

“Discipleship Training for the Believer”

# BASIC TRAINING

*For God's Army*

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## **Student’s Manual**

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### **Lesson 1**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**I. The Bible was \_\_\_\_\_ by God. It is His word of promise and instruction to the world and to His chosen people! It is a progressive revelation that unfolds God’s design, plan, and purpose for His creation, including you and me.**

A. The Author of the Bible: Though man was used to physically write the words of the Bible, the \_\_\_\_\_ is the author of the Bible. 1 Peter 2: 21, “For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.”

- He came upon man and gave man the words to write. God Himself is the author of the Bible!

**2 Timothy 3: 16 - “All scripture is given by \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”**

- The word *inspiration* literally means GOD-BREATHED.

**II. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ and without contradictions, flaws, or errors of any kind.**

A. The Scriptures are historically, scientifically, morally, prophetically, mathematically, and spiritually accurate.

- Science and Scripture \_\_\_\_\_
- Do some study and you will find fascinating parallels between science and the Bible.

For Example:

- a. Did you know that the Bible does account for the existence of dinosaurs?
- b. Did you know that recent breakthroughs in astronomy all point to a specific beginning to the universe, pointing to the existence of an Intelligent Creator?
- c. Did you know that the Bible accurately predicted the conquests of Alexander the Great, laying out the battle plans, and specific events centuries before they occurred, as well as the rise of many other world leaders and empires?

- Fulfilled Prophecies \_\_\_\_\_ that the Bible is the Word of God.
- 333 prophecies were fulfilled about the Messiah in the life of Jesus, proving that Jesus is the Son of God and that the Bible is the word of God.
  1. The way the Bible was written proves it is Divinely inspired.
- The Bible was written over a span of not less than 1,500 years, using 40 different authors, many of whom never met, yet the Bible is without contradiction in its' content, doctrine, or spirit!
  2. God tells us plainly that He is the Author of the Bible!

**John 1: 1 - “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”**

### III. The Structure of the Bible.

#### A. The Divisions of the Bible:

- The Bible is divided in into two Testaments or \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Old Testament (Genesis through Malachi)
- The New Testament (Matthew through Revelation)

#### B. The Languages of the Bible:

- The Old Testament was originally given in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The New Testament was originally given in \_\_\_\_\_.
1. The translations of the Bible were done by man, and therefore mistakes did occur, but in their original form the Scriptures are flawless and contain the knowledge of the Divine will of God.

#### C. The Books of the Bible:

- There are \_\_\_\_\_ books in the Bible
- There are 4 different categories of books in the New Testament, they are:
  1. Biographical: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
  2. Historical: Acts
  3. Pedagogical: (21 Books) New Testament Epistles
  4. Prophetic: Revelation

- There are 3 categories of books in the Old Testament, they are:
  1. The Law: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.
  2. The Prophets: Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, the 12 “minor” prophets
  3. The Writings: remaining books.

#### IV. The Importance of Studying God’s Word.

- A. Gaining knowledge of God’s word is food for your spirit. It is how one grows and becomes strong spiritually. 1 Peter 2: 2
- B. Faith comes through His Word! Romans 10: 17
- C. God guides us through His Word! Psalm 119: 105
- D. It is God’s Word that reveals who you are in Christ and what belongs to you in Him.

#### V. Bible Study Tips.

- Spend the bulk of your study time in the New Testament.

The Old Testament was written \_\_\_\_\_ us, but the New Testament was written \_\_\_\_ us!

- Read the Old Testament through New Testament eyes!

Remember the revelation that Satan is the thief who has come not but for to steal, kill, and destroy was not made known until the New Testament!

- Use a Strong’s Concordance, a good reference Bible, and/or a good Bible software program to study the Bible in the original language.
- Develop a daily study time in the Word of God! This is \_\_\_\_\_ to the success of any Christian!

**Joshua 1: 8 - “This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.”**

- Make a quality decision to study the Word of God with a heart to be a “doer” of the Word! In the end, it’s not what we know that makes the difference it’s what we do!
- As you learn, begin to put what you’re learning into practice in your daily life. Slowly but surely, your faith will grow and you will become strong spiritually, and as you do you’ll enjoy more and more the victory and provision that God has for you!

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### **Lesson 2**

## **WHAT HAPPENED IN THE GARDEN?**

### **I. God’s Overall \_\_\_\_\_ for Mankind. Genesis 1:**

A. God creates the Universe, Galaxies, Planets, Solar System, the Earth, and all the living plants and animals.

- God created a place of fantastic beauty that would meet Man’s every need. Before God created man and placed him on the Earth, He saw to it that there was no good thing that man wouldn’t have, as he received the breath of life from his Creator. The lesson to take out of this is that God wants all of His creation, and especially man to enjoy all of His best \_\_\_\_\_. James 1: 17

B. Man’s Glorious Creation

**Genesis 1: 26 - Then God said, "Let Us make man in \_\_\_\_\_, according to \_\_\_\_\_; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."**

- Image: A likeness, statue, profile, representation, resemblance.
  - A. God created Adam in His likeness, and Adam resembled God to all creation. When creation looked at Adam it was difficult to tell the difference between Adam and God until there was a close inspection.
- Likeness: structure; by implication, resemblance: likeness, form, likeness, pattern, similitude.

God made a pattern of Himself, and then He formed Adam to fit the pattern He had made— like Father, Like Son.

C. God Gives Man \_\_\_\_\_

**Genesis 1: 26 - Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have \_\_\_\_\_ over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."**

- Dominion: Be lord, reign, \_\_\_\_\_, have mastery of, govern, have jurisdiction, to be great and powerful.

This meant that God handed over all \_\_\_\_\_, Governing Authority, and Power to Adam after creating him. God let Adam be the Lord of the Earth and reign over the entire jurisdiction of it. Nothing else God created could resist Adam's dominion because it covered, "all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

This was God's original plan for man, to rule and reign on the earth, in perfect fellowship with Him. That is still God's plan today!

## II. God Instructs Adam and Eve about the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and evil.

### A. God's Command concerning the Tree

God told Adam that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil belonged to the Lord and it was the only tree Adam was commanded not to eat of, and the penalty for doing so would be death. (Genesis 2: 17)

### B. Why was the Tree Necessary?

- Because there is no free moral will in mankind without the option to both \_\_\_\_\_ God and to \_\_\_\_\_ God. So God provided them a choice.
- By choosing to not eat of the tree they expressed a willingness to love and to obey their creator. This was pleasing to God.
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ desire is that we \_\_\_\_\_ to love Him.

## III. God Instructs Adam and Eve about the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

A. Eve is tempted by Satan and eats fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Eve takes the fruit and gives it to Adam and he eats it as well.

### B. Consequences of the Fall:

- Because they yielded themselves to Satan, they handed their \_\_\_\_\_ and authority over to him and he becomes the \_\_\_\_\_ of this world.

**2 Corinthians 4: 4 - "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn [upon them]."**

- Man loses His fellowship with God because they had now taken on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Man is now subjected to sin, separation, poverty, sickness, and death.

Sin consciousness and fear immediately begin to control them because they have the life and nature of Satan instead of the life and nature of God.

- Understanding what happened because of the fall is a key to understanding why tragedy, sickness, poverty and death exist, and why God simply cannot step in and stop it. Adam gave man dominion for a specified time, which we in turn gave over to Satan. Satan has a \_\_\_\_\_ right to the earth until Jesus' return.

#### **IV. What Did God do about this problem?**

- A. As bad as the situation seems, God prophesies about the coming seed of the woman that will bruise the head of the serpent (Genesis 2: 15). This is the first prophecy in the Bible about the coming \_\_\_\_\_.

God already knew the end from the beginning and had a plan in place to redeem those He had created in His image and after His likeness. Glory to His Holy Name forever!

- B. For the next 4000 years God lays the ground work to manifest a savior for the world.

#### **V. God's Plan of Redemption!**

- A. Why did Jesus have to come to earth?

- Because it was a man who had authority, becoming a man was the only way God could gain back what was lost.

**Romans 5: 19 - "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."**

- B. Jesus came to live as a man, and to take our place of punishment for our disobedience.

- C. Through the shedding of His blood we received forgiveness of sins and we escape the dominion of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 1: 7 - In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;**

**Colossians 1: 13 - Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son:**

## VI. The Final Result!

A. God's original plan is ultimately fulfilled in that:

- We receive eternal \_\_\_\_\_.
- We regain dominion over the earth.
- We are restored to our position of righteousness with God.
- We are \_\_\_\_\_ from sickness, poverty, and spiritual death!

**Galatians 3: 13 - "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree:"**

- Ultimately, Satan and all those who reject Christ are unseated from their place of authority and cast into the lake of fire.
- God the Father, has His dream fulfilled. He comes to earth to be our God, and we are His people!

**Revelation 21: 3 - "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God."**

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## **Lesson 3**

### **GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION**

**Acts 2: 21 - “And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be \_\_\_\_\_.”**

A. Ever since the Garden of Eden, men and women have been separated from God because of a spiritual condition called sin. (Genesis 2: 17; 3: 1-24; Romans 5: 12-21)

1. Adam brought \_\_\_\_\_ into the life of every human being. We were made sinners because of Adam’s disobedience to God. (Romans 3: 23; 5: 19)
  - a. Sin that separates us from God is not something we do. It is a condition of our heart.
  - b. Because we are in this \_\_\_\_\_ condition, we have no relationship with God.
2. There is nothing we can do on our own to save ourselves. We must freely receive salvation as a \_\_\_\_\_ from God. (Romans 5: 16; Titus 3: 5)

**Ephesians 2: 8-9 - “For by grace you have been \_\_\_\_\_ through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”**

3. The Father sent **JESUS** to save us, to “undo” the sin and death in our lives. (Ephesians 1: 7)
  - a. Jesus was born of a virgin so He would not have the spiritual death that comes from every natural father. (Matthew 1: 20-25)
  - b. Jesus was the sacrifice to pay for Adam’s sin and to make it possible for every person to be saved from sin that brings spiritual death.

B. God offers the \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation to anyone who will receive it. (John 3: 16; Acts 2: 21; 1 Timothy 2: 3-4)

1. By giving His own Son, God paid the highest price possible in order to provide salvation freely to us. (Romans 8: 32) This is called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What must we do to receive this free gift? God has made it simple for us to be saved.

**Romans 10: 9-10 - “If you \_\_\_\_\_ with your mouth the Lord Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”**

\_\_\_\_\_ with your mouth that Jesus is your Lord.

The word “lord” means boss, master, the one you will serve and obey. By confessing Jesus as your Lord, you are giving your life to Him and making a commitment to follow the Bible, which is His Word to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ in your heart that God has raised Jesus from the dead.

3. What does it mean to be saved?

- The Greek word “sozo” is the word most often translated as “save” or “saved” in the New Testament. This word also means: prosperity, healing, health, and deliverance!

C. When you \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, the gift of salvation that God offers, you are born again and a new creation in Christ Jesus. (John 3: 3-7)

1. You receive salvation by \_\_\_\_\_.

2. You begin a \_\_\_\_\_ with God. (II Corinthians 5: 17).

- When you were born physically, you began a new life with no past history. You were a baby. So when you are born spiritually, you begin a new life with God with no past history. As far as God is concerned, your past is washed away and you are now a newborn believer. (1 Peter 2: 2)

3. Repent, or \_\_\_\_\_, to think like God thinks. (Mark 1: 15)

D. Three vital keys to growing as a believer and staying in the love of God:

1. Make a \_\_\_\_\_ commitment to read the Bible.

- a. Don't read just to say you read it. Read to establish God's will and plan for your daily life. (Romans 12: 1-2)
- b. Think on how you can apply what you read to your daily life.
- c. It is impossible to grow in your faith in God if you are not involved with His Word. (Romans 10: 17)

2. Make a daily commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ to God. (Matthew 6: 11)

- a. Prayer is simply talking to and listening to God.
- b. God is your friend. He wants to have “fellowship” with you. He wants you to build a relationship with Him, to know Him in a personal way. (1 John 1: 3)
- c. God is your Father. He desires to meet your needs. (Matthew 7: 11; James 4: 2)
- d. God is your guide. He wants to lead you in His good plan for your life. (Psalm 32: 8; John 16: 13)

3. Get properly \_\_\_\_\_ to a local church. (Hebrews 10: 24-25)
  - a. God has a place in the body of Christ for you. (1 Corinthians 12: 18)
  - b. You will flourish in your Christian life when you are planted in a church. (Psalm 92: 13)
  - c. God has provided ministry leaders so they can equip you to do what He has called you to do. (Ephesians 4: 11-12)

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### **Lesson 4**

## **THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**I. Jesus told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received what the Father had promised and the power from above had come upon them. (Luke 24:49)**

A. The “\_\_\_\_\_” is being \_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 1:4-8 - And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, says He, you have heard of Me. [5] For John truly baptized with water; but you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. [6] When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? [7] And He said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in His own power. [8] But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

B. Although the disciples had:

1. Been taught by Jesus over a period of three years.
2. Seen the resurrected Messiah in all His glory and power over a period of 40 days, and
3. Fellowshiped with Him;

They were NOT allowed to go and preach the gospel until they had been filled with the Holy Spirit or \_\_\_\_\_ from on high. Yet, many believers today attempt to live the Christian life without this power! (Acts 1: 8)

C. As we find in Acts 2: 1-4, several things happened the first time that people were filled with the Holy Spirit:

1. There was noise like a strong wind that filled the whole house.
2. They saw “tongues of fire” sitting on each of them.
3. They were then filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other \_\_\_\_\_ as the Spirit enabled them.

D. This outpouring of the Holy Spirit did not take place in a small room somewhere behind a locked door. This thing was not done in a corner, but in the temple before all the eyes of all Israel.

- E. Jesus foretold of the Holy Spirit. (John 7: 39)
- F. Joel, in the Old Testament, prophesied the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. (Joel 2:28-32)
- G. Believers continued to receive the Holy Spirit throughout the book of Acts.
1. The believers at Samaria received the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands. (Acts 8: 17)
  2. The Gentiles received the Holy Spirit as they were listening to Peter preach. (Acts 10)
  - Those who came with Peter knew that the Gentiles had received the Holy Spirit because they heard them speak with tongues. (Acts 10:46)
  3. The people in Ephesus were baptized and then received the Holy Spirit when Paul laid hands on them. (Acts 19: 1-7)
  - When the Holy Spirit came upon them, \_\_\_\_\_ with tongues. (Acts 19: 6)
- H. The power of the Holy Spirit is given by God to enable you as a believer to live the abundant life God wants you to live. (John 10:10)
1. The gift of the Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone throughout time that the Lord calls to Himself. (Acts 2: 33,38,39)
  2. The Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who \_\_\_\_ Him. (Luke 11: 13)
  - The Holy Spirit is a good gift from God. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not an option, but a must to the believer who wants to fulfill God's will.

## II. Why get \_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Spirit?

1. To receive \_\_\_\_\_ for living. (Acts 1: 8)
2. To receive power to \_\_\_\_\_ for needs and people that you do not know how or what to pray for. (Romans 8: 26-27)
3. To build up yourself and receive \_\_\_\_\_ from God. (Jude 20)
4. The Infilling with the Spirit and speaking in tongues will be the entrance into the life of the supernatural. (1 Cor. 12)
5. Perhaps most importantly because being filled with the Spirit of God is \_\_\_\_\_ of God for your life.

### III. How to \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible.

- Acts 2: 4 tells us, **“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ your Father for the Holy Spirit. (Luke 11: 13)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ in faith and begin to pray out in other tongues, using \_\_\_\_\_ and your vocal cords. (I Corinthians 14: 2,14,15)

- a. Remember, YOU are the one who does the speaking. HE IS THE ONE who supplies the utterance!

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### **Lesson 5**

### **COMMUNION & WATER BAPTISM**

The original Greek word translated in the New Testament as “communion” is the word koinonia. It is also translated in the New Testament as \_\_\_\_\_, joint participation, contribution, distribution, and communication.

#### **I. The Biblical Scope of Communion**

##### **A. The Old Testament**

- The Passover:

**Exodus 12: 12-14 - “For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and I will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and you shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; you shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.”**

##### **B. The New Testament**

- Jesus instituted communion based on the Passover.

**Matthew 26: 26-28 - “And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is my body.’ And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”**

- Communion was practiced by the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Acts 2: 42 - “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”**

- Communion was practiced by \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

**I Corinthians 11: 23-30 - “For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, ‘Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.’ After**

**the same manner also He took the cup, when he had supped, saying, ‘This cup is the New Testament in my blood: this do you, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’ For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you do show the Lord’s death till He come. Wherefore whosoever eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthy, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eats and drinks unworthy, eats and drinks damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.”**

C. How to receive Communion:

- You must be a \_\_\_\_\_.
- We must examine ourselves to be sure that we are right with \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- You must come to communion with \_\_\_\_\_ and not doubt.
- Focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus and your redemption.

## **WATER BAPTISM**

**Matthew 10: 32 - “Whosoever therefore shall \_\_\_\_\_ Me before men, him will I also before My Father which is in heaven.”**

**Acts 22: 16 - “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized...”**

**I. Jesus said to make \_\_\_\_\_ of all people and \_\_\_\_\_ them. (Matthew 28: 19)**

A. You must first accept Jesus as Lord of your life and then you can be baptized.

**Acts 8: 36-38 - “Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, ‘See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?’ Then Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’ So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.”**

**Mark 10:13-16 - Some teach that a person can be baptized as a baby. This is not scriptural. A baby cannot choose whether or not they are going to follow Christ. Jesus did not baptize children but instead put His hands on them and blessed them.**

- B. When you are baptized as a believer in Christ, you are identifying with Jesus in several experiences of His life. (Rom.6:1-4)
1. His death.
  2. His burial.
  3. His resurrection.
- C. The baptisms throughout the New Testament, including the baptisms of John were all done by emersion. The people all went down into the water and came up again.
1. Baptism is an outward \_\_\_\_\_ or expression of what has taken place on the inside of a person who has committed their life to Christ.
  2. The water represents the grave where the burial takes place.
  3. In going down into the water, you become one with Him in dying as He died.
  4. In coming up out of the water, you become one with Him in being raised to life as He was.
- A. In the Bible, when people received the Word of God and were saved, they were then baptized. (Acts 2: 41; 8: 12; 8: 35-38; 10: 47)
1. Jesus told the disciples to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28: 19)
  2. In the book of Acts, the disciples baptized people in the name of Jesus. (Acts 2: 38; 8: 16; 10: 48; 19: 5)

## **II. Summing it Up**

Jesus, as the Head of the Church has left the church with two ordinances we are to follow until His return, water baptism and communion. Both of these ordinances are important components to the Christian life! Remember, the Bible says in Isaiah 1:19 that the willing and obedient will eat the good of the land. We encourage you to obey the commands of Jesus by being water baptized and by practicing communion!

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Lesson 6

## **WHAT FAITH IS**

(Part I)

- I. **Faith is the spiritual tool by which the Christian obtains and walks in the promises of God. From salvation to healing, to financial prosperity and being led by the Spirit, faith is how we receive from God. In this lesson, you will learn exactly what faith is.**

EVERY BELIEVER HAS FAITH

- A. God imparts faith to the believer when he/she is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 12:3 - “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”**

- Notice the Bible says that God has dealt to each one a measure of faith! Not natural human faith, but the God-kind. What a wonderful gift! Mark 11: 22

FAITH AS DEFINED BY THE BIBLE

- B. Hebrews 11:1 says, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

1. Three Key Elements to Faith:

- a. Faith is always in the \_\_\_\_\_, or in the present tense. Never the future tense.
  - b. Faith is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- God uses faith to give substance to what you are wanting. He uses your faith to give substance to healing in the body, finances for the pocket book, or salvation for our loved ones!
    - c. Faith \_\_\_\_\_ what it cannot \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Faith is not governed by the natural. It cannot be measured by the senses of smell, taste, touch, sight, or hearing. Faith is governed by the WORD OF GOD!

### C. Faith in Action

#### 1. The Woman with the Issue of Blood:

**Mark 5: 34 - And he said unto her, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."**

- Jesus attributed this healing to the woman's faith. She believed she would be healed when she touched Jesus' cloths. Then she acted on what she believed!

#### 2. Blind Bartimaeus:

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**Mark 10: 51-52 - And Jesus answered and said unto him, "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?" The blind man said unto him, "Lord, that I might receive my sight." [52] And Jesus said unto him, "Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.**

- Again, it wasn't Jesus' faith that made him whole, Jesus said, "thy faith has made thee whole."

## II. Faith can be increased by hearing, meditating on the Word, and by putting into practice (or giving it action).

### FAITH AT DIFFERENT LEVELS

- Though we all start out with the same measure of faith, what we do with that measure will determine the future level and effectiveness of our faith. Remember faith is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### A. Strong Faith

##### 1. Abraham was described as being strong in faith.

**Romans 4: 20 - He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;**

#### B. Great Faith

##### 1. The Centurion was described as having great faith.

**Luke 7: 9 - When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.**

### C. Growing Faith

1. The Thessalonians were described as having growing faith.

**2 Thes. 1: 3 - We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith grows exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other abounds;**

- You see, faith can grow! It can be developed. But it is our \_\_\_\_\_ to see to it that our faith increases. Praying to God for faith is not Biblical. He has already given you faith!

### D. Little Faith

- The Bible not only talks about people with great faith, strong faith, and growing faith, but it also mentions that it is entirely possible to have small faith, that our faith can be undeveloped!

1. The Disciples were described as having little faith.

**Matthew 8: 26 - And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.**

## III. Developing our Faith

- As we have seen, we all have faith, but depending on how we have used and exercised our faith will determine how effective our faith is in a time of trouble. We need to constantly be about GROWING or DEVELOPING our faith!

### A. How does Faith Grow?

**Romans 10: 17 - So then faith comes by \_\_\_\_\_, and hearing by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.**

1. Faith comes simply by HEARING God's word.
- One interesting note is that faith does not come by reading. It is important to read the Word, but faith comes by HEARING, not by READING!
    - a. Hear the Word through the Preaching of the Word.
    - b. Hear the Word through Books and Tapes.
    - c. Most importantly, hear the word as YOU SPEAK IT!

B. Faith only exists where the \_\_\_\_\_ is known!

- This is where reading and studying is important. God's will is His Word, His Word is His will!

**2 Tim. 2: 15 - Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

#### **IV. Releasing our Faith**

- Faith is a force generated by the human spirit. It must be released. Faith has a definite beginning. Jesus said, "I am the author (beginner) and the Finisher of your faith." Your faith must be released if it is to get results.

A. How to release your faith.

**Mark 11: 22-24 - And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. [23] For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. [24] Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**

1. Notice the 24<sup>th</sup> verse says, to SAY, SAITH, and again SAITH. Faith is released through \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When God created the earth, He did it through Words!
3. When Jesus stood against the temptation of Satan in the wilderness, He responded with the WORD!

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### **Lesson 7**

## **WHAT FAITH IS**

### **(Part II)**

**I. Faith is a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_, released from the heart (or spirit) of a person. In the last lesson, we learned what faith is. In this lesson, we will discover what it means to believe with the heart, or with the spirit.**

- It is important to not only understand how to grow and develop our faith, but how to turn our faith \_\_\_\_\_, OR PUT IT TO WORK.

#### **A. The 3 Fold Nature of Man**

1. God created us in His likeness and in His image (Gen. 1:26). One of the major likenesses of God is the fact of the Trinity. God is 1, yet 3.

a. Just as God is 1, yet 3, so is man. Man is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**I Thes. 5: 23 - And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

2. Man is first a \_\_\_\_\_. That is who you are. This is the part of man where the Spirit of God dwells. This is the part of man that is a new creature created in Christ Jesus. It is through our spirits that we \_\_\_\_\_ God.

- Many people miss it by trying to believe God with their minds. They mentally agree with the Word, but again, God is a spirit, man is a spirit and we must contact God with our spirit!

**John 4: 24 - God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**

3. Next, man possesses a soul, which is made up of the mind, the will, and the emotions.

- The word soul in 1 Thes. 5:23 is the word *psuche*, and it means breath, the same breath God breathed into Adam and he became a living SOUL. Mind, Will, and Emotions.

4. Finally, man lives in a \_\_\_\_\_. This is simply man's "earth suit." It is just a shell that houses the spirit and soul.

**2 Cor. 5: 8 - We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.**

**II. Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word. Believing God's Word is Faith, and believing is a function of the heart, or the spirit.**

**Romans 10: 8 - But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;**

**Romans 10: 10 - For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

A. Notice what the Bible says, about where real faith lives:

1. In the Heart
2. In the Mouth

B. How to believe with the heart.

1. First, understand that faith can exist in the heart, while having doubt in the head or the mind.
- When exercising faith, your mind and thoughts will constantly contradict the Word. Your thoughts will tell you that nothing is working, that you don't believe, or that it is not God's will. The good news is that faith doesn't exist in the mind. Just ignore your thoughts, cast them aside and continue to focus on the promises of God.

**Mark 11: 23 - "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; AND SHALL NOT DOUBT IN HIS HEART, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."**

2. Second, learn how to measure whether or not you are in BIBLE FAITH.

- One of satan's favorite tricks is to tell the Christian that they are not in faith, or that they don't have enough faith. Many will give in to his lies and give up on healing, prosperity, and blessing. Finding out if you are in faith is very simple if you know the key!
  - a. We measure our faith and find out if we are believing correctly by evaluating our \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Cor. 4: 13 - We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;**

**Matthew 15: 18 - But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.**

**Luke 6: 45 - A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks**

- b. Believing with the heart means that you believe you have it \_\_\_\_\_ you see it.

### **III. Releasing our Faith**

- A. As we have seen, faith is of the heart and our confession is a key component in measuring our faith. Confession is also the key to releasing our faith.
  - God powerfully demonstrated the release of faith when He created the Heavens and the Earth.

**Genesis 1: 1 - In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**

**Genesis 1: 3 - And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.**

**Hebrews 11: 3 - Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.**

**Romans 4: 17 - (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.**

- As we meditate on the Word, then HEAR the Word, faith arises in the heart. When we release that faith by boldly proclaiming that we receive what He has promised, the force of faith flows from our spirit and God uses that faith to give substance to the very thing we've been hoping for!

### **IV. A Summary of Key Promises you Should be Believing For**

- A. Health (spirit, soul, and body) 3 John 2
- B. Prosperity 3 John 2
- C. Long Life Psalm 91: 16
- D. Protection (of life and property) Psalm 91: 3
- E. Peace Romans 5: 1
- F. Salvation (for you and family) John 3: 16, Acts 16

# **“BASIC TRAINING”**

## **Discipleship Training For The Believer Lesson 8**

### **HEALING AND THE WILL OF GOD (Part I)**

As we begin to understand the absolute importance of understanding how to exercise faith to appropriate the promises of God, we begin to also see how necessary it is to clearly understand the will of God concerning key areas of our lives. Faith can only exist where the \_\_\_\_\_ is known!

In this lesson, we will discover what the Bible says about God’s willingness to heal our physical bodies.

#### **I. A Word of Remembrance!**

A. God’s Word is His \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Tim. 3: 16 - All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

**Psalms 119: 89 - For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.**

B. God’s Word is settled and therefore His will never \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ (The Word John 1:1) the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**

#### **II. The Danger of Tradition!**

- Have you ever come to a crisis of belief? Have you ever thought that some of what you have been taught all your life could be wrong? Have you searched out these things in the Bible for yourself to see if scripture supports what you believe? Or have you just accepted what your parents, your preacher, and your experiences have taught you?

A. Jesus Himself warns us to beware of beliefs based on tradition instead of the Word.

**Mark 7: 9 - And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.**

**Mark 7: 13 - Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.**

- We have a scriptural obligation to \_\_\_\_\_ all beliefs that do not agree with \_\_\_\_\_!

### **III. Scriptural Proof that Healing is the Will of God:**

#### **A. Just a short list of the many scriptures promising Healing!**

**Psalm 103: 2-3 - Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: [3] Who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases;**

**Isaiah 53: 3 - He is despised and rejected of men; a man of pain and acquainted with disease: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.**

**Isaiah 53: 4-5 - Surely He hath borne our diseases, and carried our pains: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. [5] But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.**

**Matthew 8: 17 - That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.**

**1 Peter 2: 24 - Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed.**

**3 John 1: 2 - Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.**

**Exodus 15: 26 - And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that heals you.**

**Matthew 8: 3 - And Jesus put forth His hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.**

**Luke 4: 18 - The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,**

**Acts 10: 38 - How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him.**

**Psalm 107: 20 - He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.**

**IV. If it is God's will to Heal, why are so many sick?**

- As we have seen above, God's Word clearly indicates God's DESIRE, WILLINGESS, and ABILITY to heal the sick. Yet, many are not healed. Should we be surprised?

No one is surprised at the number of people going to hell today. Nor are they questioning whether it might not be God's will that all be saved, yet the vast majority of the planet (if they died today) would go to hell. Why do you suppose there is such a contradiction in our beliefs? It is because we know what the WORD OF GOD says concerning salvation and who qualifies for it! But we are largely ignorant about what the same Bible says concerning the other promises of God!

**A. Various Reasons why some are sick:**

1. **Sin:** there was no sickness until sin came on the scene.
2. **Faith Failures:** many fall short of the healing promised them, because they refuse to believe!
3. **Refusing to Follow God's Plan for their lives:** 1 Cor. 11
4. **Generational Curses:** Exodus 20:5
5. **Poor Stewardship of their bodies:** 1 Cor. 6: 19
6. **Unforgiveness:** Hebrews 12: 15

# **“BASIC TRAINING”**

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### **Lesson 9**

## **HEALING AND THE WILL OF GOD**

### **(Part II)**

- In part one of Healing and the Will of God, we focused our attention on the subject of God’s willingness to heal our physical bodies. In part two, we will take a closer look at how to appropriate healing today.

**I. Healing is appropriated by \_\_\_\_\_, the same way our soul is saved from sin, by exercising faith in Jesus Christ.**

**A. Three Great Things that Faith is NOT in the area of healing.**

**Hebrews 11: 1 - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

1. Faith for healing is NOT \_\_\_\_\_. Faith is always present tense!
- God gives the definition of faith in Hebrews 11: 1 and notice He said, NOW FAITH IS! Not sometime in the future, but NOW. We must believe we are healed NOW, even though our body shows no physical evidence of any change for the better. That is BIBLE FAITH, FAITH THAT BELIEVES NOW!
2. Faith is NOT \_\_\_\_\_. Hope is basically what we wish would happen. Hope reflects our desires, but God isn’t moved by hope. He is moved by FAITH.
- Yet, hope is very important for it gives faith a goal, or a target to shoot for, without hope, there can be no faith. However, we must move out of the realm of hope (which is always out there in the future) and enter into the realm of faith, which believes it has healing now!
3. Faith is NOT \_\_\_\_\_. God never expects us to believe blindly. God’s Word will stand any scrutiny you can apply to it. When acted upon, God’s Word will never fail!
- Notice that Faith is the EVIDENCE that you have now what you are believing for. In other words, faith sees clearly the end result with the eye of the spirit, before the natural eye sees anything. The person who reaches the place in faith where no one can talk them out of their healing, they are not moved by what reports might come, or what the symptoms are in the body, will undoubtedly receive the promise of God.

**Mark 11: 24 - Therefore I say unto you, What things soever you desire, WHEN YOU PRAY, believe that you receive them, and YOU SHALL HAVE THEM.**

## **II. Following the Example of the Woman with the Issue of Blood.**

**Mark 5: 25-34 - And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, [26] And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, [27] When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. [28] For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. [29] And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. [30] And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? [31] And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? [32] And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. [33] But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. [34] And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.**

### **A. 4 steps to Receiving Healing by Faith as shown by this Woman**

1. She \_\_\_\_\_.
- As reports of Jesus' ministry were spread abroad in the city, this woman heard someone testify as to the great works done by Jesus. Undoubtedly, Jesus was preaching the message He preached in every town. That He was ANOINTED. In Luke 4:18, Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised," When she heard this, she \_\_\_\_\_ it.
2. Then she made a faith filled \_\_\_\_\_ She spoke what she believed, which released the force of faith from her heart. This act is key to any faith endeavor. If you believe it, you WILL SAY IT!

**Mark 11: 23 - For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says.**

3. Next, she \_\_\_\_\_ what she believed.

- Faith is a belief, and any reasonable person will have no problem acting in accordance with what they believe. This particular woman's act of faith was tremendous, for a woman in her condition to be found in public in the midst of a crowd could have resulted in her being stoned.

a. Faith is always accompanied by both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 2: 14 - What does it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?**

**James 2: 17-18 - Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. [18] Yea, a man may say, You have faith, and I have works: show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.**

4. Finally, she received the \_\_\_\_\_ of her faith, and the disease left her immediately!
- You see, faith has a beginning and an ending! Jesus said in Hebrews 12: 2 that He is the author and finisher of our faith. Her faith began by hearing words of Jesus, and ended when she touched His clothes and was healed!

#### B. Other Key Points of this Story!

1. Jesus attributed this healing to be a direct result of the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Notice How many other people in need were touching Jesus and they got nothing!
3. God's healing power is not manifested on the basis of need, but on the person's faith!

# **“BASIC TRAINING”**

## **Discipleship Training For The Believer**

### **Lesson 10**

## **UNDERSTANDING RIGHTEOUSNESS**

- This lesson is not about gaining knowledge, for many Christians “know” that the Bible declares that we are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. This lesson is about obtaining a \_\_\_\_\_ have been made RIGHTEOUS!

### **I. Righteousness Defined:**

A. Righteousness literally means to be \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

1. E.W. Kenyon defines righteousness as, “the ability to stand in the very presence of God without a sense of guilt or inferiority!”
2. The person who understands that God has made them righteous can actually stand in the presence of God without a sense of ever having committed sin.

**2 Cor. 5: 17 - Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

**2 Cor. 5: 21 - For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD in him.**

### **II. The Separating Factor**

- The fact that in Christ man is made righteous is the separating factor between Christianity and all other religions. In every other religion, without exception, you must \_\_\_\_\_ the right to stand in the presence of God. The Bible, however, clearly tells us that this is utterly impossible.

**Romans 3: 23 - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**

**James 2: 10 - For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.**

A. Is Christianity the only way one can be saved?

1. Yes, a thousand times yes!

- Even the most sincere and most devout Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, or Atheist, will not be excused at the great day of judgment. For God is clear and leaves no doubt that man knows by the conviction of his own conscience that He is not, can not, and never will be good enough to please his Creator.

### III. The Present Day Reality of Righteousness

A. The New Birth is a present day reality, not some future event when we get to heaven!

**1 John 3: 2 - Beloved, NOW are we the sons of God.**

**Romans 8: 14 - For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they ARE the sons of God.**

1. This means:
  - a. You are NOT a sinner, saved by grace. You ARE RIGHTEOUS NOW!
  - b. You have been given to access to the Father and the promises of God NOW!
  - c. You have been forgiven of your past, and have been received into God's Family, NOW!

### IV. Taking on a New Mentality

- Most Christians do not base their worth and value in who they have become as sons and daughters of God. When people base their value and worth in what they can accomplish, or what others say or think about them, it leads to a damaged self-image.

A. How Precious You Are!

1. You are worth the price of the \_\_\_\_\_!
2. You are a joint \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ!

**Romans 8: 17 - And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.**

B. Renew Your Mind and How you See Yourself!

- The only way to overcome the mentality of unworthiness, defeatism, and a damaged self-image is to renew your mind on the Word of God. By meditating on scriptures in the New Testament that declare WHO YOU ARE IN HIM! This is the way to obtain the revelation of who you have become IN HIM!
1. There are over 130 scriptures in the New Testament with the phrase "in Him," "in Whom," and "in Christ." Study until you see yourself in them! Here are a few!

**Acts 17: 28 - For in Him we live, and move, and have our being;**

**Romans 8: 1 - There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

**1 Cor. 1: 30 - But of Him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:**

**2 Cor. 2: 14 - Now thanks be unto God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ,**

**Ephes. 1: 3 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:**

**V. Receiving the Righteousness of God by \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Romans 1: 17 - For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.**

- A. Obtaining this revelation is an act of faith. Believe you are what God says you are! That you can have what He says you can have, and you can do what He says you can do!
- B. The Righteousness of God is a Gift!

**Romans 1: 17 - For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith.**

**Romans 5: 17 - For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.**

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### **Lesson 11**

## **PRAYER THAT WORKS**

**Matthew 6: 8 - Be not you therefore like unto them: for your Father knows what things you have need of, before ye ask Him.**

**Matthew 21: 22 - And all things, whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.**

- One of the greatest revelations God has given to man is the revelation that God desires to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ prayer!
- In this lesson, we will focus on 2 key areas on the subject of prayer. Number 1, we will see how and for what we should pray, and Number 2, we will see the importance of having daily contact with God in prayer.

### **I. The Art of Effective Prayer:**

- A. Prayer is the means through which the Christian \_\_\_\_\_ the promises and the blessings of God.

**Philip. 4: 6 - Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

- Many people are making requests to God and not getting their prayers answered. They have interpreted their inability to get their prayers answered to the will of God. The Bible actually says that we don't receive for 1 of 2 reasons.
  1. We fail to ask.
  2. We ask amiss.

**James 4: 2-3 - You lust, and have not: you kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: you fight and war, yet you have not, because you ask not. [3] You ask, and receive not, because you ask amiss, that you may consume it upon your lusts.**

- Here are few ways that we can ask, but ask amiss.
  1. We ask for something not promised in the Word of God.

2. We don't ask in faith. According to the Word this means believing you receive \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We disqualify ourselves from having God answer our prayer because of sin.

**1 John 3: 20-22 - For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. [21] Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. [22] And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.**

#### B. Steps to Answered Prayer

1. Study, to make sure your need is provided for in the Bible. Find Scriptures that promise you what you are needing, or believing God for.

**Isaiah 43: 25-26 - I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins. Put Me in remembrance; Let us contend together; STATE YOUR CASE, that you may be acquitted.**

2. Meditate on these promises. Speak them to yourself and \_\_\_\_\_ your faith on the promises of God, for faith comes by hearing and by hearing the Word of God. Rom.10: 17
3. Boldly approach your Father God on the basis that you are the Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.
4. Ask your Father in the name of Jesus!

**John 14: 13-14 - And whatsoever you shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. [14] If you shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it.**

5. Stand in faith, continually thanking and praising God for the answer!
- Prayer is more; however, than simply making requests to God. Prayer is one of the primary ways we fellowship with God, receive His direction and guidance for our lives, and get to know Him for ourselves.

### III. Prayer: Becoming Intimately Acquainted with Your Heavenly Father

- A. A common factor that is prevalent in the life of anyone who has done significant things in the Kingdom of God is that they were known as a person of prayer!
  1. Moses talked with God face to face. (Exodus 33: 11)
  2. Jacob wrestled all night in prayer to obtain the blessing of God. (Gen. 32: 24)
  3. David spent untold hours in prayer and worship with His Heavenly Father. (Psalm 34: 1)

4. Peter and the Apostles would not forsake the Word and Prayer to serve tables. (Acts 6: 2)
5. Jesus Himself spent whole nights in prayer to God. (Luke 6: 12)
6. Paul claimed that He prayed in tongues more than ye all. (1Cor. 14: 18)
7. The Apostle John received the revelation of the end times while in prayer. (Rev. 1)

A. Key Benefits in Having a Thriving Prayer Life.

1. You gain personal knowledge of the Lord.

**Philip 3: 8 - Yes doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,**

2. You \_\_\_\_\_ in His presence.

**Acts 3: 19 - Repent you therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;**

3. You are \_\_\_\_\_ while in prayer

**2 Cor. 3: 18 - But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

4. In spending time with God, you receive \_\_\_\_\_ and direction.

**Acts 13: 2 - As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.**

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## **Discipleship Training for the Believer!**

### **Lesson 12**

## **GOD’S PLAN FOR PROSPERITY: SOWING AND REAPING**

- In today’s lesson, we will see that in the Kingdom of God, there is a system of financial increase that is superior to any economic system here on earth. Prospering financially in the Kingdom of God requires more than faith. It requires diligent, repetitive obedience to Godly \_\_\_\_\_.

### **I. God’s Ways of Doing Things**

- A. God reminds us many times in Scripture of the danger of operating too much in the world’s system, or the world’s ways of doing things. Take careful note of the following Scriptures:

**Romans 12: 1-2 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. [2] And BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

- The word “world” is actually better translated “\_\_\_\_\_.” In other words, God is saying that we should not be conformed (which means to come into line with, to agree with, etc) to the world’s system or ways of doing things.

- B. The world’s way to increase financially is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- C. God’s way to financial increase is to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Isaiah 55: 8-11 - For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. [9] For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. [10] For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and returns not thither, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: [11] So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

- D. Again, God says “My ways are NOT YOUR WAYS”, His thoughts are NOT YOUR THOUGHTS. God gives \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_!

## II. Sowing and Reaping

- God, for whatever reason, has set up the earth like a farm. He has set up \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ . As we operate in these principles the laws that He has set in motion take over and begin to produce fruit in our lives.

**Genesis 8: 22 - While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.**

- For the Believer to prosper, he/she must operate in God's law of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

### A. Tithing vs. Sowing

Many people believe that any offering of any amount is acceptable with God and will receive the promised return. Still others believe that God simply leaves it up to us to choose what we will give and that is acceptable. The person who believes this way and gives this way WILL NOT PROSPER!

1. Tithing is NOT \_\_\_\_\_.

- In order to get into the realm of sowing one must first return to the Lord what is \_\_\_\_\_. The Bible says that the TITHE IS THE Lord's. Therefore if it is His, we cannot expect a return (other than the promised blessings connected to tithing, which are enormous!)

**Leviticus 27: 30 - And all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord.**

**Malachi 3: 8 - Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed me. But you say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.**

- The only way to rob God is to keep what is rightfully His!

2. What is the tithe?

The word "tithe" itself literally means \_\_\_\_\_.

Or 10%

**Proverbs 3: 9 - Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all your increase:**

### B. Sowing is NOT \_\_\_\_\_.

- Once the tithe has been given, offerings are determined as the Holy Spirit directs or as you choose to. I like to say it this way, "if you have a need, sow a seed!"

**2 Cor. 9: 6-7 - But this I say, He which sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully. [7] Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver.**

1. Key Steps to Successfully Operating in God's Financial System:
  - a. First \_\_\_\_\_, this puts you in position to be blessed by removing the curse.
  - b. Pray and ask the Lord what He would have you to do concerning sowing a seed!
  - c. Make sure you sow your seed into good ground!  
  
What is good ground? A fruit producing Ministry!
  - d. Act on the Word and plant your seed.
  - e. Begin to water your seed, by SPEAKING TO IT!

**1 Cor. 3: 6 - I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.**

- f. Stand on the Promise until the Harvest Comes in.
  - g. Be prepared to reap! You must not only sow, but you must reap! Be looking for God's open doors of opportunity for increase!
  - h. When the harvest comes in, save some of it as seed to plant for a harvest in another season! Just like the farmer would do!
- God's desire for you (above all things, 3 John 2) is that you prosper and be in health. Begin to operate consistently in God's financial system and you will move from the realm of needing constant financial miracles, to walking in the blessing of the Lord! Miracles are for a moment, but the blessing is for a lifetime!

# **“BASIC TRAINING”**

## **Discipleship Training for the Believer!**

### **Lesson 13**

## **UNDERSTANDING YOUR SPIRITUAL ENEMY**

- One of the key doctrines or teachings of the Christian faith is the belief in the existence of \_\_\_\_\_. In fact, Jesus spoke more on the subject of Satan, evil, and hell, than He did about heaven! Yet, many do not have a grasp on what evil really is and how to tell the difference between “acts of God” and acts due to the presence and influence of evil.
- It wasn’t until Jesus gave us the revelation of the existence of evil, that we began to differentiate between the acts of God and the acts of the devil. Thank God Jesus drew a clear distinction between His mission in life, and Satan’s mission in life!

**John 10: 10 - The thief (a reference to Satan) comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

- In this lesson, we will identify the source of sin, sickness, poverty, and all evil, and learn how to identify the devices and schemes of the devil in order to gain greater understanding of our spiritual enemy!

### **I. God is not the author of sin, sickness, poverty, or tragedy of any kind!**

- A. Many believe that if they become sick, or if they have financial problems, or a tragic event happens in their life, that God has somehow \_\_\_\_\_ these events for some unknown Divine purpose. This is not so!

**James 1: 17 - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.**

1. Notice that only good and perfect gifts come down from the Father of lights!
  - a. Sickness is not a good gift!
  - b. Poverty is not a good gift!
  - c. TRAGEDY is not a good gift!

- B. In John 10: 10 (see above) Jesus declares that He has come in order that we might have:

1. Abundant \_\_\_\_\_!
  - a. Sickness is not abundant life!
  - b. Poverty is certainly not abundant life!

c. Tragedy is not abundant life!

- If God is not the author sin, sickness, and death, then who is? The answer is that the same being responsible for the birth of sin and death, is still the being responsible for sin and death today!

## II. Satan, the Author of Evil:

- There is no mention of judgment, sickness, poverty, death or tragedy of any kind in all the universe until the fall of Lucifer. Notice the following Scriptures:

**Isaiah 14: 12 - How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations!**

**Ezekiel 28: 15-16 - You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, till iniquity was found in you. [16] By the multitude of your merchandise they have filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.**

- A. Lucifer, now known as Satan, was cast out of the Kingdom of God because of the sin of pride and rebellion. Satan continues that rebellion today.

## III. Biblical Identification of Our Spiritual Enemy

- A. The Bible refers to this fallen angel by many names. The most common being:

1. Satan
2. The Devil
3. The Thief
4. The Serpent
5. The Dragon

- Satan is not a figure of speech or a simple metaphor for evil. He is a fallen angel with personality traits, memory, and emotions. He leads an army of fallen angels and demonic powers with the sole purpose of hindering the plan of God in the earth.

## IV. The Primary Goals or Aims of the Devil.

- We are warned in Scripture to be wise to the \_\_\_\_\_ or schemes of the devil so that we are not taken by surprise and caught in his trap!

**2 Cor. 2: 11 - Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.**

**1 Peter 5: 8 - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour:**

A. The Primary Goals of the Devil:

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ the saints. (Zech. 3: 1)
  2. To bring \_\_\_\_\_. (Mark 1: 13)
  3. To bind with \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 13: 16)
  4. To \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. (John 10: 10)
  5. To hinder the overall plan of \_\_\_\_\_. (2Cor. 12: 7)
- These are the goals of our enemy. Simply put, he is out to hurt God and because he can't do that, he has turned to afflict those that GOD LOVES! That's you! However, we have not been left helpless. Far from it! God, through the victory of Christ Jesus, has set us free from the authority of Satan and his kingdom of darkness!

**IV. How the Believer is to deal with the devil!**

A. We are to enforce the defeat Jesus imposed on him at Calvary!

**Col. 2: 13-15 - And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, has He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; [14] Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; [15] And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.**

1. Jesus has triumphed over Satan and demonic forces. This means that we don't have to \_\_\_\_\_ against the devil. We simply remind him that he has no authority over the life of the believer!

After Jesus' resurrection, Jesus had won back the authority lost in the Garden of Eden. He then immediately turned around and delegated that authority back to us! Now we just simply use it!

**Matthew 28:18-19 - And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. [19] Go you therefore...**

B. Remember the limitations of Satan!

1. Satan cannot read your \_\_\_\_\_!
2. He is not omnipotent!
3. He is not omnipresent!
4. He has no authority, except that which we give him!
  - a. Two ways to give Satan access:
    1. Through \_\_\_\_\_.
    2. Through \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Speak to Satan and Demonic forces, binding them in the name of Jesus!

**Matthew 18: 18 - Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**

1. When Jesus encountered demons or demonic forces, He simply cast them out with His word!
- Our spiritual enemy is persistent, diligent, and in many ways very smart; however, he is not bigger than our JESUS! Jesus has done all the hard work for us. We now walk by faith, appropriate the promises of God, speak and rebuke Satan when he opposes us and we go on unto great victory!

Go out and enforce the devil's defeat in your life today!

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### Lesson 14

## DEVELOPING GODLY CHARACTER

- One of the greatest shortcomings in the Body of Christ as a whole is not one of talent, dedication, anointing, or even resources. It is the lack of Godly character at work in the lives of His people.

In today’s lesson, we will see how important it is to constantly be growing in Godly character, and how this is a key requirement in order to achieve all God has for your life!

### I. Godliness is \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Tim. 4:8 - For bodily exercise profits little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.**

- A. The world tries to tell us that there is nothing to gain by living a Godly lifestyle, but God promises great blessing to those who choose to live a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ life.
1. Notice this scripture says that godliness is profitable in:
    - a. THIS LIFE!
    - b. The Life YET TO COME!

### II. One Thing God Didn’t Give Adam and Eve:

**Psalm 8:5 - For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and have crowned him with glory and honor.**

- A. The word *angels* is actually \_\_\_\_\_, meaning God!
- Adam and Eve were the first of all God’s creation that He made in the very likeness and image of Himself. Mankind is created, or patterned after God! Yet there was one major thing that God possessed that Adam and Eve did not, and that was \_\_\_\_\_.
1. The reason God told Adam and Eve to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was to provide a means of developing Godly character in them.
- B. How is character developed?
1. Character is developed only through a process of making good \_\_\_\_\_.

- Every time Adam or Eve passed by the tree and chose not to disobey God, character was built in them. They, in essence, became more LIKE GOD. However, when the day came that they ate of the tree, their character was damaged.

### III. God's commands to live holy and clean:

- God has enabled us through the New Birth, the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, and His grace to now live our lives without being dominated or controlled by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 6: 14 - For sin shall not have dominion over you: for you are not under the law, but under grace.**

A. We are commanded to walk \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalm 84: 11 - For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.**

1. To walk uprightly means to be:
  - a. undefiled
  - b. without blemish
  - c. to be sincere
  - d. to walk in truth.

B. We are commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ from the lifestyle of sinners.

**2 Cor. 6: 17 - Wherefore come out from among them, and be separate, says the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,**

1. There should be a clear distinction between the lifestyle of the believer, versus the non-believer.
- One of the biggest problems with Christians today is an unhealthy desire to \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus said that we are to be the light of the world, meaning we should STAND OUT!

C. We are commanded to maintain our integrity.

1. Webster defines integrity as the quality of being \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Here are some "rubber meets the road" examples of not walking in integrity.
    - a. Lying
    - b. Being unreliable
    - c. Stealing: shoplifting, using company goods for personal use, etc.
    - d. Manipulating people or circumstances to advance our own agenda.
    - e. Being Hypocritical.
- What are some other ways we as Christians are tempted to compromise our integrity?

### IV. If you want to do great things for the Lord, character is a MUST!

- God will not promote people to greater things without proving or testing our character.

**1 Cor. 4:2 - Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.**

A. Here the Apostle Paul states that in order to qualify for promotion in the Kingdom of God, one must be found faithful.

B. The following are some key characteristics of faithful people:

1. They can be \_\_\_\_\_ to do what they say they will do.
  2. They can be trusted.
  3. They are loyal.
  4. They do things well, even when no one is \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. They are \_\_\_\_\_.
  6. They are willing to go beyond the minimum required. They are willing to go above and beyond to achieve excellence.
- Whether in business, family, or ministry, the person who walks uprightly, walks in integrity, and is faithful will be blessed, favored, and promoted both in the secular business world and in the Kingdom of God.

Make a commitment today to begin to focus on growing in godliness and true holiness. For if we do, God says, "He will withhold no good thing to those who walk UPRIGHTLY!"

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### Lesson 15

## ETERNAL JUDGMENT

- One of the most basic and most important doctrines in the Word of God is the teaching that life is \_\_\_\_\_ and that every person faces a coming \_\_\_\_\_.

Today we will look at what the Bible has to say about eternal life and eternal judgment for both the wicked and the righteous.

#### I. Life is \_\_\_\_\_. Life never ceases to \_\_\_\_\_.

##### A. Three kinds of Death:

1. **Physical Death:** the separation of soul and body. The body dies. (2 Cor. 5: 8)
2. **Spiritual Death:** The condition of being separated from God. (Genesis 2: 17)
3. **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Death or Eternal Death:** meaning eternal separation from God in hell and eventually the lake of fire.

**Rev. 20: 14-15 - And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. [15] And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**

- Notice that in the 3 kinds of death, there is no reference to the soul of man ever being destroyed or ceasing to exist. Both the wicked and the righteous soul will exist for all eternity. One will exist in the presence of God. The other will exist eternally separated from God in hell.

##### B. Lazarus and the Rich Man

**Luke 16: 19-26 -There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: [20] And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, [21] And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. [22] And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; [23] And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeing Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. [24] And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. [25] But Abraham said, Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and you art tormented.**

**[26] And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from here to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from there.**

1. Notice that both Lazarus and the Rich Man, though dead:
  - a. Had their memory intact.
  - b. Could express emotions.
  - c. Could talk.
  - d. Recognized one another.
  - e. Had physical feelings (one of comfort, one of torment).
- So, again we see that beyond the death of our physical bodies lies life eternal. We, as spirit beings, will live forever. Where we will live is up to us!

## **II. Eternal Beings Destined to Stand before God in Judgment.**

**Hebrews 9: 27 - And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:**

- A. The Scripture teaches here that each man and each woman is given one physical life to live. Once that is over, judgment comes.
  1. There are no second chances once we experience death.
  2. There is no way to escape judgment, only to be prepared for it.

## **III. The Judgment of un-Believers:**

- All those who go to the grave having not made Jesus Christ the Lord of their life will appear before the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. The nature of this Judgment is one of PUNISHMENT.
    1. Punishment for \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 2: 5-6)
    2. Punishment for rejecting Jesus as the Messiah. (Mark 16: 16)
  - B. The Final Destination or Punishment for those at this judgment:
    - All who find themselves standing before God at this judgment are destined to spend eternity first in hell or “hades” and ultimately in the lake of fire.
      1. Biblical Descriptions of Hell:
        - a. Literal furnace of fire. (Matt. 13: 42)
        - b. Wailing or “crying out in pain.” (Matt. 13: 42)
        - c. Gnashing of teeth. (Matt. 13: 42)
        - d. Fire that never will be quenched. (Mark 9: 43)
        - e. Place where the worm dies not. (Mark 9: 44)

- Hell is a horrible place of fear, pain, and eternal suffering. Yet the most painful of all experiences for those in hell will be one of \_\_\_\_\_ for they will know and realize that had they accepted Jesus and repented of their sin they would be in heaven rejoicing for all eternity!

#### IV. The Judgment of Believers:

- Many Christians become born again and mistakenly believe that they have escaped all judgment, and therefore can live selfishly and recklessly without fear of consequence. THIS IS NOT BIBLICAL!

##### A. The Believer's Judgment: The Judgment Seat of Christ.

**2 Cor. 5: 9-10 - Wherefore we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. [10] For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.**

**1 Cor. 3: 11-15 - For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. [12] Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; [13] Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. [14] If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. [15] If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.**

##### B. The Nature of This Judgment is not one of punishment, but one of \_\_\_\_\_!

1. This judgment is not to determine your salvation, but to determine the degree of reward you will receive in heaven.

##### C. What is God looking for in this judgment?

1. Gold, Silver, and Precious Stones: these are works that pass through God's test of Fire. For this we get reward. These "precious stones" represent:
  - a. Fulfilling the plan of God for your life.
  - b. Good deeds done with right motives.
  - c. Giving.
  - d. Controlling your tongue.
  - e. Walking in love.
  - f. Fulfilling your part of the Great Commission.
2. Wood, Hay, and Stubble: these are works (dead works) that produced no fruit, and will be burned up by God's testing fire. Therefore, no reward is given.

- Unfortunately, many Christians live their entire natural lives producing nothing but wood, hay, and stubble. All will be burned up. They themselves will be saved, but will receive no significant reward! Let this motivate you to fulfill God's will for your life!
  - a. Choosing to live your plan instead of God's plan.
  - b. Good deeds done with WRONG motives.
  - c. No Giving.
  - d. Not having control of your tongue.
  - e. Not walking in love.
  - f. Not fulfilling your part in the Great Commission.

D. Four Crowns Promised to Believers as Rewards:

1. The Crown of Rejoicing: (1Thess. 2: 19-20) The Soul Winner's Crown! Given for Winning the lost, and for funding people who do win the lost!
2. The Crown of Righteousness: (2Tim. 4: 7-8). Given for completing God's plan for your life.
3. The Crown of Life: (James 1: 12) The Martyr's Crown. This crown is given to all those who die for the gospel, or who would be WILLING to die for the cause of Christ.
4. The Crown of Glory: (1Peter 5: 4) This crown is given to 5 fold ministry offices and church leaders.

# ANSWER KEY

## Lesson 1

Inspired  
 Holy Spirit  
 Inspiration  
 Perfect  
 Agree  
 Prove  
 Covenants  
 Hebrew  
 Greek  
 66  
 For  
 To  
 A Key

## Lesson 2

Plan  
 Blessings  
 Our Image  
 Our Likeness  
 Dominion  
 Dominion  
 Rule  
 Dominion  
 Choose  
 Deny  
 Greatest  
 Choose  
 Dominion

## Lesson 2 (cont.)

god  
 Sin Nature  
 Legal  
 Messiah  
 satan  
 Life  
 Redeemed

## Lesson 3

Saved  
 Sin  
 Spiritually Dead  
 Gift  
 Saved  
 Jesus  
 Free Gift  
 Redemption  
 Confess  
 Believe  
 Confess  
 Believe  
 Receive  
 Faith  
 New Life  
 Change Your Way of  
 Thinking  
 Daily

Pray

## Lesson 3 (cont.)

Connected

## Lesson 4

The Baptism With  
 the Holy Spirit  
 Filled  
 Endued With Power  
 From On High  
 Tongues  
 They Spoke  
 Offered  
 Ask  
 Filled  
 Power  
 Pray  
 Strength  
 The Plan  
 Receive  
 Believe  
 Ask  
 Speak  
 Your Lips

## Lesson 5

Fellowship  
 Apostles  
 Paul  
 Early Church

True Believer

Soul

Woman's Faith

## ANSWER KEY

### Lesson 5 (cont.)

God

Brothers

Sisters

Faith

Sacrifice

Confess

Disciples

Baptize

Symbol

### Lesson 6

Born Again

Now

Substance

Receives

See

Measureable

Responsibility

Hearing

Word

Will of God

Words

### Lesson 7

Force

Loose

Spirit

### Lesson 7 (cont.)

Body

Spirit

Contact

Body

Believing

Confession

Before

### Lesson 8

Will of God

Will

Changes

Set Aside

God's Word

### Lesson 9

Faith

In the Future

Hope

Blind

Heard

Believed

Confession

Acted On

Words

Actions

Object

### Lesson 10

Revelation

Made Right

Earn

The Blood of Jesus

Heir

Faith

### Lesson 11

Hear

Answer

Appropriates

When You Pray

Build

Refreshing

Changed

Guidance

### Lesson 12

Principles

World System

Get

Give

Seed

Sower

Spiritual Laws

Seed

Time

Harvest

## ANSWER KEY

### Lesson 12 (con't.)

Sowing

His

Tenth Part

Tithing

Tithe

### Lesson 13

Evil

Orchestrated

Tragedy

Life

Devices

Oppose

Temptation

Sickness

Steal

Kill

### Lesson 13 (con't.)

Destroy

God

War and Fight

Mind

Ignorance

Disobedience

### Lesson 14

Profitable

Holy

Separated

Elohim

Character

Decisions

Sin

Uprightly

Live Separated

### Lesson 14 (con't.)

Fit In

Whole

Complete

Counted On

Watching

On Time

### Lesson 15

Eternal

Judgment

Infinite

Exist

Great White Throne

Judgment

Sins

Eternal Regret

Reward