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ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

AND THIS IS THE TESTIMONY: GOD HAS GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE, AND THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON. HE WHO HAS THE SON HAS LIFE; HE WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE SON DOES NOT HAVE LIFE.

1 JOHN 5:11-12

EXPLORING 1 JOHN 5:11-12

WHO GIVES US ETERNAL LIFE?

WHERE IS ETERNAL LIFE FOUND?

WHO HAS ETERNAL LIFE?

WHO DOES NOT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE?

"THIS IS THE TESTIMONY"

WHAT DID JOHN SAY IN JOHN 20:31 ABOUT WHY HE WROTE THIS BOOK?

"GOD HAS GIVE US ETERNAL LIFE"

ACCORDING TO ROMANS 5:8, HOW HAS GOD SHOWN THAT HE LOVES YOU?

WHAT RESULTS OF MAN'S SINFULNESS ARE LISTED IN ISAIAH 59:2?

SINFUL
man



Death

SIN
separates

HOLY
GOD

eternal
Life

READ EPHESIANS 2:8-9. WHY DO HUMAN EFFORTS ALWAYS FAIL TO REACH GOD?

SINFUL
man



Death

GOOD WORKS

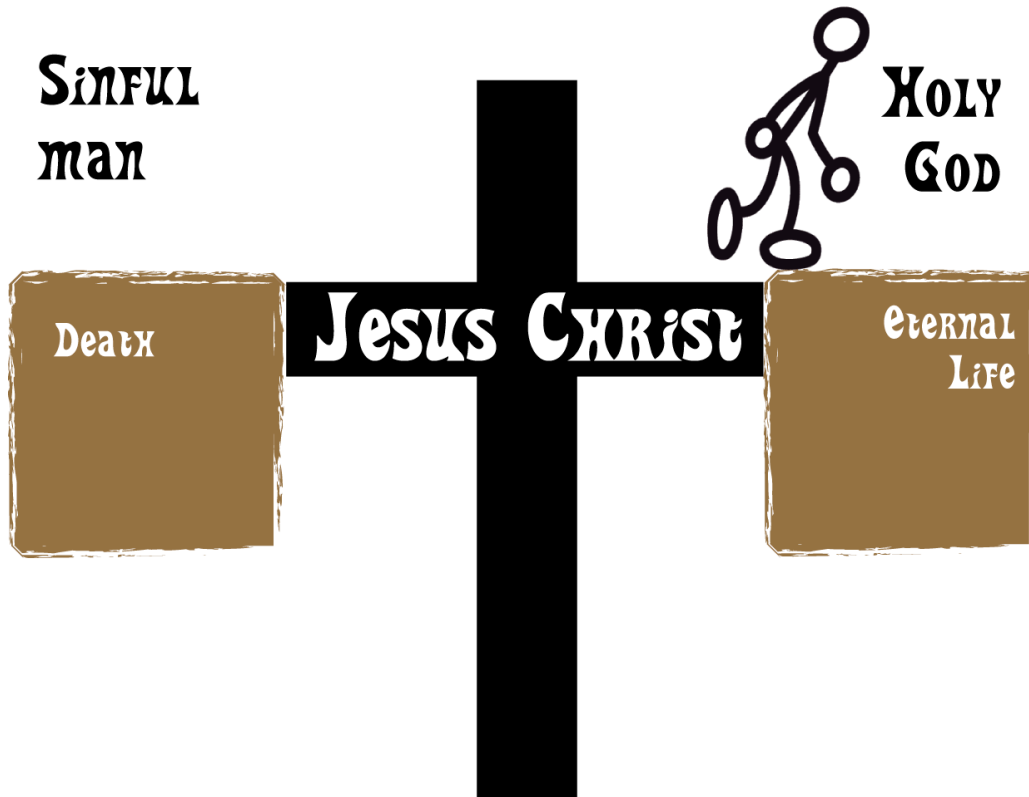
RELIGION

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Life

IN 1 PETER 3:18 HOW DID PETER EXPLAIN WHAT GOD HAS DONE TO BRING MEN TO HIMSELF?



HOW DID JOHN SAY A PERSON RECEIVES THE GIFT OF SALVATION IN JOHN 1:12?

HE WHO HAS THE SON HAS LIFE"

ACCORDING TO JOHN 5:24, WHAT 3 THINGS ARE THE RESULT OF HEARING AND BELIEVING?

PRESENT -

FUTURE -

PAST -

WHAT DID JESUS PROMISE HIS FOLLOWERS IN JOHN 10:27-29?

WHAT TAKES PLACE WHEN A PERSON BECOMES A CHRISTIAN, AS DESCRIBED IN 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17?

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING CHANGES HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED
IN YOUR LIFE? [[CHECK THE APPROPRIATE ONES.]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> INNER PEACE | <input type="checkbox"/> NEW AWARENESS OF SIN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VICTORY OVER SIN | <input type="checkbox"/> NEW LOVE FOR GOD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DESIRE TO READ THE BIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ATTITUDE CHANGES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SENSE OF FORGIVENESS | <input type="checkbox"/> NEW CONCERN FOR OTHERS |

"APPLYING 1 JOHN 5:11-12"

MEDITATE ON 1 JOHN 5:11-12 AND CONSIDER HOW TO APPLY IT
TO YOUR LIFE.

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE?

NOW TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO THANK GOD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN YOU IN
JESUS CHRIST.

ASSURANCE OF ANSWERED PRAYER

“UNTIL NOW YOU HAVE NOT ASKED FOR ANYTHING IN MY NAME. ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE, AND YOUR JOY WILL BE COMPLETE.”

JOHN 16:24

EXPLORING JOHN 16:24

WHAT IS PRAYER?

IN WHOSE NAME SHOULD WE PRAY?

WHAT RESULTS FROM PRAYER?

“UNTIL NOW YOU HAVE NOT ASKED FOR ANYTHING IN MY NAME”

WHAT DOES JESUS TEACH ABOUT PRAYER IN MATTHEW 7:7-12?

WHAT ARE SOME IMPORTANT CONDITIONS FOR ANSWERED PRAYER?

JOHN 15:7

1 JOHN 5:14-15

“ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE”

WHAT IS CHARACTERISTIC OF GOD'S ANSWERS TO PRAYER?

JEREMIAH 33:3

EPHESIANS 3:20

READ MATTHEW 7:9-11. WHAT KIND OF GIFTS DOES GOD GIVE HIS CHILDREN?

HOW DO YOU THINK GOD WOULD RESPOND TO A REQUEST FOR SOMETHING HE KNEW WOULD BE BAD FOR YOU?

WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD WOULD DO IF HE KNEW THE ANSWER WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU AT ANOTHER TIME?

READ PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7. WHAT IS THE WRONG REACTION TO HAVE TOWARD DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES?

WHAT IS THE RIGHT RESPONSE?

WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THIS RIGHT RESPONSE?

“YOUR JOY WILL BE COMPLETE”

FROM PHILIPPIANS 4:7, WHAT RESULTS COMES FROM THE PEACE THROUGH PRAYER?

READ LUKE 1:13-14. WHAT RESULTED WHEN ZECHARIAH AND ELIZABETH PRAYED FOR A SON?

WHAT ARE SOME HINDRANCES TO ANSWERED PRAYER?

JAMES 4:3

PSALM 66:18

FOUR IMPORTANT AREAS OF PRAYER ARE:

ADORATION

-REFLECTION OF GOD HIMSELF. PRAISE HIM FOR HIS LOVE, HIS POWER AND MAJESTY, AND HIS WONDERFUL GIFT OF CHRIST.

CONFESSION

-ADMITTING YOUR SINS TO GOD. BE HONEST AND HUMBLE REMEMBER HE KNOWS YOU AND LOVES YOU STILL

THANKSGIVING

-TELLING GOD HOW GRATEFUL YOU ARE FOR EVERYTHING HE HAS GIVEN EVEN THE UNPLEASANT THINGS. YOUR THANKFULNESS WILL HELP YOU SEE HIS PURPOSE

SUPPLICATION

-MAKING SPECIFIC REQUESTS, BOTH FOR OTHERS AND FOR YOU.

THE FIRST LETTERS OF THESE FOUR WORDS FORM THE WORD "ACTS". USE THIS AS A MENTAL GUIDE FOR A BALANCED PRAYER LIFE.

APPLYING JOHN 16:24

LIST FOUR SPECIFIC THINGS YOU CAN PRAY ABOUT TODAY. PAUSE RIGHT NOW AND TALK TO GOD ABOUT THEM.

ADORATION

CONFESSION

THANKSGIVING

SUPPLICATION

ASSURANCE OF VICTORY

NO TEMPTATION HAS SEIZED YOU EXCEPT WHAT IS COMMON TO MAN. AND GOD IS FAITHFUL; HE WILL NOT LET YOU BE TEMPTED BEYOND WHAT YOU CAN BEAR. BUT WHEN YOU ARE TEMPTED, HE WILL ALSO PROVIDE A WAY OUT SO THAT YOU CAN STAND UP UNDER IT.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

EXPLORING 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

WHAT IS TRUE ABOUT EVERY TEMPTATION YOU FACE?

WHO CAN GIVE YOU VICTORY WHEN YOU ARE TEMPTED?

DOES GOD REMOVE TEMPTATION?

WHAT DOES GOD DO FOR YOU?

“TEMPTATION... IS COMMON TO MAN”

WHAT IS MAJOR SOURCE OF TEMPTATION THAT JAMES DESCRIBED IN JAMES 1:13-14?

READ 1 JOHN 2:15-16. WHAT ARE THREE PRIMARY AREAS OF TEMPTATION?

ACCORDING TO PETER’S STATEMENT IN 1 PETER 5:8, WHAT IS THE DEVIL SEEKING TO DO WHEN HE TEMPTS YOU?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU?

"GOD IS FAITHFUL"

WHAT DOES GOD DO FOR YOU, ACCORDING TO 2 THESSALONIANS 3:3?

WHAT DOES HEBREW 4:15 TELL YOU ABOUT JESUS CHRIST?

"A WAY OUT"

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO TO KEEP TEMPTATION FROM LEADING INTO SIN?

MATTHEW 6:9, 13

PSALM 119:9, 11

1 JOHN 5:4-5

HEBREWS 4:16

JAMES 4:7

APPLYING 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

WHAT IS A TEMPTATION THAT FREQUENTLY SEIZES YOU?

WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD'S WAY OF ESCAPE IS?

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST AND WILL FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND PURIFY US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

1 JOHN 1:9

EXPLORING 1 JOHN 1:9

WHAT DOES GOD WANT YOU TO DO ABOUT SINS?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO CONFESS THEM?

IN HIS ACT OF FORGIVING US, HOW IS GOD DESCRIBED?

WHAT ELSE DOES GOD DO WHEN YOU CONFESS YOUR SINS?

"IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS"

READ 1 JOHN 1:8,10. WHAT DID JOHN SAY YOU SHOULD RECOGNIZE ABOUT YOURSELF?

WHAT SHOULD BE YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD SINS?

PSALM 139:23-24

PSALM 38:18

WHAT SHOULD ACCOMPANY YOUR CONFESSION OF SIN, ACCORDING TO PROVERBS 28:13?

"HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST AND WILL FORGIVE... AND PURIFY"

HOW IS GOD DESCRIBED IN PSALM 86:5?

ACCORDING TO EPHESIANS 1:7, ON WHAT BASIS ARE YOU FORGIVEN?

WHAT DOES HEBREWS 10:12 SAY ABOUT CHRIST'S SACRIFICE?

READ HEBREWS 10:17. WHY IS IT FOOLISH FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FEEL GUILTY ABOUT SIN?

ACCORDING TO EPHESIANS 4:32, WHAT COULD BE YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS THOSE WHO HAVE OFFENDED YOU? WHY?

APPLYING 1 JOHN 1:9

PERHAPS AS YOU WORKED ON THIS LESSON SOMETHING CAME TO YOUR MIND WHICH IS HINDERING YOUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD - SOME SIN YOU HAVE COMMITTED FOR WHICH YOU HAVE NOT ASKED FORGIVENESS. IF SO, WRITE DOWN WHAT GOD BROUGHT TO YOUR MIND.

CONFESS THIS TO GOD, AND CLAIM THE PROMISE OF 1 JOHN 1:9 THAT HE HAS FORGIVEN YOUR SIN. THANK HIM FOR HIS FORGIVENESS.

ASSURANCE OF GUIDANCE

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING; IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

EXPLORING PROVERBS 3:5-6

WHAT THREE THINGS ARE YOU TOLD TO DO?

WHEN THESE CONDITIONS ARE MET, WHAT ARE YOU PROMISED?

"TRUST IN THE LORD"

READ PSALM 32:8. WHAT CAN YOU TRUST GOD TO DO FOR YOU?

ACCORDING TO ROMANS 12:1-2, WHAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WILL?

HOW IS GOD'S WILL DESCRIBED?

TO WHOM DOES GOD PROMISE SPECIAL BLESSINGS IN JEREMIAH 17:7?

"LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING"

WHAT WARNING DOES GOD GIVE IN JEREMIAH 17:5?

READ ISAAH 55:8-9. WHY SHOULD WE NOT LIMIT OURSELVES TO HUMAN UNDERSTANDING?

What principle, described in JOHN 6:38, did JESUS FOLLOW IN MAKING DECISIONS?

"IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM"

List some of the "ways" of your life in which you need to acknowledge God (or example: spending money, at school, leisure time).

Select one of them, and tell how you can better acknowledge God in this area.

"HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATH STRAIGHT"

What means has God provided for determining His will?

PSALM 119:105

1 CORINTHIANS 2:12

Read JAMES 1:5. What should you do about situations you don't understand?

What precedes the fulfillment of God's promises, according to HEBREWS 10:36?

APPLYING PROVERBS 2:5-6

Describe a situation in your life in which you are seeking God's guidance.

List ways that show how you can trust God in this situation.

Putting Christ First

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well".

Matthew 6:33

EXPLORING MATTHEW 6:33

What are "THESE THINGS"? (Look up Matthew 6:25-32)

Are these things necessities or luxuries? Explain your answer.

What has God promised to do if you put His interests first in your life?

"SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS"

What does God want us to do?

Psalm 37:3

Psalm 37:4

Psalm 37:5

From 1 Samuel 12:24, Give one reason for serving the Lord with all your heart.

Read 1 Samuel 15:22. What does God desire more than sacrifice?

How should we obey God's commands, accorded to these verses:

Psalm 119:34

Psalm 119:60

In 2 Timothy 3:16, what did Paul say is God's means for training us in righteousness?

"ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL"

Read Ephesians 3:20-21. How much do you think God can do for you?

In Isaiah 40:11, how does God promise to treat His people?

Read Philippians 4:4 and 4:6. List some things we are instructed to practice as believers.

How does Philippians 4:7 describe the result of applying Philippians 4:4, & 4:6?

What was Paul's attitude towards his circumstances in Philippians 4:11-13?

How was he able to do this?

According to Matthew 6:8, how well does God know your present needs?

APPLYING MATTHEW 6:33

Take a moment to pray that God will help give his kingdom and his righteousness first priority in all areas of you life.

From Matthew 6:25-32, list and needs which you want to trust God for. Claim His promise in Matthew 6:33 for meeting these needs, and pray about them.

His Strength

I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13

EXPLORING PHIPPIANS 4:13

List some things you face which you cannot do apart from Christ's strength.

According to this verse, how should you approach these things?

“I CAN DO EVERYTHING”

Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. Why does God often choose “ordinary” people to accomplish great things for Him?

According to John 15:5, what can we accomplish apart from Christ?

What prerequisite for bearing fruit is mentioned in John 15:5?

What additional requirement for bearing fruit is listed in John 15:5?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9. Should we ever allow a weakness or an inability to cause lasting discouragement?

Why Not?

What did Paul thank God for in 2 Corinthians 2:14?

What three gifts from God are listed in 2 Timothy 1:7?

“THROUGH HIM WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH”

How did Moses describe the Lord in Exodus 15:2?

Read Nehemiah 8:10. According to Nehemiah what is our source of strength?

How did David describe the Lord in Psalm 18:1?

From Psalm 18:2, list the reasons that David thought of God as a source of strength.

According to Romans 5:8, what did Christ do for us when we were still sinners?

Read Ephesians 3:16-19. How does God strengthen us?

What is the result of this strengthening process?

Read 2 Timothy 4:16-18. Why did the Lord strengthen Paul?

What confidence did Paul gain as a result of this experience?

APPLYING PHIPPIANS 4:13

List one activity, project or task in the next week in which you will need to consciously claim the promise of Philippians 4:13, and actively rely upon Christ's strength.

GOD'S WORD

HOW CAN A YOUNG MAN KEEP HIS WAY PURE? BY LIVING
ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD...

I HAVE HIDDEN YOUR WORD IN MY HEART THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN
AGAINST YOU...

PSALM 119:9, 11

EXPLORING PSALM 119:9, 11

HOW CAN YOU LIVE A PURE LIFE?

WHAT WILL KEEP YOU FROM SIN?

"HOW CAN A YOUNG MAN KEEP HIS WAYS PURE?"

READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17. WHAT WILL THE SCRIPTURE DO IN YOUR LIFE?

WHAT WILL BE THE END RESULT TO WHAT SCRIPTURE DOES IN YOUR
LIFE?

READ PSALM 1:1-3. WHOSE COUNSEL SHOULD YOU AVOID?

WHAT ATTITUDE SHOULD YOU HAVE TOWARD GOD'S WORD?

HOW WILL YOUR LIFE BE INFLUENCED BY GOD'S WORD?

"BY LIVING ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD"

HOW DOES JOSHUA 1:8 TEACH US TO DO TO LIVE ACCORDING TO GOD'S
WORD?

WHAT DID THE PSALMIST ASK GOD IN PSALM 119:18?

ACCORDING TO VERSE 93, WHAT HAD GOD'S TEACHING DONE FOR THE WRITER OF PSALM 119?

"I HAVE HIDDEN YOUR WORD IN MY HEART"

READ PSALM 119:7-8 AND FILL IN THE CHART BELOW?

VERSE	WHAT GOD WORD IS	WHAT HIS
<u>WORD DOES</u>		

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READ MATTHEW 4:4. WRITE IN YOUR OWN WORDS WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT GOD'S WORD.

HOW CAN YOU APPLY COLOSSIANS 3:16?

READ DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7. WHAT DID MOSES TELL THE PEOPLE TO DO WITH GOD'S WORD?

WHAT IS A PRACTICAL WAY YOU CAN TALK ABOUT SCRIPTURE WITH OTHERS?

"THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST YOU"

WHAT IS THE WORD OF GOD ABLE TO DO IN YOUR HEART, ACCORDING TO HEBREWS 4:12?

WHAT RESULTS OF ABIDING IN GOD'S WORD ARE MENTIONED IN JOHN 8:31-31?

READ JAMES 1:22-25. DESCRIBE THE PERSON WHO FORGETS WHAT HE SEES
IN GOD'S WORD?

HOW DID JAMES SAY WE SHOULD RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD?

APPLYING PSALM 119:9, 11

TAKE A MOMENT TO PRAY AND ASK GOD TO HELP YOU CARRY OUT
YOUR APPLICATION OF SCRIPTURE.

LOVE

A NEW COMMAND I GIVE YOU: LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER. ALL MEN WILL KNOW YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES IF YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

JOHN 13:34-35

EXPLORING JOHN 13:34-35

WHAT IS CHRIST'S NEW COMMANDMENT?

WHOSE EXAMPLE OF LOVE ARE WE TO FOLLOW?

WHAT WILL RESULT WHEN CHRISTIANS SHOW ONE ANOTHER THE SAME KIND OF LOVE JESUS EXTENDS TO US?

“LOVE ONE ANOTHER”

WHAT COMMANDMENT DOES CHRIST EMPHASIZE IN MATTHEW 22:37-39?

READ 1 JOHN 4:7. WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF LOVE?

WHO DOES GOD LOVE, ACCORDING TO JOHN 3:16?

WHAT IS THE RESULT OF OBEYING GOD'S WORD, ACCORDING TO 1 PETER 1:22?

HOW DOES PETER SAY WE ARE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER?

“AS I HAVE LOVED YOU”

READ JOHN 15:12-14. HOW DID JESUS DEMONSTRATE HIS LOVE?

READ 1 JOHN 2:5. HOW DID JOHN SAY GOD'S LOVE IS SHOWN IN OUR LIVES?

FROM 1 JOHN 2:6, WHAT INDICATES THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS RIGHTLY RELATED TO JESUS CHRIST?

IN GALATIANS 5:13, HOW DID PAUL TEACH CHRISTIANS TO EXERCISE FREEDOM?

READ 1 JOHN 4:10 AND DESCRIBE GOD'S LOVE.

READ JOHN 13:1-17. BEFORE JESUS GAVE HIS FOLLOWERS A NEW COMMAND TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER (JOHN 13:34-35), HOW DID HE DEMONSTRATE HIS LOVE FOR THEM?

“YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER”

READ 1 JOHN 3:16-18. FROM VERSE 17, DESCRIBE A PRACTICAL WAY WE ARE TAUGHT TO LOVE OUR BROTHERS.

FROM 1 JOHN 3:18, DESCRIBE THE KIND OF LOVE WE SHOULD EXPRESS TO OTHERS.

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 13. FROM VERSE 4-7 LIST WAYS YOU CAN BECOME MORE LOVING, AND USE THIS LIST FOR PRAYER.

“ALL MEN WILL KNOW”

WRITE OUT JOHN 13:35 IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

APPLYING JOHN 13:34–35

PRAYERFULLY REVIEW THIS CHAPTER. ASK GOD TO REMIND YOU OF A FELLOW CHRISTIAN TO WHO YOU NEED TO EXTEND MORE LOVE. THEN WRITE A PLAN FOR DEMONSTRATING YOUR LOVE TO HIS PERSON THIS WEEK.

GIVING

EACH MAN SHOULD GIVE WHAT HE HAS DECIDED IN HIS HEART TO GIVE, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

EXPLORING 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

WHAT ATTITUDES TOWARD GIVING ARE PLEASING TO GOD?

WHAT ATTITUDES SHOULD YOU AVOID?

“EACH MAN SHOULD GIVE WHAT HE HAS DECIDED”

PARAPHRASE 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6

WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT SPIRITUAL TREASURE AND MATERIAL WEALTH IN MATTHEW 6:19-21?

WHAT WARNING DID JESUS GIVE IN LUKE 12:15?

WHY DO YOU THINK HE ISSUED THIS WARNING?

ACCORDING TO ACTS 20:35, WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT GIVING?

“NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION”

READ MATTHEW 6:1-4 AND DESCRIBE THE MANNER OF GIVING THAT GOD BLESSES.

READ EXODUS 35:4-5. WHAT ATTITUDE DOES GOD DESIRE US TO HAVE AS WE GIVE?

IN 1 CHRONICLES 29:9 WHAT WAS THE PEOPLE’S RESPONSE AFTER THEY GAVE TO GOD?

HOW HAD THEY GIVEN?

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9. HOW SHOULD JESUS’ EXAMPLE MOTIVATE US TO GIVE LIBERALLY?

IN 1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-2, WHAT PLAN DID PAUL PROPOSE FOR REGULAR GIVING?

“GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER”

READ LUKE 21:1-4. HOW DID JESUS VIEW THE WIDOW’S SMALL GIFT?

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8-15. WHAT IS PROMISED TO THOSE WHO GIVE CHEERFULLY (VERSE 8)?

WHAT WILL GOD DO FOR GENEROUS GIVERS (VERSE 10-11)?

FROM PHILIPPIANS 4:18-19, LIST SOME RESULTS OF GIVING TO OTHERS.

APPLYING 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

WHAT HAS GOD GIVEN YOU THAT YOU CAN SHARE WITH OTHERS?

CONSIDER YOUR GIVING IN THE PAST. WHAT IS A SPECIFIC WAY YOU COULD INCREASE YOUR GIVING TO GOD'S WORK OR TO OTHERS IN NEED?

THE CHURCH

I REJOICED WITH THOSE WHO SAID, "LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD."

PSALM 122:1

EXPLORING PSALM 122:1

WHAT IS A GOOD ATTITUDE TO HAVE IN WORSHIP SERVICES?

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKE DAVID GLAD AS HE CONSIDERED GOING TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD?

"I REJOICED"

READ ACTS 2:42-47. HOW DID THE EARLY CHRISTIANS RESPOND TO THE NURTURE AND FELLOWSHIP THEY ENJOYED?

WHY COULD PAUL SAY IN 1 THESSALONIANS 1:2-3 THAT HE WAS JOYFUL ABOUT THE GROWTH OF THE LOCAL CHURCH AT THESSALONICA?

IN 1 THESSALONIANS 2:19-20, PAUL AGAIN SAID THE THESSALONIANS CHRISTIANS MAKE HIM JOYFUL. READ 1 THESSALONIANS 2:13 AND EXPLAIN THE REASON FOR PAUL'S JOY.

“LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD”

WHAT DID JESUS PROMISE IN MATTHEW 18:19-20 TO THOSE WHO GATHER IN HIS NAME?

PAUL EXPLAINED ONE OF THE CHURCH'S MAIN PURPOSES IN EPHESIANS 4:4-12. WRITE OUT THESE VERSED IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

READ EPHESIANS 4:13-15. WHAT WILL BE THE RESULT IN OUR LIVES WHEN THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY FOLLOWS THE PATTERN DESCRIBED IN EPHESIANS 4:11-12?

ACCORDING TO EPHESIANS 4:11-15, WHO IN ADDITION TO THE PASTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GROWTH OF CHRISTIANS IN A LOCAL CHURCH?

ACCORDING TO EPHESIANS 4:15-16, HOW IS THE BODY OF CHRIST BUILT UP?

IN 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-13, HOW DID PAUL SAY WE SHOULD REGARD OUR CHRISTIAN LEADERS?

HOW COULD WE FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF OUR SPIRITUAL LEADERS, ACCORDING TO HEBREWS 13:7?

READ COLOSSIANS 1:13-20. WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH?

**HOW DID PAUL DESCRIBE THE CHURCH IN
COLOSSIANS 1:18?**

**READ ROMANS 12:3-16. SUMMARIZE WHAT THIS
PASSAGE TEACHES ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN
THE BODY OF CHRIST?**

**WHAT DID PAUL LONG FOR AMONG THE CHRISTIANS
AT ROME, ACCORDING TO ROMANS 14:5-6?**

**WHAT DID JESUS ESPECIALLY PRAY FOR ALL
BELIEVERS IN JOHN 17:20-23?**

APPLYING PSALM 122:1

**PRAYERFULLY REVIEW YOUR STUDY,
ESPECIALLY THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES AND IDEAS
WHICH WERE MOST HELPFUL TO YOU PERSONALLY.
WRITE A SHORT SENTENCE ON WHY THE CHURCH IS
IMPORTANT TO YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH.**

GOOD WORKS

FOR WE ARE GOD'S WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS TO DO GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR US TO DO.

EPHESIANS 2:10

EXPLORING EPHESIANS 2:10

WHAT DO YOU THINK "GOD WORKMANSHIP" MEANS?

WHAT ARE WE CREATED FOR?

WHAT ARE GOOD WORKS?

"FOR WE ARE GOD'S WORKMANSHIP"

READ TITUS 3:8. WHO SHOULD WE DO GOOD WORKS FOR?

WHO SHOULD BENEFIT FROM GOOD WORKS?

ACCORDING TO EPHESIANS 2:8-9, WHY DON'T GOOD WORKS HAVE A PART IN OUR SALVATION?

PARAPHRASE TITUS 3:14

WHAT SHOULD BE THE RESULT OF OUR GOOD WORKS, ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 5:14-16?

READ COLOSSIANS 3:17. AS WE DO GOOD WORKS, WHO DO WE REPRESENT?

"TO DO GOOD WORKS"

WHAT WERE THE FOLLOWING CHRISTIANS COMMENDED FOR, AND WHAT DID IT COST EACH OF THEM?

DORCAS (ACTS 9:36)

PHOEBE (ROMANS 16:1-2)

EPAPHRAS (COLOSSIANS 4:12)

READ MATTHEW 25:31-46. LIST SEVERAL PRACTICAL WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN SERVE CHRIST BY DOING GOOD TO OTHERS?

IN 1 PETER 2:12, WHAT DID PETER SAY WOULD MAKE NON-CHRISTIANS GLORIFY GOD?

TO WHOM SHOULD WE DO GOOD, ACCORDING TO GALATIANS 6:10?

WHAT WAYS FOR DOING GOOD ARE MENTIONED IN THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES?

ROMANS 12:13

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7-8

JAMES 1:27

IN JAMES 2:15-16, WHAT DID JAMES SAY PROVES OUR TRUE CONCERN FOR THOSE IN NEED?

READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17. WHAT EQUIPS A CHRISTIAN FOR EVERY GOOD WORK?

APPLYING EPHESIANS 2:10

PRAYERFULLY REVIEW YOUR STUDY AND LIST SEVERAL PRACTICAL GOOD WORKS YOU COULD DO FOR SOMEONE.

WRITE A NAME OF SOMEONE TO DO A GOOD WORK FOR THIS WEEK:

WITNESSING

"Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:19

EXPLORING Mark 5:19

What did Jesus tell this man to share with members of his family?

Read Mark 5:2-5 and 5:15. What impact do you think this man's changed life would have on his family?

"Tell them how much the Lord has done for you"

Read 1 Corinthians 5:20. What does God say we are?

In Acts 4:18-20, Peter and John were ordered not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. Why did Peter and John say they couldn't obey this order (verse 20)?

Write down some of the most important things that you believe the Lord has done for you.

Read Romans 1:16. Why can we have confidence in speaking to others about the good news of Jesus Christ?

"Tell them... how He has had mercy on you"

What important facts do you see in these verses about why and how God saved you?

ROMANS 3:23

ROMANS 6:23

ROMANS 5:8

JOHN 1:12

Describe in your own words the truth of ROMANS 5:1 as you have experienced it in your life.

How did PAUL summarize the gospel in 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4?

You are sure to receive a variety of responses as you share your faith with others. Many will raise objections to the gospel, and will not recognize their need of Christ. Read the scriptures listed and tell how they apply to the following objections to the gospel:

"I'm basically a good person." (EPHESIANS 2:8-9, TITUS 3:5)

"People from all religions will make it to heaven." (JOHN 14:6, ACT 4:12)

"What about all the Christians I know who are hypocrites?" (ROMANS 14:12)

"I'll become a Christian someday." (2 CORINTHIANS 6:2, JAMES 4:14)

What did Paul request prayer for regarding his witnessing to others (Colossians 4:3-4)?

APPLYING Mark 5:19

Write here the names of some people you would like to witness to about what Christ has done for you.

Begin to pray regularly for these people, and plan a time you could share the gospel with at least one of them. Briefly describe your plan here.
