for understanding

If - You seek her as silver

- and search for her as for hidden treasure

Observations:

1. God's wisdom and understanding etc. doesn't come to anyone only those who work at it.
2. Eight times we are challenged to do something. Our problem is that we do nothing.

Verses 5-11

Then - You will discern the Fear of the Lord and discover the knowledge of God.

For - The Lord gives wisdom (James 1:5)

- From His mouth come knowledge and understanding
- He stores up sound wisdom for the upright.
- He is a shield to those who walk in integrity
- Guarding the paths of justice
- He preserves the way of His godly ones.

There - you will discern righteousness and justice and fair dealings and every good course.

- Understanding will watch over you

For - Wisdom will enter your heart

- Knowledge will be pleasant to your soul
- Discretion will guard you

Verses 12-16

To deliver you:

- From the way of evil
- From the man who speaks perverse things
- From those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness
- From those who delight in doing evil and rejoice in the perversity of evil
- From those whose paths are crooked
- From those who are devious in their ways
- From the strange woman
- From the adulteress who flatters with her words

MATTHEW

Chapters 5, 6, and 7

Read Matthew, chapters 5, 6, and 7 carefully - do not rush through it. This is Christ's Sermon on the Mount; one of the greatest declarations in scripture. God has many discoveries for you here; ask Him to teach you to understand this passage.

After you have read these three chapters once, go through them again and do the following exercises:

List the Promises of God:

Scripture Reference	What must you do?	What will God do?
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List all illustration that Jesus gave to stress some truths:

Scripture Reference	The illustration	Truth conveyed
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List all the comparisons of the Law and of Christ's new commandment.

Scripture Reference	The old commandment or law	Christ's new command or new truth.
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Look again at Matthew 6, the section on prayer and make a detailed outline of it and also make an outline of the Lord's Prayer. (The outline of the Lord's Prayer should give you insight as to the procedure of you own personal prayers.)

List the advice that Jesus gives for living.

Scripture ReferenceAdvice for living

List the warnings of Christ:

Scripture ReferenceThe warning.

If you happen to get done before our time is up - go over and make sure you haven't missed any points. Consider personally what you have learned and with what time remains, list on back of sheet the areas in your life that need changing. List things that you need to confess to God as sin. Write down anything that really has spoken to your heart so that you can share it with us in a few minutes.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE FOR THE UNSAVED TO BECOME CHRISTIANS?

(Psa 51:10-13) Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11Do not cast me away from Thy presence, And do not take Thy Holy Spirit from me. 12Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, And sustain me with a willing spirit. 13Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways, And sinners will be converted to Thee.

(Acts 1:8) but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

(Rom 10:13-15) for "WHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED." 14How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!"

(1 Tim 2:1-4) First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 3This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

(Eph 6:18-20) With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, 19and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

(Col 4:2-6) Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; 3praying at the same time for us as well, that God may open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; 4in order that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak. 5Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. 6Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person.

(Col 4:12) Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God.

(Mat 9:36-38) And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd. 37Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

(John 13:34-35) "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

(John 16:8-11) "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment; 9concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me; 11and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

(Mat 28:18-20) And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

(Ezek 3:16-18) Now it came about at the end of seven days that the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 17"Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me. 18"When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die'; and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.

(Ezek 22:30) "And I searched for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.

(Ezek 34:6) "My flock wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill, and My flock was scattered over all the surface of the earth; and there was no one to search or seek for them."

(1 Cor 9:16) For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel.

(1 Cor 9:19-23) For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more. 20And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law, though not being myself under the Law, that I might win those who are under the Law; 21to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, that I might win those who are without law. 22To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some. 23And I do all things for the sake of the gospel, that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

(II Cor 5:14-21) For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. 16Therefore from now on we recognize no man according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 18Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

(1 Pet 3:15) but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

(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 of the Father in My name, He may give to you.

WHEN YOUR HOPES TURN TO DISAPPOINTMENTS

GOD'S ANSWER - LET ME BE GOD OF YOUR DISAPPOINTMENTS

I. Recognize that God is in control of all circumstances! One way to face the circumstance of time, results, opportunities, and adverse problems is to understand how God involves Himself in each circumstance.

1. **God controls time.** God controls time in several ways. He changes schedules. He provides the ability to get more work done in shorter amounts of time. He arranges circumstances so that some activities are slowed down while others are speeded up.

- How did God help Moses with his time? Ex 18:13-23
- How did Israel abuse its time? Haggai 1:2-4
- Why was Jesus not crucified earlier? John 7:6,8,30
- When did Jesus arrive on Planet Earth? Gal 4:4

2. **God produces result.** It is easy to become disappointed and depressed when we compare ourselves with others. Some individuals have a unique ability to accomplish some astounding results. But in reality, God works through circumstances so that the results of a person's life may be great or small.

- Who does Paul credit for spiritual productivity? I Cor 3:6-7
- If God produces the results, do you have any personal responsibility? I Cor 3:6,7; Phil 2:12,13 Explain your answer.

3. **God provides opportunities.** Rev 3:7,8

- Describe an opportunity you've had recently to do something special, but somehow it fell through.
- Can you see God's hand in closing that opportunity? Explain.

4. **God allows problems.**

- What was Joseph's adverse situation? Gen 37:18
- How did God use this problem for good? Gen 45:5-11

II. Recognize why people will disappoint you.

It is easy to look at people critically. Especially when they have disappointed you. But when you begin to look at people with compassion and understanding, it is easier to accept their failures.

1. **People disappoint because they have common temptations.** I Cor 10:13

- Does this include Christians? Explain

2. **People disappoint because they experience common defeats.**

- Why should you be careful in criticizing others? Matt 7:1-4
- How did Judas illustrate this principle? John 12:2-6
- Think of someone who recently disappointed you. Describe the situation.
- How would you treat them if you were to act on the principle of treating that person as you would want someone you disappointed to treat you.

III. Desire God's will for yourself above everything else.

Jesus said to His father, "Not as I will, but as Thou wilt." This is the place we must come to say "Not as I want, but as God wills."

1. How did Paul deal with his personal ambitions? Phil 3:7,8,13
2. List any ambitions you'd like to place under the will of God today.
3. Commit each ambition to God. Explain what Rom. 8:28 means when one of your ambitions are not fulfilled.

IV. Don't play God in life.

1. We play God when we determine what is best for us.

- Describe a recent situation where your schedule was forced to be interrupted or changed.
- Can you see how God participated in this change? Explain.

2. We play God when we demand that people fulfill our expectations.

List some of the expectations you have for your

Parents -

Friends -

Teachers -

Brothers/Sisters -

God -

3. Sin affects everyone so that they do not perform as they should or as you think they should. Rom. 7:15-19

ADDITIONAL NOTE: Understand God will not cooperate with you in fulfilling your desire for evil. God's will for you is to overcome evil with good - not to be overcome by evil.

What do these verses tell us about the conflict of evil and God in our lives?

- Gal 6:16,17 -
- Romans 8:6 -
- My Response:

List the four methods that will help you handle disappointment.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Which of these four is the most meaningful to you at this time? Explain

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

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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

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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 then 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

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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

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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.

WHAT PROVERBS SAYS ABOUT PARENTS

1. Note the why? The result - and other observations.

Proverbs 1:8,9

6:20-24

13:1

15:5

17:21,25

20:20

23:22

28:7

28:24

29:15

30:17

3:1,2

2. What should you pray for when you pray for your parents?

3. Discuss what kind of parent you would like to be.-

a. What do your parents do that you would do as a parent?

b. What would you do that your parents don't do?

c. What do you want your parents to pray for when they pray for you?

Topical Study on “**Life**”

(What do you learn about life from these verses?)

John 14:6; 10:10; 17:3

Pro. 4:23

Ps. 16:11

II Pet. 1:3

Rom. 5:10; 6:4; 8:6,11,13

Col. 3:3

Eph. 4: 18,22

Luke 12:15

Mk. 8:34

I John 5:11,12

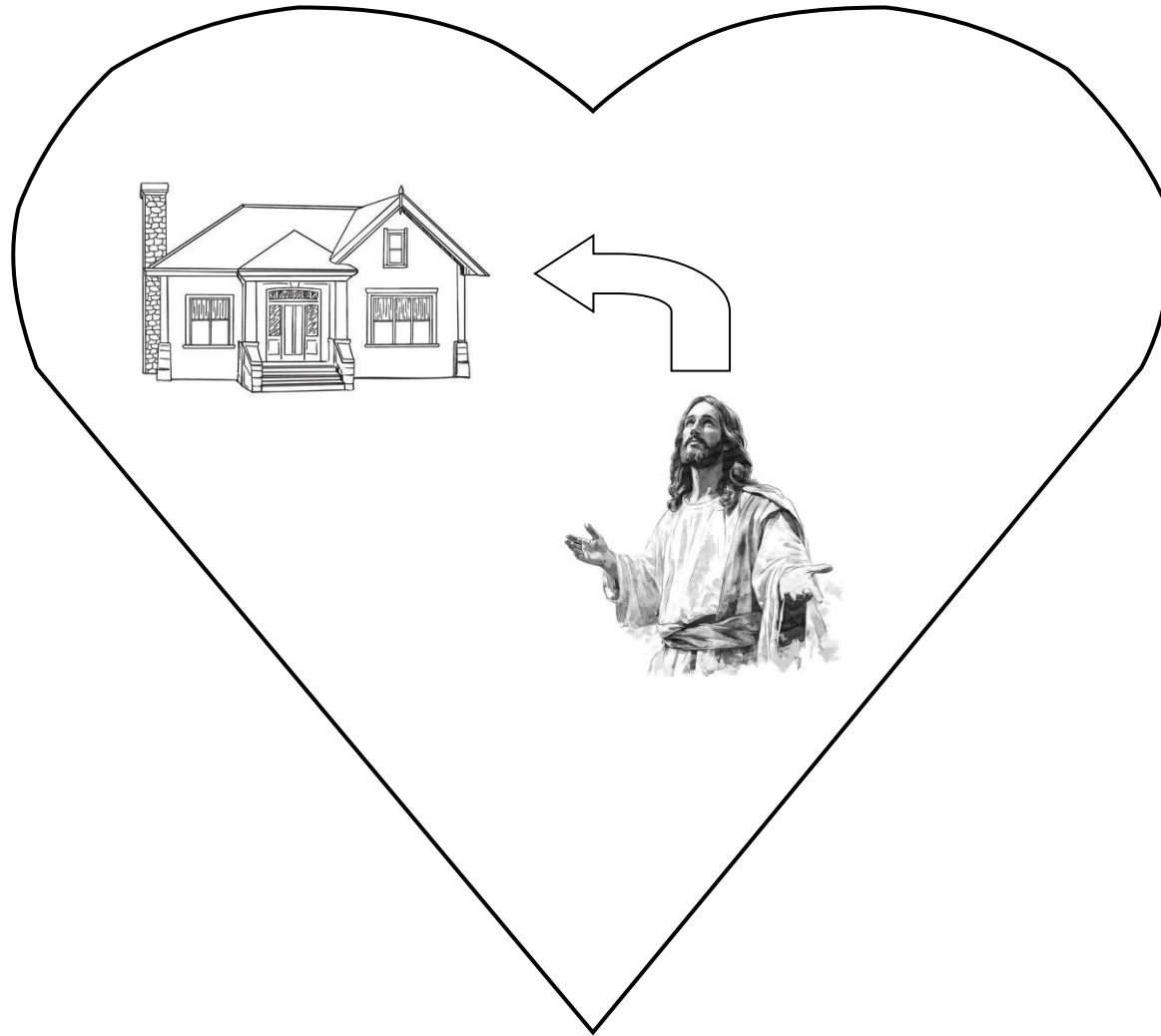
I Tim. 4:8, 5:6

Gal. 2:20; 6:8

Now evaluate your life. What changes do you think needs to be made to have a life pleasing to God?

“MY HEART CHRIST’S HOME”

By Robert Boyd Munger; Inter-Varsity Press
A Suggested Lesson Plan



LESSON #1: ALLOWING CHRIST TO ENTER MY LIFE

Read: My Heart - Christ's Home Section 1

1. What is it that Jesus Christ wants to do in every heart?
(Eph. 3:17) _____
What makes it possible for Him to do this? _____
 2. What is the first step in trusting in Jesus Christ?
(John 1:12) _____
What does the Bible say God will do when we receive and believe in Jesus Him as Savior and Lord?

 3. Why do we need to receive Jesus as Savior and Lord?
(Rom. 3:23) _____
and (Rom. 6:23) _____
 4. But is Jesus Christ the only way to make it with God?
(John 14:6) _____
 5. When we receive Jesus as Savior and Lord what does He do?
(Rev. 3:20) _____
When Jesus says that He will come in can we believe Him?
_____ Why? _____
 6. What does Romans 8:9 reveal to us as to how important it is to have the Spirit
ig Christ in our hearts?

 6. Who besides Jesus Christ will live with us if we love Jesus?
(John 14:23) _____
Now, if Jesus is living in our hearts then where would both Jesus and the
Father be living? _____
 7. What does 1 Cor. 6:19 say concerning the Holy Spirit?

 8. From the above scriptures with II Cor. 1:22 & Gal. 4:6 you can understand
why there is a booklet that explores our relationship with God/Jesus Christ
with the title "My Heart Christ's Home".
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LESSON #2: ALLOWING GOD TO CHANGE MY THOUGHTS AND DESIRES

Read: My Heart - Christ's Home, The Library

1. When our thoughts aren't right we have two alternatives to choose
from - what are they? (the example of II Chron. 30:8-9)

If we return to God what will His reaction toward us be?

2. Can we really believe that God will help us overcome our bad
thoughts? (1 Cor. 10:13) _____
Why can we believe this? _____
4. So, when a bad thought or desire enters our mind all we have to do is
ask God to help us and then turn back to the thought and dwell on it
for awhile, knowing that God will help us, right?
(James 4:4-8)

If we try to do something like this then do we really want God to
help us? _____ Will God help us in this
situation?

5. If we try to do this we will soon realize that those thoughts and
desires are still there and that it requires discipline in ourselves to
keep our mind off of them. What is the easiest way to keep our
minds off of the bad things?
(Col. 3:1-4) _____
- 6.. BUT HOW DO WE DO THIS?
There are essentially three things that we must do - What are they?
(Psalm 119:9,11) _____
(Psalm 32:3-5) _____
(I John 1:9) _____

**LESSON #3: ALLOWING JESUS CHRIST TO BE THE MAIN
FOCUS IN MY LIFE**

Read: My Heart - Christ's Home The Dining Room

1. As a non-believer in Jesus Christ what were some of the things that we like to do? (Eph. 2:1-3) _____

How could other people tell if we were Christians or not?

2. Once we came to know Jesus Christ as Savior did we find that we still did some of the same old things? _____

Paul expressed this same thing in Romans 7:21-25. What was it that Paul wanted to do? _____

Is this what Paul found himself doing? _____

What was Paul's problem? _____

Was there any release for Paul from this problem? _____

3. Is it right for us to follow what we want to do instead of what God wants us to do? (Gal. 5:19-21) _____

4. If we know Jesus Christ and have the Holy Spirit living within us then what are some of things that will appear in our lives? (Gal. 5: 22-26)

5. What does God want us as Christians to do? (1 John 2:15-17)

_____ and _____

If we do not do God's will, but instead continue in the worldly things what does it show about us? _____

If WE LOVE GOD? And if we want to do His will. Then we will allow Him to change our lives both inside and out.

LESSON #4: ALLOWING CHRIST TO MEET WITH ME DAILY

Read: My Heart - Christ's Home The Drawing Room

1. Remember Adam and Eve? What was the real downfall in their lives? (Gen. 3:1-13) _____

What did Adam and Eve do when God came to the garden?

2. We don't have to be embarrassed when God wants to meet with us - how can we keep from being embarrassed? (1 John 2:28) _____

3. How do we keep in fellowship with God? (Ps. 119:9,11) _____

4. But we do have the choice, as Adam and Eve did, to refuse God's Word and allow Satan to talk us into doing something we shouldn't do. What must we do in order to avoid this? (Eph. 6:16-18)

a. How do we get faith? (Rom. 10:17)

b. What is the helmet of salvation? (1Thess. 5:8-10) _____

c. Why is the Word of God called the Sword of the spirit? _____

d. Why is it important to pray? (Matt. 26:41 & Phil. 4:6,7)

LESSON #5: ALLOWING GOD TO SHOW ME HIS WILL

Read: My Heart - Christ's Home The Workshop

1. God wants each of us to build something for Him; Matt 7:24-27
How does it happen? _____
How can we find out what God wants us to do?
(James 1:5) _____

2. There is one thing that we must do before He will show us His will - what is it? (Matt. 7:7-8)

3. God obviously has things that He wants us to do. We must decide how to plan our lives - there is a right way and a wrong way to plan. What is the right way? (James 4:13-16) _____
What is the wrong way? _____

4. Sometimes God tells us what He wants us to do, but we find fault's in ourselves. What did Jeremiah tell God was his fault?
(Jer. 1:4-8) _____
What was God's response to Jeremiah? _____

5. Sometimes the carrying out of what God wants us to do gets difficult. What should our response be in this situation? (James 1:2-4)

What is the reasoning behind why we should be happy? _____

6. What should we do daily? (Col. 1:9) _____

LESSON #6: ALLOWING CHRIST TO BE A PART OF MY DAILY LIVING

Read: My Heart - Christ's Home The Rec. Room

1. When we received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord what did He do for us? (Col. 3:13) _____
2. So, since all of our sins are forgiven we can go on sinning because it doesn't matter since they are all forgiven, right? (Rom. 6:1,2a)

3. What are we really saying if we continue to leave Christ out of the way we live? (1 John 1:6) _____
4. Instead of doing these things what should we do? (Eph 5:3-11)
_____ and _____ and _____
How close are we to associate with friends who tell dirty stories and foul talk? _____
6. How do we get involved in wrong thoughts, desires, and actions?
(Gal 5:19-21) _____
How can we keep from getting involved in these things?
(Gal 5:22,23) _____

6. When we find that we have done wrong things what should we do?
(1 John 1:9) _____
What will God do when we confess our sins to Him? _____
_____ and _____
7. Finally, what is it that we must try to do daily? (1 Thess 5:22)

- How do we do this? (Ps 119:9,11) _____ and
(Psalms 32:4,5) _____ and (1 John 1:9)
_____.

LESSON #7: ALLOWING CHRIST TO BE LORD OF MY SEX LIFE

Read: My Heart - Christ's Home The Bedroom

1. As we have seen already, God wants us to be different from the world. Describe how most of the kids you know feel about sex.
2. Do you think sex is good or bad? Why?
3. Why did God create sex? Genesis 1:27,28
4. Do you think waiting until you are married is the safest way to participate in sex? Why or why not?
5. Besides safety issues, why else is it good to only be sexually active with your marital partner? (Matt. 19:5; 1 Cor. 6:18-20; Heb. 13:4)
6. How could being involved sexually before marriage affect your relationship with Christ and your future life partner? I John 2:13-15, Matt. 5:27,28

LESSON #8: ALLOWING CHRIST TO RID ME OF MY HINDERANCES

Read: My Heart - Christ's Home The Hall Closet

1. We constantly find in the Bible that the Christian life is related to a race. In a race the runner is both motivated and hindered. As Christians what are our hindrances ? (Heb. 12:1,2) _____
What are we to do with our hindrances? _____
Now, as Christians what is our motivation? _____
2. In our race, what is the one hindrance that will cause us to slow down? (Phil. 3:13,14) _____
What should our goal as Christians be? _____
3. In our race, if we are distracted by looking back to the "good old times" what does this tell about us? (Luke 9:62) _____
4. If we were going to the Olympics to run in a race we would practice daily. As Christians we must discipline ourselves also - in what way do we discipline ourselves? (1 Cor. 9:24-27) _____ and _____
What is the difference between the prize that we as Christians win and the prize that the Olympic racers win? _____
5. How can we overcome our hindrances (II Cor. 10:3-5) _____
6. What are God's weapons? (Eph. 6:13-17) _____ and _____
_____ and _____ and _____
_____ and _____ and _____.

LESSON #9: ALLOWING CHRIST TO TAKE FULL CONTROL

Read: My Heart - Christ's Home Transferring the Title

1. In what way are we to live as Christians? (Rm. 12:1,2) _____
_____. What is a sacrifice?

So, how can you be a living sacrifice to God? (Rm. 12:2) _____
_____.
2. Can we actually live this way on our own? (John 15:6) _____
_____. How can we live this kind of life? _____
_____.
3. How can we live with dependency on Jesus Christ? (Prov. 3:5,6)
_____.
4. If we put God first what will he do? (Prov. 3:5,6) _____ and
(Ps. 37:5) _____.
5. We can be either hot or cold in our relationship with God where as hot we
are really doing great with the Lord and as cold we have never received
Jesus Christ as Savior. What about us if we happen to be in the middle
somewhere? (Rev. 3:15) _____
_____.

God still loves us no matter what condition we are in, but He always wants
us to turn away from the sin in our lives and turn to Him. This is something
we can only do by committing all we do to Christ and in reality, allowing
Him to take full control of our lives. Where do you stand with God - cold,
hot, or lukewarm? Where would you like to stand? Why not commit your
life to God right now?

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On this day the above appeared personally before me, _____
_____ and is known to me to be the individual
described above. _____, by his/her will,
gives to Jesus Christ the responsibility of the above; for Him to be Lord
for time and eternity to do with him/her as He purposes.