

# Timothy lessons

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## TIME OUT!!

1. How do you know you are a Christian?
2. What traits of a baby can you compare with a new Christian?
3. Discuss the ways that Christ changed your life.
4. Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:17

## NOTES AND "Quotes"



*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Every family is excited about a newborn, and so is God's family. The saints and angels in heaven rejoice that you are now a part of the family of God. (Luke 15:7-10)



# \* How to Begin Your Christian Life

## Lesson 1

*"He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers" Psalm 1:3*

This lesson tells how to begin your Christian life successfully.



**MULTIPLE CHOICE:** Underline the answer that corresponds with the scripture reference to discover how to become a Christian.

*Acts 17:30* tells us we must (1) live as the Bible says (2) go to church (3) accept Christ (4) repent of our sins.

*John 3:36* says those who have everlasting life must (1) confess their sins (2) live a good life (3) believe on the Son (4) pay their tithe.

*1 John 1:9* states our sins are forgiven when we (1) ask Christ to forgive us (2) confess our sins (3) repent of our sins.

*John 1:12* promises (1) ask and you will receive (2) if we receive Christ we become children of God (3) Christ will do what He promised.

*Revelation 3:20* reveals that before we ask Christ into our hearts and lives (1) He is interested in us (2) He is speaking to us (3) He is wanting to help us (4) He is knocking at our heart's and lives.

**MATCHING:** Match the correct statements with their scriptural reference for reassurance as you begin your Christian life.

\_\_\_1. *John 3:16*

A. The Spirit helps us know and understand all God has freely given us.

\_\_\_2. *Rom. 10:9*

B. When we accept Christ we become new people; the old life passes away. Everything becomes new.

\_\_\_3. *1 Cor. 2:12*

C. If you openly declare your faith and really believe in the risen Christ, you will be saved.

\_\_\_4. *2 Cor. 5:17*

D. Only he who has the Son has eternal life.

\_\_\_5. *1 John 5:11*

E. God's testimony (the Bible) is that he has given us eternal life and this life is in his Son.

\_\_\_6. *1 John 5:12*

F. Christ knocks at our heart's door. If we open the door, he will come in.

\_\_\_7. *Rev. 3:20*

G. God so loved us he gave us his Son. If we accept him we will have eternal life.

Fill in the blanks to discover truths that will help you continue to grow spiritually:

1. a. In *Luke 18:1* Jesus said man should always \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Jesus gives three promises in *Matthew 7:7*. What are the conditions and promises?

Condition 1 ASK  
 Condition 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Condition 3 \_\_\_\_\_

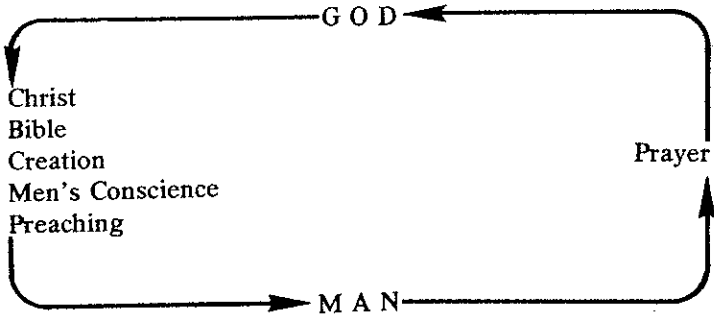
Promise 1 "It will be given you"  
 Promise 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Promise 3 \_\_\_\_\_

2. a. In *1 Peter 2:2* we find as a new spiritual infant we should \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. What should we do with God's Word according to *Psalms 119:11*? \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. a. In *Mark 5:19*, Jesus commanded the healed man to do what? \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Jesus told us to do what in *Matthew 28:19-20*? \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. a. In *Hebrews 10:25*. What are we instructed not to give up? \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Where did Jesus continually visit (*Matt. 12:9; Mark 1:21; Luke 4:16*)? What does that mean for us today? \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. a. In *Acts 2:38*, what two things did Peter advise the crowd to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. In *Acts 8:36*, after the Ethiopian heard Philip preach the Gospel, what did he want to do? \_\_\_\_\_



## TIME OUT!!

The key to a meaningful relationship is communication between the two parties. Consider and discuss this diagram:



1. How has God spoken to us?
2. How do we speak to God?

## NOTES AND "Quotes"



"Prayer will drive sin out of your life, or sin will drive prayer out of your life.

S. McWhirter

"Men are God's method, the church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men . . . God does not anoint plans, but men of prayer"

E.M. Bounds

God will always answer our prayers . . . sometimes it's "Yes," sometimes it's "No," sometimes it's "wait a while."

# \*How to Pray

## Lesson II

*"Lord, teach us to pray" Luke 11:1*

Selected scriptures to assist the new believer in the vital practice of prayer are studied in this lesson.



**PURPOSES FOR PRAYER:** Why pray? Match these reasons for praying with the correct references.

- \_\_\_ 1. To receive forgiveness
- \_\_\_ 2. For God's provision of daily needs
- \_\_\_ 3. To have peace (eliminate worry)
- \_\_\_ 4. To receive the Holy Spirit
- \_\_\_ 5. For workers in the harvest
- \_\_\_ 6. That you may have joy
- \_\_\_ 7. For wisdom
- \_\_\_ 8. To give thanks
- \_\_\_ 9. For other Christians' faith and strength
- \_\_\_ 10. To resist temptation

- A. *Matthew 6:11*
- B. *Matthew 9:36-38*
- C. *Matthew 26:41*
- D. *Luke 11:13*
- E. *John 16:24*
- F. *Philippians 4:6-7*
- G. *1 Thessalonians 5:18*
- H. *2 Thessalonians 1:11-12*
- I. *James 1:5*
- J. *1 John 1:9*

**MEANS FOR EFFECTIVE PRAYER:** Fill in the blanks.

- 1. *Psalm 50:15.* For help in time of trouble, you must \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. *John 15:7.* For your prayers to be answered, you must \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. *1 John 3:22.* To receive what you ask, you must \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. *Psalm 91:14-15.* God protects and answers the prayers of those who \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. *1 John 5:14.* We can be sure God hears us if what we ask is \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. *John 14:13-14.* Jesus will do anything for us if we ask \_\_\_\_\_

**POINTERS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER:** What guidelines do these verses give us concerning prayer?

- 1. *Matthew 6:7.* \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. *Ecclesiastes 5:2.* \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. *1 Thessalonians 5:17.* \_\_\_\_\_

**PROBLEMS IN PRAYER:** There are things that will hinder your prayers. Fill in the blanks concerning hindrances:

- 1. *Psalm 66:18.* "If I had cherished \_\_\_\_\_ in my heart, the Lord would not listen"
- 2. *James 4:2.* "... you do not have because \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. *James 4:3.* "... you ask \_\_\_\_\_ because you \_\_\_\_\_



## TIME OUT!!

1. Is it a sin to be tempted?
2. What ways have you used to resist temptation in your life?
3. The Bible says God always provides a way of escape in temptation. Can you remember how God provided ways of escape when you were tempted?
4. Temptation can be a way for you to grow strong spiritually if you learn to resist it. Can you tell how you have grown since you started to resist temptation?
5. Memorize *1 Corinthians 10:13* or *Hebrews 4:14-16*.

## NOTES AND "Quotes"

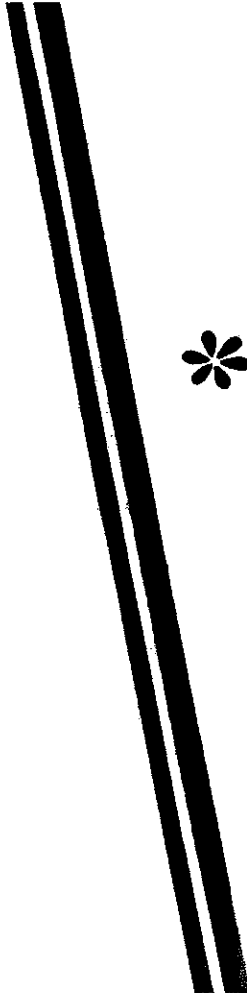


Every Christian should have a good hymnal. An excellent hymn to read, sing, quote, or meditate upon when struggling with temptation is, "O Jesus, I Have Promised."

O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, My master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle If Thou are by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me; The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle; The tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within.  
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking, In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self will;  
O speak to reassure me; To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.



## \* How to Resist Temptation

### Lesson III

*"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."*  
James 4:7

Resisting temptation is made possible by submission to God. This lesson will teach you how to recognize Satan and overcome him.



... to discover descriptions of Satan and how to recognize him.

1. *Matthew 4:1* shows "Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_"
2. *Matthew 13:19* reveals what Satan does when the Word of God comes to some people. "When anyone hears the message about the kingdom, & does not understand it, \_\_\_\_\_ comes and \_\_\_\_\_ away \_\_\_\_\_ in his heart."
3. *John 8:44* says Satan "... was a \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning, and ... when he lies he speaks his native language, for he is a \_\_\_\_\_ and the father of \_\_\_\_\_."
4. *1 Peter 5:8* warns Christians, "Be self-controlled and alert. Your \_\_\_\_\_ the devil prowls around like a \_\_\_\_\_ looking for someone to devour."
5. *Revelation 12:9* describes him as "... that ancient serpent, called the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, who \_\_\_\_\_ the whole world \_\_\_\_\_."
6. *Revelation 12:10* teaches us that in the end, there will be rejoicing because "... the \_\_\_\_\_ of our brothers, who \_\_\_\_\_ them before our God day and night, has been hurled down."

Not all temptation is directly from Satan. We must also be aware of our own human weaknesses. *James 1:12-15* reveals that failure in the battle against temptation comes in stages. Number the following in right order to show the process of defeat.

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| _____ sin gives birth to death.          | _____ sin becomes full grown. |
| _____ desire gives birth to sin.         | _____ desire is conceived.    |
| _____ enticed by one's own evil desires. |                               |

**MATCHING:** Match up the correct statements with their scriptural reference for helps in resisting temptation.

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| ___ 1. <i>Matthew 26:41</i>       | A. Realize Christ in us is greater than Satan, who would tempt us.            |
| ___ 2. <i>Romans 6:23</i>         | B. There is a reward to those who persevere under trial.                      |
| ___ 3. <i>1 Corinthians 10:13</i> | C. Since Christ was tempted, He knows what it is like and is able to help us. |
| ___ 4. <i>Ephesians 4:30</i>      | D. Remember God will always provide a way out.                                |
| ___ 5. <i>Ephesians 6:11</i>      | E. Surrender your life to God, fight the devil and he will flee.              |
| ___ 6. <i>Hebrews 2:18</i>        | F. Prepare for the battle against Satan by putting on the armor of God.       |
| ___ 7. <i>James 1:12</i>          | G. Remember what you earn from sin is death.                                  |
| ___ 8. <i>James 4:7</i>           | H. If we sin, we will grieve the Holy Spirit.                                 |
| ___ 9. <i>1 John 4:4</i>          | I. Watch and pray.  |

**MULTIPLE CHOICE:** Underline the answer that corresponds with the scripture reference.

1. *In Daniel 1:8*, Daniel as a young man was able to resist temptation because (1) he had good morals (2) he prayed every day (3) he was a good witness (4) he had resolved he would serve God.
2. *Proverbs 4:14* says that another way to help in resisting temptation and sin is (1) to stay away from evil ways and places of temptation (2) desire to please God continually (3) be filled with the Holy Spirit (4) give yourself completely to God.
3. *Philippians 4:8* shows that successful Christian living comes in resisting Satan and temptation in (1) our financial affairs (2) our social life (3) our ethical life (4) our thought life.
4. *Matthew 4:4, 7, 10* shows that Jesus resisted Satan, as we can, by (1) continually praying (2) quoting the Bible (It is written) (3) faithful church attendance (4) constantly learning Bible teaching and preaching.
5. *1 John 1:9* tells us that even though we have sinned, God (1) helps us not to do the same thing again (2) forgives us if we confess to Him (3) overlooks it (4) understands our weakness.





## TIME OUT!!

1. Equip yourself to be a soul winner.
  - A. Look over the tract, "Have You Heard of the Four Spiritual Laws?"
  - B. Here is an alternative soul-winning plan you could mark in your Bible.
 

<i>Romans 3:23</i>	All have sinned
<i>Acts 17:30</i>	Repent
<i>John 3:36</i>	Believe
<i>1 John 1:9</i>	Confess
<i>John 1:12</i>	Receive
<i>Revelation 3:20</i>	Open your heart to receive Christ, believe His promise.
  - C. Practice using "Four Laws" or the above alternative with a Christian friend.
  - D. Begin praying for people you know who need Christ. In what ways could you begin reaching them with God's love?
  - E. Watch for the opportunity to share the plan with your unsaved friend or relative.

## NOTES AND "Quotes"



We do not stand in the world bearing witness to Christ, but stand in Christ and bear witness to the world.

# \* How to Witness Effectively

## Lesson IV

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey every-thing I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

Bringing another to saving faith in Christ is a great joy. Biblical lessons about witnessing are studied in this lesson.



To find out how you can be an effective witness, fill in the correct answers according to the passage indicated:

1. WITNESS BY A GOOD LIFE. In *Matthew 5:16*, Christ teaches us about praising our Father in heaven. In what ways can we lead people to praise God?

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2. BE READY FOR CHANCES TO WITNESS. In *John 4:5-7*, where was Christ when he talked to the Samaritan woman?

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3. RELY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR SPIRITUAL STRENGTH AND POWER. In *Acts 1:8*, the source of power is \_\_\_\_\_. The result of the Holy Spirit's infilling is "You will be \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
4. BE SENSITIVE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT'S LEADING. According to *Acts 10:19*, who spoke to Peter about the men who were seeking him?

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5. LEARN TO CONQUER ANY FEAR IN WITNESSING. In *Acts 18:9-10*, why did God tell Paul not to fear?

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6. LEARN A DEFINITE PLAN OF SALVATION. The reason for learning a plan is in *1 Peter 3:15*. It is so we can "always be prepared to \_\_\_\_\_"

**MATCHING:** The Bible gives examples of men who related to people's interests and needs as a way of leading them to Christ. Match the examples with their scriptural references.

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| ___ 1. <i>Matthew 4:19</i>       | A. To idol worshippers, Paul talked about the unknown God.        |
| ___ 2. <i>John 4:4-25</i>        | B. Philip asked a man if he understood what he read.              |
| ___ 3. <i>Acts 3:1-8</i>         | C. Peter talked to a beggar about a gift.                         |
| ___ 4. <i>Acts 8:26-40</i>       | D. Christ spoke to fishermen of fishing for men.                  |
| ___ 5. <i>Acts 17:16-23</i>      | E. To the woman at the well Christ talked about water and thirst. |
| ___ 6. <i>1 Corinthians 9:22</i> | F. The Apostle Paul related to all people so he could win some.   |

**MULTIPLE CHOICE:** Underline the correct answer to the listed scripture showing to whom the early Christians witnessed.

1. *John 1:40-41* gives the account of Andrew bringing (1) his merchant friend (2) his parents (3) his brother (4) his enemy to Christ.
2. *Acts 3:1-8* finds Peter and John witnessing to (1) their neighbors (2) a poor beggar (3) the disciples (4) all the people in the temple.
3. *Acts 5:42* shows the early Christians were continually witnessing. It was (1) in the church (3) in homes (3) in their special meetings (4) in the temple and in homes.
4. *Acts 8:27-31* records Philip witnessing to (1) the people in Samaria (2) the king (3) an unknown eunuch (4) a good friend
5. *Acts 26:2* shows Paul testifying to (1) a king (2) a pauper (3) a good friend (4) his neighbors.



## TIME OUT!!

Though the Timothy Lessons are arranged topically and make use of many Scriptures, it is also important to learn how to study consistently through a book of the Bible.

To help you in your daily Bible study, be sure to study the supplement to lesson V "Some Helps to Effective Bible Study".

Your walk with Jesus will be more meaningful and rewarding if you will learn the value of disciplined Bible Study.



## NOTES AND "Quotes"

The Christian who is careless in Bible reading is careless in Christian living

— Max Reich

# \* How to Study the Bible Lesson V

*"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15*

The importance of the Bible to spiritual growth is made clear in this lesson.



Fill in the blanks to discover correct and incorrect attitudes toward the Bible.

1. *Jeremiah 15:16* exclaims, "when your words come, I \_\_\_\_\_ them; they were my \_\_\_\_\_ and my heart's \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Jesus warned the Sadducees in *Matthew 22:29* that they erred in two ways. What were their ways?
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. *Romans 15:4* shows that everything "written in the past was written to \_\_\_\_\_ us, so that through \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the scriptures we might have \_\_\_\_\_."
4. *2 Timothy 3:16*: "All Scripture is \_\_\_\_\_ and is useful for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_."
5. *1 Peter 1:25* declares ". . . the \_\_\_\_\_ stands \_\_\_\_\_ And this is the \_\_\_\_\_ that was \_\_\_\_\_ to you."

**MULTIPLE CHOICE:** Underline the answer that corresponds with the scriptural reference.

1. Jesus promises in *Matthew 24:35* that heaven and earth will pass away but not (1) His love (2) His words (3) His forgiveness (4) His work on the cross.
2. In *John 15:3*, we learn that obedience to the word, (1) Encourages us (2) Uplifts us (3) Cleanses us (4) Instructs us.
3. *John 20:31* states the Bible was written so (1) We could know what God expects from us (2) We might believe on Christ and find life in his name (3) We could read and study it (4) God might reveal himself to us.
4. *2 Peter 1:16-21* informs us that the Gospel was recorded by (1) Prophets of God (2) Holy men (3) Men who spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit (4) Men who were given revelations from God.
5. *Revelation 22:18-19* warns us to (1) Listen to and obey God's Word (2) Never stop private prayer and Bible reading (3) Always live the right kind of life and witness (4) Not add or take away from the Bible.

**MATCHING:** Match the descriptions of the Word of God with their scriptural references.

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| ___ 1. <i>Psalm 119:11</i>   | A. Judge of our thoughts & intentions |
| ___ 2. <i>Psalm 119:105</i>  | B. A lamp & a light                   |
| ___ 3. <i>John 17:17</i>     | C. Truth                              |
| ___ 4. <i>Romans 1:16</i>    | D. Power for salvation                |
| ___ 5. <i>Ephesians 6:17</i> | E. Sword of the Spirit                |
| ___ 6. <i>Hebrews 4:12</i>   | G. Protections from Sin               |



## TIME OUT!!

1. If the parents are to lead in religious instruction in the home, as *Deuteronomy 6:6-9* states, how will you start this in your home? Let's talk about the materials you have or can get for family devotions.
2. When is the best time for family devotions in your home? How long will devotions last? What about devotions with children separately on occasion?
3. After studying this lesson, do you see areas in your home you need to change? How can you improve your relationship to your wife? husband? children? parents?

## NOTES AND "Quotes"



The most precious treasure a child can obtain from his parents is the memory of a Christian home.

You cannot expect to have a Christian home without following Biblical guidelines.

# \*How to Have a Christian Home

## Lesson VI

*"... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15b*

Strong families are important to both church and society. Biblical principles for the Christian family will be studied in this lesson.



## ORDER IN THE HOME

Read *Galatians 3:26-29* to see all believers are equal in Christ. This equality does not mean husbands and wives have identical functions in the home.

Read *Ephesians 5:22-6:4*

1. In the biblical structure of the marriage relationship who is the leader? \_\_\_\_\_  
(*Ephesians 5:22-24*)
2. Paul makes it clear that the husband's leadership is not oppressive or selfish, but self-giving. The husband is to love his wife as \_\_\_\_\_ loved the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for her (*Ephesians 5:25*) . . . . In the same way \_\_\_\_\_ ought to \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ as their own \_\_\_\_\_ (*5:28*)
3. What are children commanded to do in relationship to their parents? \_\_\_\_\_ (*6:1-3*)
4. What two principles are fathers commanded to follow in relationship to their children? (*6:4*)  
1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**MULTIPLE CHOICE:** Underline the answer matching the scriptural reference.

1. *Genesis 2:23-24* tells us when a man and woman are married they are (1) pleasing in God's sight (2) one flesh (3) always happy (4) in love.
2. *Exodus 20:12* says children should honor their parents so they can (1) show their love (2) show their appreciation to their parents (3) can live long (4) repay their parents.
3. What warning is given in *Deuteronomy 27:16* to those who dishonor their parents? They will (1) be cursed (2) not live long (3) be considered unloving by others (4) break their parents' hearts.
4. *Ephesians 6:1* also tells us why children should obey their parents. It is because (1) they owe it to them (2) their parents are their elders (3) other people expect it (4) it is right.

READ *Proverbs 31:10-31* and *1 Peter 3:1-7*.

What would you say to a person who says that the Bible gives a place of low esteem to women? Are the creative duties, business insights, and spiritual wisdom of women to be valued? \_\_\_\_\_

It is God's plan that both husband and wife receive Christ as Savior and Lord. However this is now always the case. What advice does *1 Peter 3:1-2* give to Christian wives who have non-believing husbands? \_\_\_\_\_

What implication does *1 Peter 3:7* make about the prayers of a husband who is inconsiderate of his wife? \_\_\_\_\_



## TIME OUT!!

What would you say to a person who wants to be a Christian, but does not wish to be a part of a church?

Discuss ways you (by the help of the Holy Spirit) can make your church better in each of these areas:

Worship

Evangelism

Fellowship

After discussing in general terms, state a specific plan which tells what you expect to do and how.



## NOTES AND "Quotes"

"... the church is ... the community of God's people — a people called to serve Him and called to live together in true Christian community as a witness to the character and values of His Kingdom. The church is the agent of God's mission on earth."

Howard Snyder

# \* How to Recognize A Healthy Church

## Lesson VII

*"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*  
Hebrews 10:25

Participation in a healthy church is essential to your spiritual life. Characteristics of a healthy church are reviewed in this lesson.



MATCH these descriptions the Bible gives of a successful church with their references.

- 1. *John 15:5* A. The church is a body, with Christ as the head.
- 2. *Romans 12:5* B. The church should bear fruit.
- 3. *Ephesians 2:19-22* C. The church is the pillar and foundation of truth.
- 4. *1 Timothy 3:15* D. The church is the object of Christ's sacrificial love.
- 5. *1 Peter 2:9* E. The church is God's household, His holy Temple, the dwelling place of His Spirit.
- 6. *Ephesians 5:25* F. The church has been chosen by God to praise the One who brought them out of darkness and into His wonderful light.

MULTIPLE CHOICE: Underline the answer that corresponds with the scripture reference.

- 1. *1 John 1:7* says that if we walk in the light we will (1) love each other, (2) have fellowship with one another, (3) know God better and (4) have power over evil.
- 2. *Galatians 6:9-10*, encourages us not to tire of (1) witnessing, (2) praying, (3) doing good for our Christian brothers and for all men, and (4) studying the Bible.
- 3. *Matthew 28:19-20* gives a three-fold charge to the church. The priorities Jesus taught are (1) teaching, preaching, having fellowship, (2) going to the lost with the Gospel, teaching the new converts, baptizing the new Christians, (3) fighting sin, influencing the community, baptizing the new converts, (4) promoting spiritual growth, helping people, giving guidance to those who need it.

TRUE OR FALSE: Mark "T" for true and "F" for false concerning the scriptures and the church's functions.

- 1. God says in *Isaiah 56:7* "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."
- 2. *Acts 1:8* shows the church should be interested in reaching the multitudes for Christ.
- 3. *Acts 13:1-3* shows the church at Antioch was concerned only about its own spiritual well-being.
- 4. *Galatians 3:28* shows we are all one in Christ; distinctions of class or status are eliminated.
- 5. Church people, according to *Hebrews 10:24*, should stimulate each other to love and good deeds.
- 6. *Ephesians 2:22* shows the church is not the actual building itself, but the believers who make up the body of Christ.

MATCHING: Other traits of a good church can be matched here with their scriptural references.

- 1. *Deuteronomy 15:7* A. Christians should meet together faithfully.
- 2. *Acts 2:46-47* B. Christians should love one another.
- 3. *Hebrews 10:25* C. The church should not have a hard heart, but should help those who are in need.
- 4. *1 John 4:7* D. The members of a healthy church are happy to be together, are praising God, and the Lord is making the church grow.





## TIME OUT!!

1. In what ways has the Holy Spirit worked in your life?
2. What works of the Holy Spirit do you still need in your life?
3. Memorize *Galatians 5:22*.



## NOTES AND "Quotes"

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses  
move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.  
George Croly

# \* How the Holy Spirit Works

## Lesson VIII

Jesus promised, "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things . . ."  
John 14:26

God the Father has sent the Holy Spirit to continue the work of Jesus Christ in the world. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is the topic of this lesson.







## TIME OUT!!

1. Has God used suffering in your life to help you?
2. How has God used suffering in the lives of others to help them?
3. Is it always God's will that we be physically healed in this life?
4. Memorize *Romans 8:28*.

## NOTES AND "Quotes"



"The Son of God suffered unto death, not that men might not suffer, but that their suffering might be like His."

George McDonald

If you would like to read further on this subject, you may wish to get **THE PROBLEM OF PAIN** by C. S. Lewis. There is also a very readable book titled **WHERE IS GOD WHEN IT HURTS** by Philip Yancey. You may get either at a Christian bookstore or perhaps your church library.

# \* How to Benefit from Suffering

## Lesson IX

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."  
*Romans 8:28*

Human suffering is a reality, even for the Christian. This lesson covers ways to benefit spiritually from suffering.



FILL IN: What does *Genesis 2:15-17* imply about God's design for the length of man's life?

1. God originally planned for man to do what? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. According to *Genesis 3:4-5*, who tempted Eve to eat the forbidden fruit?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Because Adam and Eve sinned, what happened to them in *Genesis 3:17-24*?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. According to the Bible, who is to blame for sin, suffering, and death in the world today? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TRUE or FALSE: Mark "T" for true and "F" for false concerning these statements about suffering.

- 1. Jesus taught His disciples in *Matthew 5:11-12* those who suffer for His sake will be rewarded.
- 2. Jesus taught in *Matthew 16:24* those who follow him must deny themselves and follow Christ.
- 3. According to *2 Corinthians 11:23-27*, the Apostle Paul never had to suffer.
- 4. *2 Timothy 3:12*, shows most people who live for Christ will never suffer persecution.
- 5. Jesus endured the suffering of the Cross because of the joy ahead. *Hebrews 12:2*
- 6. *Revelation 21:4*, tells us there will never be a day when suffering and sorrow cease for the Christian.

MATCHING: Match the answers with the scriptural references to learn how suffering can be an opportunity for a Christian to serve God and others while growing personally.

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| — 1. Suffering can be an opportunity to praise God, knowing it is one way we become strong and mature.       | A. <i>Psalm 119:67</i>          |
| — 2. Suffering can be an opportunity to prepare yourself to comfort others in trouble.                       | B. <i>John 9:1-3</i>            |
| — 3. Suffering can be an opportunity for God's power to be seen at work.                                     | C. <i>James 1:2-4</i>           |
| — 4. Suffering can be an opportunity to spread the gospel.   | D. <i>Romans 8:28</i>           |
| — 5. Suffering can keep us from wandering away from God.   | E. <i>2 Corinthians 1:4</i>     |
| — 6. Suffering can be an opportunity to pray.  | F. <i>2 Corinthians 12:8-10</i> |
| — 7. Suffering can be an opportunity to experience good out of difficult or even tragic events in your life. | G. <i>Philippians 1:12</i>      |



## TIME OUT!!



## NOTES AND "Quotes"

1. Read *Philippians 2:5-11*.
2. Discuss the attitudes of Christ Jesus. Are these attitudes present in your life? Are there attitudes which you need to develop? Where can you put that new attitude into practice?
3. Write out a prayer telling God the needs of your heart and asking him to help you be more like Christ. Be specific.
4. Memorize *1 Corinthians 10:31*.

- MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST, MY SAVIOUR
1. May the mind of Christ, my Saviour, Live in me from day to day, By His love and power controlling All I do and say.
  2. May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour, So that all may see I triumph Only through His power.
  3. May the peace of God, my Father, Rule my life in everything, That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.
  4. May the love of Jesus fill me, As the waters fill the sea: Him exalting, self abasing, This is victory.
  5. May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe, Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go.
  6. May His beauty rest upon me As I seek the lost to win, And may they forget the channel, Seeing only Him. Amen.

— Kate Barclay Wilkinson

# \* How to Live a Practical Christian Life

## Lesson X

"Let your light shine before men,  
that they may see your good deeds,  
and praise your Father in heaven."  
Matthew 5:16

A new believer's daily living  
should reflect Christ-likeness.  
This lesson focuses on the  
difference being a Christian  
makes in everyday life.



**MULTIPLE CHOICE:** Underline only the answers which correspond with the scriptural reference listed.

*Matthew 5:16* shows our life and works should be a witness to people so they will (1) see how God has helped us (2) praise God (3) want to become Christians (4) respect what we say.

*Matthew 5:44* says we are to love not only our friends, but also love (1) our family (2) the poor (3) everyone who loves us (4) our enemies.

*John 13:15* says we can learn how to live victoriously by (1) reading the Bible (2) praying everyday (3) following Christ's example (4) being obedient to God.

What does *John 16:13* say is another source for finding the truth and understanding it? (1) The Bible (2) our conscience (3) biblical preaching and teaching (4) the Holy Spirit. (the Spirit of truth)

*Romans 13:5* reminds us we need to be obedient not only to avoid God's wrath but also for our (1) conscience's sake (2) health's sake (3) family's sake (4) friends' sake.

**TRUE or FALSE:** Write "T" for true and "F" for false concerning our duties to God.

- \_\_\_ 1. Of the Ten Commandments in *Exodus 20:1-17*, five explain our duties to God and five list our duties to ourselves.
- \_\_\_ 2. In *Matthew 22:37-40*, Jesus tells us the greatest commandments are, first of all, love the Lord with all your heart, and secondly, love your neighbor as yourself. All of the other commandments are based on these two.
- \_\_\_ 3. According to *1 Corinthians 10:31*, a Christian should glorify God in whatever he does.
- \_\_\_ 4. In *John 14:15*, Jesus says that if we truly love Him, we will show it praying more.
- \_\_\_ 5. In *John 21:15-17*, Jesus asks Peter to prove his love for Christ by caring for other Christians (sheep).

**DUTIES TO OTHERS.** The teachings of the New Testament elaborate further on the ethical teachings of the Old Testament. Note how the New Testament expands and clarifies the Bible's concern for living according to God's standards.

1. Instead of, "thou shalt not murder" as *Exodus 20:13* commands, *1 John 3:15* states \_\_\_\_\_
2. *Exodus 20:14* commands "You shall not commit adultery;" *Matthew 5:28* records Christ's new commandment that we should not \_\_\_\_\_
3. *Exodus 20:3*, states "You shall have no other gods before me;" and *Romans 12:1* says we ought to \_\_\_\_\_
4. Other commands for our lives are found in *Romans 12:9-21*. What key words summarize these laws? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Read *John 2:14-26*. How would you answer a person who claims what you believe is more important than what you do? \_\_\_\_\_

Sometimes in the Christian life there are things the Bible does not describe as either definitely right or wrong. Perhaps it is a habit or some activity one would like to do. In the following verses you will find principles for guiding you in uncertain areas. Match each statement with its proper scriptural reference.

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| ___ 1. <i>1 Corinthians 6:12a</i>    | A. Does it cause a Christian brother to stumble? |
| ___ 2. <i>1 Corinthians 6:12b</i>    | B. Is it beneficial to my Christian life?        |
| ___ 3. <i>1 Corinthians 8:13</i>     | C. Is it enslaving? Does it control me?          |
| ___ 4. <i>1 Corinthians 10:23-24</i> | D. Does it uplift and glorify God?               |
| ___ 5. <i>1 Corinthians 10:31</i>    | E. Is it constructive for myself and others?     |



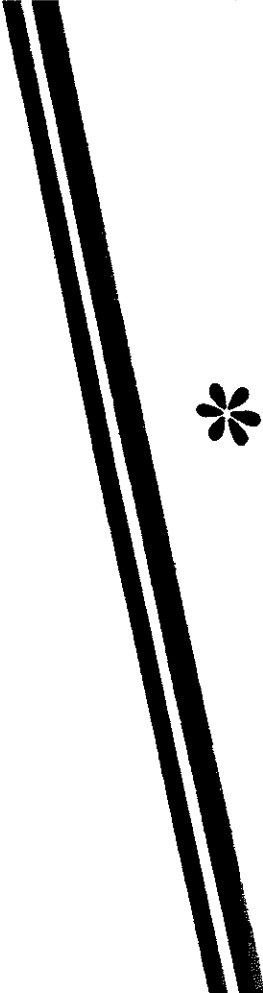
## TIME OUT!!

1. In what ways are you being a faithful steward of the things God has given you?
2. In what areas do you need to improve?
3. Read *Malachi 3:6-12*. Some persons say "We can't afford to tithe", other persons say, "We can't afford not to tithe. How do you feel in light of this passage?"
4. Memorize *2 Corinthians 9:8* or *Philippians 4:19*.

## NOTES AND "Quotes"



You can give without loving, but you can't love without giving.



# \* How to Be a Good Steward

## Lesson XI

"So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God." Romans 14:12

Accountability to God is both a responsibility and a challenge. This lesson demonstrates how your new life in Christ provides the foundation for joyful stewardship.



FILL IN THE ANSWERS on the basis of Christ's teaching.

In *Matthew 25:14-30*, Jesus told the parable of the ten talents to illustrate how we should manage all of God's gifts to us.

A. How many talents did each receive from the master and how many did each have when he returned?

Servant #1 received \_\_\_\_\_ and had \_\_\_\_\_ when the master returned.

Servant #2 received \_\_\_\_\_ and had \_\_\_\_\_ when the master returned.

Servant #3 received \_\_\_\_\_ and had \_\_\_\_\_ when the master returned.

B. Put in your own words what the master said to each servant.

Servant #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Servant #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Servant #3 \_\_\_\_\_

MATCH the following items for which God holds us accountable with the appropriate scripture reference.

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| ___ 1. Spiritual gifts            | A. <i>2 Timothy 2:15</i>        |
| ___ 2. Word of truth              | B. <i>Malachi 3:8-10</i>        |
| ___ 3. Tithe (1/10 of our income) | C. <i>Colossians 3:23-24</i>    |
| ___ 4. Ourselves (our bodies)     | D. <i>1 Timothy 4:14</i>        |
| ___ 5. Acts of Kindness           | E. <i>Colossians 4:5-6</i>      |
| ___ 6. Our work (on the job)      | F. <i>1 Corinthians 3:16-17</i> |
| ___ 7. Opportunities for witness  | G. <i>Matthew 25:34-36</i>      |

READ *2 Corinthians 9:6-11*. This passage explains why God's people can give so freely of themselves and their resources.

What kind of harvest can one expect if he sows sparingly? \_\_\_\_\_

If one sows generously? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of attitude should we have in our giving? \_\_\_\_\_

Is God able to give us all we need? \_\_\_\_\_

Should the Christian be concerned that he might run out of seed? \_\_\_\_\_ What verse gives you the answer? \_\_\_\_\_

Are the promises in this passage restricted to material supply? \_\_\_\_\_ In what other way? \_\_\_\_\_





## TIME OUT!!

1. Memorize *Romans 12:1-2*.
2. Make a list of things you would be interested in doing for God, whether you can do them now or not. Pray over the list asking God to show you what you could do in the near future. Watch for opportunities.
3. Begin doing one of those things this week.



## NOTES AND "Quotes"

O use me, Lord, use even me,  
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,  
until Thy blessed face I see,  
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

Amen.

— Frances Havergal

# \*How to Be God's Servant

## Lesson XII

"What shall I do, Lord?"  
Acts 22:10

It's an exciting discovery to know God wants every Christian to share in His work in the world. This lesson centers on the Christian's role of being God's servant.



Fill in the blanks to discover what the Bible says you must do to be used by God.

1. I MUST BE OBEDIENT AND READY TO RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL. When God called Samuel in *1 Samuel 3:10*, Samuel said, "\_\_\_\_\_ for your servant is \_\_\_\_\_."
2. WE MUST RESOLVE TO LIVE FOR GOD REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS. In Chapter 3 of Daniel, we learn that King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold that all were to worship. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to worship the image. The king was furious and told them to worship the image or they would be thrown into a blazing furnace. To this the three replied in 3:16-18, "... we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown in the blazing furnace, the \_\_\_\_\_ is able to \_\_\_\_\_ us from it and he will \_\_\_\_\_ us from your hand, O king. But even if he \_\_\_\_\_, we want you to know, O king, that \_\_\_\_\_ you have set up.
3. I MUST LOVE GOD WITH ALL MY BEING. In *Matthew 22:37*, Christ said, "\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ with all your \_\_\_\_\_ and with all your \_\_\_\_\_ and with all your \_\_\_\_\_." In other words, we must LOVE GOD MORE THAN ANYTHING OR ANYONE ELSE.
4. I MUST LOVE OTHERS TO BE USED OF GOD. Christ said in *Matthew 22:39*, "\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_."
5. I MUST SURRENDER MY SELF TO GOD. *Romans 12:1* asks that we offer "our \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_, holy and pleasing to God — which is your \_\_\_\_\_."

MATCH the answer with the scriptural reference to see how you can be used by God.

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| ___ 1. <i>Psalm 139:23-24</i>       | A. Christ commanded the healed lame man to live a changed life; "Stop sinning."   |
| ___ 2. <i>John 5:14</i>             | B. Remain continually in Christ, stay close to him in your life.                  |
| ___ 3. <i>John 15:5</i>             | C. To be used we must work for "faith without deeds is dead."                     |
| ___ 4. <i>1 Thessalonians 1:6-7</i> | D. God used those who imitate Christ and model Christian behavior in their lives. |
| ___ 5. <i>James 2:26</i>            | E. We must allow God to search our hearts, find our needs and lead us.            |

MULTIPLE CHOICE: Underline the answer which corresponds with the scriptural reference.

1. The love God gives is shown in our concern for others. To be used by God we must have this concern. In *Luke 19:41*, what did Jesus do regarding Jerusalem? (1) prayed for them (2) preached to them (3) felt sorry for them (4) wept and prayed for them.
  2. In *1 John 4:7*, we Christians are told to (1) pay our tithes (2) keep praying (3) love one another (4) rejoice under persecution.
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-8* describes qualities of love. Check the qualities mentioned.
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|------------------------------|---------------|
| ___patient                   | ___jealous    |
| ___always protects           | ___kind       |
| ___rejoices with truth       | ___timid      |
| ___always trusts             | ___selfish    |
| ___keeps no record of wrongs | ___perseveres |
| ___always hopes              | ___rude       |
| ___brags                     |               |