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**CRE LESSON NOTES**

**P.6 TERM III**

**FRIENDS ON THE WAY**

* **A friend** is a person you love most and tell your secrets/a friend is a person whom you can relate freely
* **Friendship** is relationship between people who love or like each other.

**Importance of friendship**

* It makes one feel secure
* Enables one to have someone to share and secrets
* Brings joy
* Gives individual self confidence
* Gives one a sense of belonging
* Brings opportunities to others
* Inspires us to do good things
* Protects us from harmful things

**Jesus’ examples of friendship (John 15:12-15)**

* Jesus commanded us to love each other as He has loved us

**Qualities of a good friend**

* Honest
* Respectful
* Trustworthy
* Peaceful
* Generous
* Humble
* Loving
* Kind
* Faithfulness

**How Jesus expressed His love to mankind**

* He revealed to His disciples the secrets of the kingdom of heaven
* He was merciful to sinners
* He was considerate
* He had compassion and fed the hungry
* He consoled the sorrowful Mary and Martha
* He called children to Him and showed them love
* He taught His disciples the skills of love

**ADVICE**

* This is an opinion or suggestion about what somebody should do in a particular situation

**Importance of advice (2Sam 12:1-31)**

* It may save someone from danger
* It promotes peace and harmony
* It promotes unity
* It promotes friendship
* Encourages development (2 Sam 1:12) difficult mission of prophet Nathan)

**Characteristics of bad advice**

* It encourages evil
* It encourages biasness
* It is dishonest
* It encourages revenge

**Crisis and how friends offer support in times of crisis**

What is crisis?

Crisis is a time of trouble in which a quick solution should be given (Proverb

17:17-18)

A friend is always a friend at all times in happiness or in sorrow.

**Forms of support offered in times of crisis**

* Money
* Food
* Prayers
* Advice
* Company
* Shelter
* Medicine
* Encouragement

**Examples of crisis times**

* When you are sick with nobody around you
* Losing a loved one
* When an area is hit by natural disasters like earthquake, floods etc.
* When you are bankrupt
* Refugee influx
* Outbreak of an epidemic disease
* When hit by wars
* Outbreak of famine in an area

**Ways of offering support during crisis(Proverbs 17:17-18)**

* Providing food to the displaced and those hit by famine.
* Offering temporary shelter to people hit by disasters.
* Providing free medication in case of disease outbreak.
* Donating money
* Giving company and encouragement to those mourning.

**Building good friendship**

* It is built on true love
* Having the spirit of serving each other
* Encouraging one another all times
* Do not build friendship on material gains

**MARRIAGE**

* Marriage is a legal union between man and woman as husband and wife

**Qualities of a good marriage partner according to the Christian teaching**

* Age
* Beauty
* Character
* Dignity
* Education background
* Family background
* Godliness
* HIV/AIDS
* Status
* Humility
* Ability to have children
* Hardworking
* Trust

**Reasons why people marry**

* To have children
* For companionship
* To express love
* For sexual satisfaction
* For security
* For prestige

**Signs of marriage**

* Marriage certificate
* Wedding ring

**Marriage as a social institution**

* It is the society’s concern because it involves all members of the community such as wedding preparations, witnessing the marriage ceremonies.
* It unites different families, clans, tribes and races

**Marriage vows**

* Marriage vows are promises made by a couple before a clergy joining them into marriage
* In bad and good times, poverty and riches, sickness and healthy, only death will separate us

**What the couple does in the church**

* Making vows
* Signing marriage certificates
* Exchange of rings

**Types of marriages**

* Religious marriage
* Customary marriage
* Civil marriage

**Religious marriage**

* This is a type of marriage officiated by a religious leader

**Customary marriage**

* This is a type of marriage officiated by both the parents of the bride and the groom
* It involves the payment of dowry/bride price

**Civil marriage**

* This is a type of marriage officiated by government official like CAO

**Bride price /dowry**

* This is the money and property in some societies that the bride groom must pay to the bride’s family.

**Importance of bride price**

* It recognizes marriage
* It creates a bond between the family of the bride groom and the bride.
* It is a way of thanking the parents of the bride for having kept their daughter.

**Common marriage problems**

* Quarrels
* Fights
* Lack of respect
* Neglect of children
* Lack of trust etc

**Biblical teaching on marriage (1 Cori 7:1-16)**

* It encourages monogamy
* A man should fulfill his duty as a husband and a woman should fulfill her duties as wife.
* A husband is a master to his wife’s body
* Married people are supposed to live in love
* In holy marriage, divorce is not allowed.

**Divorce**

Divorce is a legal separation of married partners

**Causes of divorce**

* Barrenness/impotence
* Adultery
* Quarrels and fights
* Lack of respect for one another
* Neglect of children
* Failure of a man to provide basic needs
* Anti-social behaviours that cannot be tolerated like alcoholism

**Biblical teaching on divorce (Matthew 19:3-6)**

* Man must not separate what God has already joined together (Matthew 19:6)
* A Christian must only marry one wife.
* The church does not accept divorce.
* Do not commit adultery which may lead to divorce(Exodus 20:14)

**Conditions under which the church allow the person to re-marry**

* When one marriage partner dies

**THE ROLE OF CHRISTIANS IN DEVELOPMENT**

**Christian organizations in development**

**Qtn:** What is cooperation?

* Cooperation means working together to achieve a desired goal.

**Possible ways of cooperation**

* Through good leadership
* Through democratic laws and rules
* Through concern of welfare of other people
* Through working hard
* Through provision of freedom and security

**Voluntary organizations**

* These are organizations that offer free services to people

**Importance of voluntary organizations**

* They promote the welfare of vulnerable people
* They help to fight poverty
* They help to drill bore holes and provides water sources
* They offer guidance and counseling services

**Examples of Christian organizations**

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| Organization | Function /role |
| Christian Children’s Fund (CCF) | * Sponsors needy children in education * Provides health care for needy children |
| World Vision International | * Supports orphans * Promotes welfare of the peasants * Builds schools, clinic and safe water sources |
| Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA) | * Builds and facilitates schools * Helps people affected y diseases e.g. earth quakes * Builds schools, clinics and provides water sources |
| Compassion International | - Caters for orphans gives clothes and other necessities to the needy children |
| YMCA /YWCA (Young Men’s Christian Association/ Young Women’s Christian Association | - Provides education, counseling and sponsorships to students |
| Mothers’ Union | * Promotes women’s projects * Offers counseling to married women and those seeking for marriage |
| Catholic Women’s Guild | - Promotes women’s projects |
| Fathers’ Union | * Promotes the welfare of men in the church * Settles disputes among men in the church |
| Scripture Union | - Promotes the teaching of the word of God in schools and institutions |

**Roles of Science, Technology and Education in development**

**Science**

* This is the study of physical or world of material things and natural environment

**Technology**

* This is the making and uses of tools and machines to do work

**Education**

* This is the process of getting knowledge, skills and values.

**Roles of science in development**

* Discovery of medicine to cure diseases
* Knowledge of how the body function
* Roles of technology
* Improve on transport
* Improve communication
* Discover the sources of power to run industries
* Improve on medical services
* Build complicated infrastructure
* Invent recreation facilities
* Promotes peace and security

Disadvantage of technology

* It causes air and water pollution
* It increases the rate of unemployment
* Interferes with our culture
* Increases high rate of deaths

**Roles of education**

* Acquisition of knowledge
* Promotes literacy
* Learning of new language
* Control and prevention of killer epidemics
* Better nutrition
* Improvement of agriculture
* Control and better care of the natural environment
* Learning of new faith e.g. Christianity, Islam and etc

**Importance of laws in society**

* Guide people how to treat others
* It makes people fear crime
* Guides leaders on how to govern their people
* Protect the vulnerable groups e.g. women, children and elderly
* It ensures adequate sharing of world resources
* Promotes respect of authority

**The ten commandments**

* Worship no god but Me
* Do not worship idols
* Do not use my name for evil purposes
* Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy
* Respect your father and mother
* Do not commit murder
* Do not commit adultery
* Do not steal
* Do not accuse any one falsely
* Do not desire another man’s wife, house, land, slaves, and cattle

**Reasons why God gave Moses the ten commandments**

* To promote holy living among the Israelites
* For people to know their rights and restrictions
* For the Israelites to respect one another
* To control the Israelites from sinning

**The greatest commandments Jesus emphasized**

* Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength
* Love your neighbour as you love yourself

**Citizenship**

* A citizen is a person who has legal rights to belong to a country.
* Citizenship is one’s legal belonging to a country

**Qualities of a good citizen**

* Follows the laws of the country
* Participates in national building activity
* To serve his /her country faithfully when given chance
* Respect those in authority
* Has ability to tolerate diversity in the population
* Pays taxes
* Respect the property, right and freedom of other people

**Electoral process**

* An election is a democratic right of choosing a leader or a political system a country would wish to adopt.

**Requirements for participating in an electoral process**

* + Be 18 years and above
  + Be a citizen of a country
  + Be a registered with the electoral commission
  + Be registered to vote under one polling situation Be of sound mind

**What a voter should know**

* Have knowledge of rights as citizens
* Must have gone through enough voter education
* Be aware of the polling process
* Be aware of the rules and regulations in the polling process - Be aware of electoral offences and avoid them.

**Duties of the electoral commission**

* Register citizens for voting
* Organising voters’ education
* Democratic electoral districts or constituencies
* Updating voters’ registers
* Organizing by-elections
* Settling electoral disputes among candidates
* Announcing election results
* Delivering voting materials
* Keeping all records or materials of election safely
* Presiding over all election in the country

**Qualities of good electoral commission**

* Should be independent
* Does not accept brides
* Should be free from corruption
* Should respect the national constitution
* Should not practice tribalism, nepotism and sectarianism
* Should not serve self interest
* Should follow strictly the laws governing elections

**Election malpractices**

As a voter, he/she should not participate in the following

* Vote buying/voter bribery
* Double voting
* Intimidation
* Under age voting
* Defacing of posters
* Campaigning on the official deadline
* Use of offensive language

**Freedom of voters**

* Freedom of assembly to listen to speeches
* Freedom of association to choose any political party of their choice
* Freedom of movement during campaign
* Freedom of speech and expression of opinions

**NB:** An election official should have the following pillars

* Trustworthiness
* Respect
* Honesty
* Responsibility
* Caring concern
* Peaceful
* Fairness
* Justice
* Good citizenship
* Good fearing

**HAPPINESS ON THE WAY TO ARRIVAL**

**Developing good relationship with God**

* Happiness is the mental state of well being
* Happiness is the feeling satisfied that something has been done well

**Signs of a happy person**

* Has creative ideas
* Commits few or no crime
* Enjoys good health
* Has a stable marriage
* Is an achiever
* Is optimistic
* Is God fearing
* Is cool tempered
* Lives life full of virtues

**God as a source of happiness**

* Worship and love God
* Love one another as they love ourselves
* Live in peace and as peace makers
* Respect humans and peoples’ rights
* Avoid evil ways of living
* Support the helpless such as orphans and widows
* Practice and promote justice in our community

**Biblical teaching on happiness (Psalms 1:1:3)**

* Happy are those who do not follow satan.
* Happy are those who do not listen to sinners.
* Happy are those who do not befriend scoffers (those who laugh at others)
* Happy are those whose joy is in the law of the Lord.

**Giving and receiving as a source of happiness**

* Giving and receiving involves sharing what one has
* Giving and receiving cannot be avoided because one person cannot have everything one wants
* Happiness consists in giving and serving others
* Give to the world the best you can and the best will come to you
* The way you give is worth more than the gift you receive
* No one has even become poor by giving (John 13:14-17)

**Values and benefits of giving and sharing (Acts 4:32-35)**

* Improves on inter-personal relationship
* Strengthens unity among members of the community
* Sustains life
* Creates friendship
* Brings peace
* Makes us secure with one another in the community
* Allows us to enjoy God’s blessings

**LIFE AND DEATH**

**Life:** This is the state of being alive and living.

**Death:** This is the separation of the soul from the body.

**Causes of death**

* Old age
* Mis fortunes
* Witch crafts
* Accidents
* Evil spirits
* Diseases

**Note:** When people die, their souls go back to God.

**Biblical teaching about life and death**

* Disobedience of Adam and Eve is the origin of death (Genesis 3:19)
* Christians should not fear death because Jesus resurrected (1Corinthians 15:20)
* Jesus is the resurrection and life whoever believes in Him will not die but shall live. (John 11:25)
* God will resurrect those who die in Jesus Christ (1Thessalonians 4:14)
* According to Christian teaching, death is the beginning of eternal life

**Traditional beliefs about death**

* The dead are not dead but they are the living dead
* They continue to live in another form

**Traditional practices done to show that the dead are not dead**

* Naming the children after them
* Caring for their graves
* Fulfilling the writings of the dead
* Swearing in their names
* Putting an heir to replace the dead
* Asking them to bless the living people
* Offering them food and drinks as sacrifices
* Having meetings before burying them.
* Setting fire in the compounds of the dead
* Burying them near their homes

**Christian hope for eternal life**

* Jesus raised Lazarus, Jairus’ daughter and the widow’s son
* Jesus died and resurrected

**Reasons why most Christians fear death**

* Some have little faith
* They don’t know where they are going
* They still want to enjoy earthly life
* Death is painful
* They don’t want to leave their loved ones
* They fear to leave their wealth

**SUFFERING AND PERSEVERANCE**

* Suffering means bodily or mental pain one under goes as a result of an experience

**Causes of suffering**

* Selfishness - Greed
* Dishonesty
* Life without prayer
* Giving in to desire of the flesh

**Enduring suffering (Matthew 26:39-42, 26:39-42)**

* Pray constantly
* Imitate Jesus Christ
* Understand suffering as a step to victory
* Endure to the end, never give up
* Have faith in God
* Be courageous
* Suffer with joy not regret

**Values / benefits of suffering**

* A test of our faith
* A sharing of Christ’s suffering
* Purification of our faith
* A way to salvation
* A son of acts of love to God
* A way Christians have their sins forgiven
* A way believers become holy
* An act of devotion to God’s service
* A way to comfort those who are suffering
* A preparation for heaven

**Ways of enduring suffering success fully**

* Through constant prayers
* Reading holy books
* Seeking guidance and counseling
* Being hard working
* Meditating and devotion to God
* Fasting

**Examples of people who endured suffering in the Bible**

* Job
* Daniel
* Jonah
* Jesus Christ
* Moses
* Hosea
* John the Baptist

**Biblical concept on Heaven**

* Heaven is a perfect place of dwelling after earthy life
* Heaven is a condition of great joy after death
* Heaven is living with God

**Christian teaching about Heaven**

* Christians say that heaven is a home of God, so as God’s children it is a home where mankind go after living on earth
* Throne – Heaven is God’s throne because God is regarded as a king of the whole universe
* Kingdom – Heaven is regarded as a kingdom because God is a king
* Eternity – Heaven is where those who die believing in Jesus Christ to live forever without dying again
* Heaven is a place of angles it is where angels dwell
* Heaven is for Christ because Jesus had been with God

In summary, heaven is a dwelling place of God, Angels and Saints

**BIBLICAL TEACHING ON PURITY**

* Purity is a state in which an individual is right with God
* Purity can also mean a righteous living

**Characteristics of a person with pure heart**

* Considers others before himself or herself
* Loves peace
* Seeks forgiveness and forgives
* Has self-control
* Does not focus on material wealth
* Reads God’s word
* Seeks fellowship with other believers

**How to achieve purity after uncleanness**

* Give sacrifice of particular animals
* Make offering of food items
* Regular washing or ablution
* Observe the day of atonement
* Washing of contaminated clothes

**Biblical teaching on purity according to New – Testament**

**(Matthew 5: 13-48 fulfillment of the old covenant)**

* Killing and anger that can lead to murder is forbidden
* Adultery is forbidden
* Divorce was allowed but whoever re-marries when the partner is still alive commits adultery

**The values Jesus taught to help us achieve purity**

* Faithfulness
* Love for enemies and friends alike
* Forgiveness
* Mercy
* Compassion
* Kindness
* Careful use of language
* Holy living

**Purity of the heart**

The heart controlled by the Holy Spirit produces the following fruits;

* Love
* Generosity
* Mercy
* Kindness
* Honesty
* Charity
* Modesty(Not talking in a proud way)
* Chastity(when one lives without having sex)
* Peace
* Integrity
* Truthfulness
* Loyalty
* Hope
* Faithfulness

**Impurity of the heart**

The heart that is controlled by Satan produces the following;

* Hatred
* Desire to commit adultery
* Evil ambitions
* Murder
* Anger
* Desire to fornicate
* Evil thoughts
* Permissiveness

**How to live a life of purity to enter Heaven**

* Keep all the commandments without breaking even one
* Respect and honour God and its house of worship
* Avoid desires of the flesh
* Read the word of God often
* Imitate Jesus Christ in His way of life while He was on earth
* Pray all the time

**TOPICAL QUESTIONS**

**SET 1**

1(a) Name the greatest commandment Jesus gave to his followers.

(b)How can people know that Christians are followers of Jesus Christ?

2(a)In which two ways did Jesus show his love to man-kind.

(b)How useful are pieces of advice given to us by our elders?

3(a) Give any two characteristics of bad advice

(b) Identify any two groups of people that need guidance and counseling.

1. State any two qualities of a good marriage partner according to

Christian teaching

1. Which type of marriage is practiced in the church?
2. Identify any two problems facing families today
3. How useful is a stable peaceful family to children?
4. Identify any two causes of street children today.
5. name any two Christian organizations that cater for the needs of people in our community.

10 why do Christians give offertories

**SET 2**

1. (a) What does the word happiness mean?

(b) In which two ways can man achieve happiness?

1. (a) Give any two benefits of sharing and giving

(b)Why are some people in our community selfish?

1. What is the biblical teaching on life and death?
2. What are the values of suffering (Give two)
3. What does the Bible teach about heaven?
4. Which religion was in Africa before the coming of Europeans?
5. Name any three religions in Uganda.
6. What is the meaning of death in African tradition?
7. Name three causes of death in traditional Africa beliefs
8. State any three causes of death today