

ANSWERS

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**A Series of Follow Up Bible Studies
On Life's Key Questions**

SOUL WINNING & DISCIPLESHIP



Are you “ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO”?

“And the things that thou hast heard of me
among many witnesses,
the same commit thou to faithful men,
who shall be able to teach others also.” II Timothy 2:2

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17. HOW TO LEAD A PERSON TO CHRIST

Five stages to be mastered are:

- I. Starting the conversation
- II. Verses to share and questions to ask
- III. How to challenge a person to receive Christ as their Saviour
- IV. Giving assurance of salvation.
- V. Getting the first follow-up appointment.

Use these questions by going through the "STOP" tract.

Ask for an appointment where you can go through this "STOP" tract without interruption.

I. STARTING THE CONVERSATION. HOW?

Question 1: Say: "This is for you." Hand the STOP tract to them and when they take it, say, "This explains how you can be sure of going to heaven, have eternal life and know God personally. Have you thought much about God before?"

Question 2: One question please: If you were to die tonight (or sometime) do you know 100% for sure if you would go to heaven? (No). If 'Yes' ask 'Why?' If they say 'I'm good' say 'God has different way'

Question 3: Would you like to be 100% sure of going to heaven? (Yes).

Question 4: This paper shows from the Bible how to be 100% sure of going to heaven.

After they read the front page, say, "If you look inside you'll see it makes 4 points."

II. VERSES TO SHARE AND QUESTIONS TO ASK.

1. ALL HAVE SINNED (Sin causes problems for us and others)

Question 1: Would you be so kind as to read the first heading and **verse** underneath please? Draw line.

Question 2: What do you think is the main idea in this verse? (All have sinned). Ask him to circle 'sin'

Question 3: What does sin mean? (Breaking God's laws). These pictures explain what sin is.

Picture 1: This man is running away from God. He cares nothing about God or others. He only cares about himself. He is selfish. Do you know any selfish people? (Yes). We are all a bit selfish aren't we? Sin is selfishness, going our own way, putting ourselves first. Breaking the chief and second commandments of not loving God and our neighbour (Matt 22:38,39) makes us great sinners.

Picture 2: Sin separates us from God. A fight puts a wall between 2 friends. Our sins offend others so they avoid us. Our sins offend God, so sin separates us from God. We are sinners in 2 ways:

i) We are sinners by nature, having inherited a sin nature from Adam. ii) We are sinners by choice.

Picture 3: Imagine a scale of 0-100% perfection, God is 100% perfect, but we, compared with God, are about 0% perfect. Compared with some people we are "good", but compared with God's perfection we are all big sinners. Sin is falling short of God's standard of perfection.

Picture 4: Sin is breaking the Ten Commandments. Number 1 says "No other Gods", yet how often have we all put something or ourselves ahead of God, like money, sport, pleasure, self? If you think you've broken this, put a circle around 1. [continue this with each commandment up to number ten].

2 says 'no images or lucky charms.' Have you ever had an idol or lucky charm? If 'yes' circle 2.

3: Have you ever used God's Name as a swear word, like "O my God" or "I swear to God"? Circle 3.

4: God gave Sabbath to Jews & Sunday to Christians. Ever missed church on Sunday? (yes). Circle 4.

5: Honour your mum & dad? Ever had a conflict with your mum or dad? (yes). Put circle around 5.

6: Don't murder. Ever killed someone? (No). Ever hated someone? (1 John 3:15). Hate=murder in mind

7: No adultery. Jesus said adultery is having sex thoughts to a woman he's not married to (Mt5:28).

8: Don't steal. Ever stolen something or borrowed & not returned? (yes). Put a circle around 8.

9: Don't tell lies. Ever told a lie? (yes). Put a circle around 9.

10: Don't covet. Ever wanted something you should not have? (yes). Put a circle around 10.

Question 4: Under the pictures it says "We are all great sinners compared with the Holiness of God?"

Do you agree that you, me and everybody in the world is a big sinner compared with God?

(Yes). If "Yes", put a tick (✓) on the left of this line please. **Do you agree that sin creates problems?**

Question 5: Do you want the God of the Bible, to be your God? If "Yes", put a tick (✓) on the left.

Quest 6: Do you want to finish with sin and come to be friends with God? If "Yes" tick the left.

2. PUNISHMENT ON SIN IS DEATH.

Question 1: Would you be so kind as to read the second heading and the 2 verses underneath please?

Question 2: We've just seen that we are all big sinners compared to God. (Put bracket next to the verse)

What is the consequence of sin? The wages of sin is death. Put a circle around **death** please. This means that because we have all sinned by breaking God's laws, we are all heading to death.

Question 3: What is death? 2 deaths: First death is when our body dies. The second death is worse.

Question 4: What is the second death in the last verse? (Lake of Fire). Put circle around **lake of fire**. This means that because we have all sinned, the law of God says that we are all heading to death, hell & the Lake of Fire. This is bad news. Nobody wants to go to the lake of fire as the penalty for our sins.

Question 5: Why did God make the lake of fire? Remember that Satan was once an angel in heaven who led a rebellion against God. He wanted to take over the universe. He broke the laws of God. God made the lake of fire as a punishment for Satan and his angels. (Draw 2 arrows from Law to Lake of Fire. Write Satan & 'us' next to each). We humans have also broken the law of God. The law must be applied equally to all law-breakers. For example, if I rob the bank, I go to jail. If you rob the bank, you go to jail. Satan broke the law, Satan is going to the lake of fire. We humans have broken the law, so the law says we should go to the lake of fire. This is bad news. God understands that there is a difference between Satan and humans. **What is it?** Answer: Satan chose to get a sin nature, but we humans were born with a sin nature that we inherited from Adam. We did not choose to get a sin nature. So God made a way out of the lake of fire for people, but not for Satan. What is this way out? Can you read the second part of Romans 6:23 please?

Question 6: What is a "gift?" (free present, take it or leave it, receive it or reject it). Circle around gift.

Question 7: What is "eternal life?" (going to heaven when we die, knowing God now as a good friend).

Question 8: Who do we get eternal life through? (Jesus Christ our Lord). Put circle around Jesus Christ

Question 9: Can you please read **Ephesians 2:8,9?** Put a line next to this in the margin. From this verse

Question 10: What is the wrong way to get eternal life? Answer: "**Not of works.**" Circle this.

We don't get it through our good works, or any religion, but only through Jesus Christ. Good works never cancel bad works. If I rob the bank & go to jail, being good to the prison officer won't get me out of jail. Here we have a "**tug of war**". The **law of God** is pulling us to the lake of fire. The **justice of God** is pulling us to the lake of fire. But the **love of God** wants us to go to heaven. What is the solution?

3. JESUS CHRIST TOOK ALL OUR PUNISHMENT

Question 1: Would you be so kind as to read the 3rd heading & the verse under it please? Draw line.

Question 2: What do you think is the main idea in this verse? (Christ died for us). Put circle over this.

Question 3: What does this mean? Explain the sketch:

Think back 2000 years ago to when Jesus Christ was dying on the cross (draw cross). God knew about everybody who ever lived from the start to the end of the human race (draw a time line from start to end). God knew about you and me living now in 1995 (draw 2 lines). God knew about every sin that I did from the day I was born till the day I will die. God knew about every sin that you would do from the day you were born to the day you will die. God knew about everybody's sins who ever lived in the **past** and God knew about everybody's sins who would ever live in the **future** (draw many lines before and after 1995). When Jesus was dying on the cross, God took all the sins off you, me and everybody who ever lived past, present and future, transferring all those sins off us, and placing them on to Jesus Christ. God regarded Jesus as the sinner and God the Father made Jesus Christ take the full punishment on the cross in about 6 hours for all our sins, instead of us being punished forever in the lake of fire. (draw a circle around the timeline and draw an arrow on to Christ and an arrow into the lake of fire).

"The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all". Isaiah 53:6. Draw bracket around this verse.

Jesus became the **SAVIOUR** (sin-bearer, saving agent, substitute) of all people, taking the full punishment for all of our sins on the cross instead of us being punished forever for our sins in the lake of fire. **He became the "SAVIOUR of all people".** Jesus is now "**AVAILABLE to be our SAVIOUR**". Draw circles around "Saviour" and "available". Jesus is now the Saviour of all people. He is ready and available to be your Saviour, if you want Him to be. So right now, all your, mine and everybody's past, present and future sins have been paid for by Jesus Christ on the cross.

Note: People have estimated that 100 billion people have lived in recorded history (write 100 billion). Can you imagine how you would feel being punished forever for your sins in the lake of fire? Multiply that punishment that you would have gone through by 100 billion people's punishment? Can you imagine all that punishment being squeezed onto one man, Jesus Christ, in about 6 hours? That's what Jesus Christ went through on the cross for you and for me. Jesus said, "It is finished" saying that every sin that you, me and everybody ever did, Jesus Christ has been punished for them in full on the cross. The door into heaven is open for all people to enter. How may we enter heaven? **Point 4** tells us how:

4. a) BELIEVE that Jesus Christ

- is GOD the SON (100% God and 100% man)
- DIED FOR OUR SINS, IN OUR PLACE
- ROSE AGAIN BODILY from the DEAD, then

b) RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST as their SAVIOUR.

Question 1: Would you be so kind as to read Point 4 please? Put a bracket around the left of the box.

Explanation: Have you heard that we must believe in Christ to enter Heaven? What does this mean?

Answer: Believe has 2 parts. We must believe 3 things in our mind, then act on them by doing part 4b.

Question 2: Do you believe that Jesus Christ is 100% God and 100% man? (Yes). Put a tick next to it.

Question 3: Do you believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross in our place being punished for all of our past, present and future sins to become our Saviour? (Yes). Draw a tick next to it.

Question 4: Do you believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead bodily after 3 days & is alive today? (If yes, put a tick). This means you are now 90% into heaven. All you need to do now is to tell God that you now receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour. This means that you now accept Christ's Blood-Sacrifice on the cross as the full payment for your sins, trusting Christ alone to save you, not your good works or any religion. **Then we are given free forgiveness and eternal life right now.**

Explanation of 3 Pictures: It's like God offers us all a pardon, which is Jesus Christ as our Saviour. When we receive Christ as our Saviour (now point to the second picture), all of our sins & guilt fall off us, & (point to the third picture) Jesus Christ has taken the full punishment for our sins on our behalf.

He reads bottom line. We can be sure of this because of promises God has given us to claim in the Bible Back page: These 3 verses each have a condition that we must claim and a promise that God gives us.

• **John 1:12 Question 1: Would you read the top verse please?** Draw a bracket around this verse.

Question 2: What must we do in first part of this verse? (receive Christ as our Saviour). Circle receive

Question 3: What do we then become in second part of this verse? (sons of God). Circle sons of God

Explanation: This means we get born into God's family. God becomes our Heavenly Father. We become His sons. We then call God "Dear Heavenly Father". We are "Born Again." You know how you were born into your parent's family? (yes). That was your first birthday. When you receive Christ as your Saviour you get born again into God's family. You get a second birthday. Would it be nice to be a son of God?

• **Romans 10:13 Question 1: Would you be so kind as to read the middle verse please?** Draw bracket.

Question 2: What must we do in the first part of the verse? (Call on Jesus Christ to save us). Circle call

Question 3: When we call on Christ to save us, what happens to us? (we shall be saved). Circle saved.

Question 4: Saved from what? (Lake of Fire). Ask him to draw a circle around 'lake of fire'.

Question 5: If this person dies 50 years later, where would they go to? (heaven).

Question 6: Why? (Because they called on Christ to save them and He saved them.)

• **I John 5: 12,13 Question 1: Would you be so kind as to read the third verse, please?** Draw bracket.

Question 2: If a person has the Son by receiving Christ as Saviour, what do they have? (eternal life).

Question 3: If a person has not got the Son as Saviour, what is true? (They don't have eternal life)

Question 4: Is it possible to know for sure that we have eternal life?(yes). Please circle Son, life, know.

III. HOW TO CHALLENGE A PERSON TO RECEIVE CHRIST AS SAVIOUR.

Do you see the 2-ways picture? This shows that there are 2 ways in life: the way of death leading to hell and the way of life leading to heaven. We are all born on the way of death leading to hell due to sin, but when we receive Christ as our Saviour, we pass from death to life and from hell to heaven.

Question 1: You may ask: "How may we receive Jesus Christ as our Saviour?" **Answer:** We must claim the promises in the top three verses. If we receive Christ as Saviour, we become sons of God. If we call on Christ to save us, we shall be saved. If we receive the Son as our Saviour, we are given eternal life. **Question 2:** These promises are summarised in the prayer at the bottom of the page. Would you be so kind as to read it quietly to yourself to see if it makes sense? Draw a bracket on the left side of this.

Question 3: Does it make sense? (yes).

Question 4: Does this prayer express what you honestly want God to do? (yes).

Question 5: God is in this room now. He hears all we say & think. If you tell this to God & mean it, then God will hear you, Jesus Christ will save you, give you eternal life & you'll become a son of God. Because this makes sense, says what you want God to do and Jesus is here, would you like to tell this to God right now? To make it easy, we could pray this to God together, a few words at a time after me. Would that be OK? (yes). (He prays the prayer at the bottom of the page, a phrase at a time, after you).

IV. HOW TO GIVE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

• **Romans 10:13 Question 1:** Would you be so kind as to read the second top verse please.

Question 2: Just then, did you call on Christ to save you from your sins and the lake of fire, take you to heaven when you die, and give you the gift of eternal life? (yes).

Question 3: Were you honest? (yes).

Question 4: Then, what does God say that you are now? (saved).

Question 5: Saved from what? (sins and the lake of fire).

Question 6: If you died now, where would you go? (Heaven).

Question 7: Why? (because I called on Christ to save me and God says I'm saved).

Question 8: If we call on Christ to save us, would he say yes or no? Yes. "Him that comes to me,..."

• **John 1:12 Question 1:** Would you read the top verse please?

Question 2: Just then, did you receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour? (yes)

Question 3: What does God say that you are now? (A son of God). You are now in God's Family. God is now your Heavenly Father and you are His son. You may now call God, "Dear Heavenly Father." This is called being "BORN AGAIN." Today is your second birthday.

Question 4: Would you like to write today's date under the prayer? (They sign and date tract& keep it).

• **1 John 5: 12,13 Question 1:** Would you be so kind as to read the third verse please?

Question 2: Did you receive Jesus Christ the Son as your Saviour? (yes)

Question 3: Since you now have the Son, what do you also have? (eternal life)

Question 4: If you died tonight, where would you go? (Heaven)

Question 5: Why? (because you have Christ as your Saviour)

Question 6: Can you know for sure that you have eternal life? (yes)

Question 7: Why? (Because God says, "that ye may **know** that ye have eternal life").

• **John 5:24 Question 1:** Would you please read the verse next to the diagram?

Question 2: What 3 things do you now have? (eternal life, no condemnation, passed from death to life).

• **John 10:28 Question 1:** Is it possible to lose eternal life?

Question 2: Would you read **John 10:28** please?

Question 3: What does "never perish" mean? (never lose eternal life. We can, however lose rewards).

Question 1: Romans 10:9 is a test to prove you are truly saved. 2 conditions are true if you are saved. Firstly, you have already told me that you believe God raised Christ from the dead. True? (yes).

Secondly, you have not yet had a chance to confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus. This means that if you can tell just one person, "I have received the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour" it means you are truly saved. Would you like to tell me or a friend that you have received Christ as your Saviour? (yes) Ask him to tell you or someone else now. Shake hands with him & say, "Welcome into God's family".

Question 2: God knows all about you and me, but we don't know all about God. How can we learn more about God? By reading the Bible daily, starting at John or Matthew, coming to church, praying.

Question 3: Who do you know that you would like to see saved? When can we meet them to tell them?

V. HOW TO GET THE FIRST BIBLE STUDY?

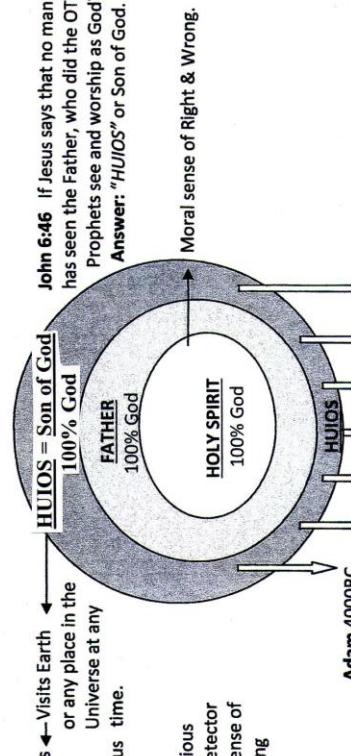
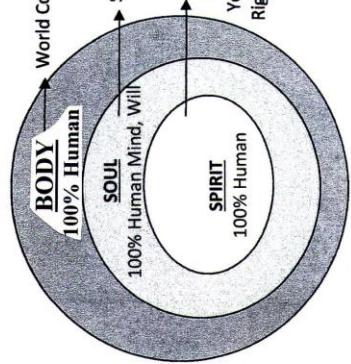
Question 1: Give him "Established in the Faith". **Ask:** Which of these subjects in front interest you?"

Question 2: Would it be possible for us to meet together sometime in the next few days to look at them? (yes). **Question 3:** When would suit you? Get his name, phone number and date. Visit him. **96**

TRINITY = "ONE GOD" with "3 PARTS" or 3 "PERSONS" = FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT"

Matthew 28:19 ... baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

1 MAN



JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY BEGOTTEN (MONOGENES) SON (HUIOS) OF GOD.

1. In the Greek language there are two words for Son.

- a) TEKNON is a boy from parents.
TEKNON is never used to describe Jesus as Son of God.

- b) HUIOS means "same nature as".

Example: Son of peace has the nature of peace.

2. ONLY BEGOTTEN in Greek is MONOGENES.

- a) MONO means "one and the same".

- b) GENES means "genetics, same in every detail".
So Jesus Christ has the same nature as God, and is the same as GOD in every detail. So Jesus Christ is fully God.

Question1. What is the difference between a man and a pig?

Answer: A man has a body, soul, and spirit. A pig has a body and soul, but no spirit.

God the HUIOS came in to MARY to give JESUS CHRIST → who is 100% GOD the HUIOS and 100% man.

Jesus Body (Friday)

HUIOS Soul, Spirit
[Friday]

Paradise

Jesus Resurrection Sunday HUIOS, Body, Soul and Spirit

Hell

18. SOUL WINNING TEST QUESTIONS

1. State 5 fishing places (places to meet unsaved people):

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)

2. Give 5 questions to ask to start a Soul Winning conversation:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)

3. Give 4 stages in leading a person to Christ:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)

4. A. Explain ‘all have sinned’ according to the tract to someone.

Get that person to sign that you have done it correctly:

Signature:.....

B. Give 4 questions to ask under Point 1:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)

5. A. Explain ‘punishment on sin is death’ to someone.

Get that person to sign that you have done it.

Signature:.....

B. Give 6 questions to ask under Point 2:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)

6. A. Give 3 questions to ask under point 3,

“JESUS TOOK ALL OUR PUNISHMENT”:

Q1:

Q2:

Q3:

B. Explain “Christ died for us” to someone, drawing the sketch.

Get that person to sign that you have done it correctly.

Memorize this explanation word for word.

Signature:.....

- 7. A. Explain to someone what it means to “believe in or on Christ” using 4 questions:**

Q1:

Q2:

Q3:

Q4:

- 8. A. Ask 3 questions of John 1:12.**

Q1:

Q2:

Q3:

Write out the explanation that follows:

.....
.....
.....
.....

- B. Ask 6 questions of Romans 10:13.**

Q1:

Q2:

Q3:

Q4:

Q5:

Q6:

- C. Ask 4 questions of I John 5:12,13.**

Q1:

Q2:

Q3:

Q4:

- 9. Explain the “TWO-WAYS” Diagram to someone.**

Get that person to sign that you have done it correctly:

Signature:

- 10. Give 5 questions used to challenge a person to receive Christ as Saviour.**

Q1:

Q2:

Q3:

Q4:

Q5:

Get that person to sign that you have done it correctly.

Signature:

- 11. Give 8 questions to ask of Romans 10:13 to give a person assurance of salvation:**

Q1:

Q2:

Q3:

Q4:

Q5:

Q6:

Q7:

Q8:

12. Give 4 questions to ask of John 1:12 to give assurance of salvation:

Q1:
Q2:
Q3:
Q4:

13. Give 7 questions to ask of I John 5:12,13 to give assurance of salvation:

Q1:
Q2:
Q3:
Q4:
Q5:
Q6:
Q7:

14. Give 2 questions to ask of John 5:24 to give assurance of salvation:

Q1:
Q2:

15. Give 3 questions to ask of John 10:28 that help reinforce the security of the believer:

Q1:
Q2:
Q3:

16. In Romans 10:9, what 2 conditions will be true if he is genuinely saved:

Test 1:
Test 2:

17. What 2 things do you give him after he is saved?

a)
b)

18. What 5 pieces of information do you ask him for after he is saved?

a)
b)
c)
d)
e)

19. What 10 things should you tell a new Christian after he is saved?

a)
b)
c)
d)
e)
f)
g)
h)
i).....
g)

20. How will you get him to come to church?

- a)
- b)

21. Name 10 lessons you may teach him in follow-up Bible studies:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)
- h)
- i)
- j)

The whole assessment is worth 100 marks, the above being worth 50. To obtain the remaining 50 marks for this subject, use the above approach with 10 people, either through door-knocking, open air or somewhere else. Bring one person to church. Try this approach. It contains the Word of God. It really works.



IF NOT A MISSIONARY SOON A "MISSING-ARY"

19. ADVANTAGES of using the ‘STOP’ TRACT in SOUL WINNING

Problem: Why is the world not yet won to Christ?

Why are Christians fearful of evangelizing?

Answer: It is because most Christians do not know how to share the Gospel clearly with an unbeliever. The sad fact is that 80% of Christians have never led anyone to Christ.

The average Christian does not know:

- a) How to start a conversation with an unbeliever in an unembarrassing way, nor does he know:
- b) What verses to use to share the gospel, nor the logical order of the verses, nor the questions to ask to keep the person’s interest, nor does he know:
- c) How to challenge a person to receive Christ as Saviour, nor does he know:
- d) How to give assurance of salvation to a new convert.
- e) As well, he is scared of rejection, so he keeps quiet.

Because of these problems in a Christian’s mind, he, being fearful of rejection and failure, never even bothers to attempt to share the gospel and so he remains spiritually unfruitful, never seeing anyone saved, and justifies this lack of fruit by saying things like:

- a) I don’t have the gift of evangelizing, that others have.
- b) It’s not up to us to share the gospel, it is the work of the Holy Spirit.
- c) I do other things well like teaching the Bible, etc.
- d) Don’t make me feel guilty by telling me that I should share the gospel.

Sharing the gospel by using the **STOP** tract is a presentation that any average Christian can learn to use successfully.

The only reason you will not see results from this pamphlet is if you don’t try to use it. Soul winning is like anything else in life. It must be learned.

Do you find these reasons for using the **STOP** tract convincing enough for you to use it regularly to share the Gospel?

1. People can understand the gospel better with a **visual aid**.
2. Getting them to read Roman road verses **keeps them concentrating** on the plan of salvation more than by you just telling them.
3. When you ask them to tell you what a verse means, it is their interpretation and **they consider their interpretation to be right**. They will never argue with their interpretation.
4. People will always remain interested as long as **they are doing the talking**. You thus keep their concentration on the gospel message.
5. A good conversation must be a **two-way dialogue**, not just you doing all the talking.
6. When you ask questions **you know** by their answers if **they understand the gospel** message.
7. The **STOP** pamphlet keeps you on a **logical path**.
If they side-track you, you can always bring them back to the Gospel.
8. If they don’t get saved then, they may get **saved later** at home.
9. **New Christians** can easily lead people to Christ because they don’t need to memorise verses. The verses are all written out. They just need to be able to read and ask others to read verses.
10. The new Christian can easily **memorise Romans 10:13** to get assurance of salvation.
11. They can record their **spiritual birthday**.
12. They can instantly get **security** of salvation by reading **John 10:28**.
13. It is a **proven workable method** when followed correctly.
14. It contains **all the key verses** on salvation and omits the non essential verses.
15. It stops you from talking too much and too long.
16. It is the **cheapest tract available** (2 cents a copy. You may print it copyright free.)
17. It leads easily to **follow up** of the new Christian by using the Answers Book.
18. **Several pictures describe each concept**. For example:
 - 4 pictures describe “all have sinned”
 - 3 pictures describe “penalty of sin”
 - 1 picture describes “Christ paid penalty”
 - 3 pictures describe “how to receive Christ as Saviour”
 - 1 picture describes “passing from death to life”

19. It has **BIG PRINT** so that old people with bad eyesight can read it.
20. Thirteen pictures make it interesting to read.
Ten key Scripture verses hit the mark.
21. The **STOP** tract is meant to be **gone through** and **explained to people** to lead them to Christ, **not just given out**.
22. It is available in **twenty languages**.
23. **Everyone gets used to using the one tract.**
This removes the confusion of using various tracts.
One good workable tract is better than 100 unfamiliar tracts.
24. It **takes the fear out** of starting a soul winning conversation. It's as easy as giving out a tract.
Give it to a person as a conversation starter:
Say, "This pamphlet explains how to be sure of going to heaven. If you died sometime do you know 100% for sure that you would go to heaven?" Would you like to be sure? This shows how.
25. This approach has been **tested, tried and shown to work thousands of times** over 30 years of soul winning.
Every bug has been ironed out of it.
26. It is **short, simple**, not complicated, and easy to use.
27. Instructions on how to use it are in **THE "ANSWERS" BOOK**, chapter 17.
28. It takes the pressure off you starting the conversation because the tract becomes the unbeliever's focus of attention, not you.
29. It **takes the pressure off you** not knowing what to say as the tract tells you what to say.
30. **Multiplication of souls saved, soul winners trained, disciples and soul-winning pastors** accelerates more quickly if everyone gets used to using the same tract, as well as training others in the use of the one tract.

20. MISSIONARY STRATEGY and DUTY STATEMENT

This is the mission strategy and duty statement that Liberty Baptist Church (LBC) requires of missionaries and pastors it sends out to a foreign mission field. LBC intends to have field representatives to visit and encourage affiliated pastors and churches. **Our missionaries' duties** are to:

1. **Meet key national Independent Baptist pastors** in foreign countries.
2. Give a copy of our LBC **Statement of Faith** to every pastor to see if they can agree to work with us on the basis of full agreement with our doctrine and outreach strategy.
3. **Translate and print STOP tracts and "Established in the Faith" books, train pastors**, showing workers how to use them properly. Distribute them to many local churches free of charge.
 - a) Find loyal, godly Baptist Pastors in some country. Email "Established in the Faith" book to them.
 - b) Ask him to find a good Christian printer to quote the cost to print 3000-5000 copies of this book.
 - c) Email the pdf of this book to the printer with printing instructions. Ask him to send you a draft.
 - d) If the draft copy is 100% correct, send 50% of the cost to your Christian friend to give to printer.
 - e) Ask your Christian friend to visit the printer to check the master and the early printing.
 - f) Pay the final 50% on completion. Ask your friend to give these to all his churches.
 - g) He should teach them how to use this book, explaining the charts and How to use Stop tract.
 - h) He should ask these pastors which other churches may want 50 copies of this book.
 - i) Take more copies of Stop tract and this book to these other churches. Teach them how to use it.
4. Conduct a **pastors school** to teach pastors, workers, and students:
 - a) how to use the STOP tract to do soul winning;
 - b) LBC Bible Doctrine and Statement of Faith;
 - c) answers to major false doctrines in their area;
 - d) how to disciple their people, and get their people discipling by multiplication;
 - e) how to use the ANSWERS book as a teaching tool; and
 - f) how pastors can become self supporting.
5. **Visit existing churches** to teach soul winning, to distribute STOP tracts, and start soul winning outreach programs.

6. **Visit new churches** willing to affiliate with LBC to assist them with tracts, Bibles, etc.
7. Endeavour to **start a Bible College** to be taught and administered by national workers.
8. If LBC sends and supports a missionary, he must be **100% loyal to and under the authority of** LBC and not under the authority of any other religious organisation.
If he is not willing to work according to these strategy guidelines, he disqualifies himself from LBC support. If he changes his doctrinal position after going to the mission field, his support is to be cut off after 2 unheeded warnings.
9. LBC members shall **review annually** the activities, efficiency, and appropriate level of financial support of each missionary.
10. The missionary must **present the gospel in one session with unsaved people** and not spread the one gospel presentation over months or years. Every effort must be made to make the gospel his first message to unsaved people. He **must challenge unsaved people to receive Christ as Saviour after each gospel presentation.** Sharing the gospel to unsaved people must take precedence over teaching other Scripture unless the other Scripture is used as a brief background to the gospel message. **He must not delay giving the gospel** to unsaved people lest they die and go to hell.
11. He shall conduct **individual and group discipleship Bible studies in churches.**
12. He shall **coordinate nationals to start other Independent Baptist churches** of the LBC doctrine.
13. The missionary must **only use tracts approved by LBC.**
14. The “Jesus” video shall be used where possible in outreach to other areas.
15. He shall **challenge believers to be baptised** as soon as possible after salvation in the local Independent Baptist church.
16. He must **present the gospel using the STOP tract at least once every week.**
17. The missionary must sign that if he stops doing or believing these things that he shall tell us so we can assess if his support is to be continued or not. He shall be asked to show evidence of his missionary activities to substantiate his adherence to LBC doctrine.
18. He shall keep a missionary journal including - daily narrative, summary of events, living conditions, new needs; statistics, name and number saved and baptised; date of Bible seminars; contacts, resources available (eg. clinics, transport); financial records; interesting events (eg. chief getting saved, new areas of opportunity).
19. **Each national church** shall be independent and Baptist in doctrine, solely responsible for their own decisions. There shall not be an external hierarchy telling local churches what to do. LBC shall act in an advisory capacity to the local church and supporting the local church by providing tracts, workers handbooks, Bibles and other doctrinally sound material.
In return, LBC fellowship expects local churches to:
 - a) **fellowship in harmony** with other churches in the fellowship;
 - b) **use STOP tracts** (or other LBC approved tracts) to rapidly spread the gospel to their people.
 - c) **seek to train new pastors** in LBC Bible Colleges, not in other Colleges unless LBC approved.
 - d) **be loyal** to other LBC churches; and not to sow **discord** among the brethren. (Prov. 6:16-19).
20. He shall communicate with LBC at least every 3 months to give an update on the mission work and to advise of any activities in his mission area that may influence or restrict him in conducting his mission work. These activities could be political, military, social, environmental or religious. He must inform LBC immediately of any activities that place his ministry or health at risk.
21. He shall provide accurate and **reliable records** of all expenditure.
22. He shall keep records in a book of the **names of people saved** to assist him in their follow up, to see them baptised and regular in church attendance. This record could be extended to include the names of potential converts.
23. Members of LBC may designate special offerings to specific needs such as printing of tracts, Bibles, buildings, books, national pastors' support.
24. Missionaries sent and supported by LBC must have a **proven track record of leading people to Christ** in Australia using our soul winning approach. Each national church should contribute to another country's LBC church missions project.

21. WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD DO SOUL-WINNING?

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:3-21; Proverbs 11:30

I. WHAT IS SOUL-WINNING?

Soul Winning is starting a conversation with an unsaved person, and sharing God's plan of Salvation with him, from the Bible, so that he clearly understands HOW he may receive Christ as his Saviour, and have eternal life. It is leading a person to Christ.

II. WHY SHOULD WE DO SOUL-WINNING?

These reasons must be firmly grounded in our minds, and we must teach them to every person that we disciple as soon as possible.

1. God commands us to. "Go and preach the gospel to every creature". Mark 16:15.
2. That is why Christ came. 'The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost' Luke 19:10.
3. We must ALL appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ to receive REWARDS for faithfully serving Christ. II Corinthians 5:10.
4. Because of HELL - "knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men". II Corinthians 5:11. Hell is HOT, Heaven is SWEET, and JESUS SAVES". See Luke 16:19-31; Mark 9:42-48.
5. THE LOVE OF CHRIST Compels us. II Corinthians 5:14.
6. People are BLESSED by being saved, and by becoming a new creature. II Corinthians. 5:17.
7. God has given us the MINISTRY (Job) of Reconciliation. II Corinthians 5:18.
This job is to bring God and man together.
8. We are AMBASSADORS for CHRIST. II Corinthians 5:20.
9. So Christ will say to us: "Well done thou good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21.
10. Soul - Winners are the BEST Christians. Matthew 4:19.
11. Soul - Winners will shine as the stars forever. Daniel 12:3.
12. So that we won't be ashamed before Christ. 1 John 2:28.
13. There is a great need, but few labourers (Soul winners). Matthew 9:36-38.
14. JESUS was a soul - winner. John 4; Luke 19:10.
15. Not to have BLOODY HANDS. Ezekiel 3:17,18.
16. We have very little time to do soul-winning (John 9:4). We can't do S.W. in heaven, only on Earth.
17. Soul - Winning and Disciple - making is the only hope to save Australia from sin, judgment and bad government. Ezekiel 22:30.
18. We'll PERISH without a VISION of Soul Winning and Disciple Making. Proverbs 29:18.
19. Soul - Winning glorifies Christ. When people get saved, they praise God.
20. Soul - Winners are WISER, know the Bible BETTER, and have LESS FEAR.
21. GIVE (the Gospel), and it shall be given unto you. Luke 6:38.
Look after God's interests and He'll look after yours.
22. To plant and build Soul-Winning churches all over the world.
23. To HURT SATAN and to make heaven rejoice. Luke 15:3-7.
24. It's a PRIVILEGE that angels don't have. Acts 10:3-8.
25. Those you win to Christ will thank you in heaven, and love you always.
26. God gives greater opportunities for service (in this life and the next) to those who are faithful in little things such as Soul-Winning. Matthew 25:21.
27. It's great to see God use you.
28. If we don't win them to Christ, the world or cults will win them for Satan.
29. "WOE is unto me if I preach NOT the gospel". 1 Corinthians 9:16; Luke 12:47.
30. Soul-Winning is the most exciting way to spend your life.
31. You set a MULTIPLICATION CHAIN going that may have millions of people in it. 2 Timothy 2:2
32. JESUS is COMING SOON!!
33. Soul-Winning increases your love for people and for God.
34. Example of Christians in the past e.g. martyrs. Revelation 17:6.
35. It is the BEST WAY to MAKE FRIENDS.

36. It makes you HAPPY and brings UNITY in your church.
37. You may win a great person to Christ.
38. Today, with modern technology such as international air transport, a missionary can fly to the mission field overseas in 24 hours. He can link up with national workers in third world countries to train them, and provide them with tracts, Bibles, books and medical clinics to win thousands of spiritually hungry people to Christ. He can be vaccinated against malaria and other tropical diseases that killed thousands of missionaries last century. We can print and distribute vast quantities of literature to win and train millions of people for Christ and Bible truth.
39. The wealth that we have in the West can be used to multiply the gospel and to build many churches in the Third World.
40. Developing countries are very open and hungry for the Gospel. We should take advantage of these open doors in Africa, India, China, Philippines, Eastern Europe, and South American countries to saturate these countries with literature, the gospel and true Bible doctrine.
41. Our life's goal should be great usefulness to God by doing Soul-Winning.
42. You may die tomorrow and have no more chances to do Soul-Winning.
43. You may be surprised by the prosperity that will come to you by Soul-Winning. Ecclesiastes 11:6.

Bad Consequences of Churches that Quit Soul-Winning.

I. Personal Consequences.

1. You are making a conscious decision to deliberately disobey God. (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15). Those who don't do SW because they are ignorant, are less blameworthy than those who know how to do it and don't do it. Stopping SW is not ignorance, but a deliberate decision to disobey God.
2. When you deliberately disobey God by quitting SW, your heart will become cold, hard, guilty and indifferent to the needs of others. (Zechariah 7:8-13). God wanted Israel to show His love to the world, but Israel stopped their ears. So God stopped His ears to their cry when they fell under God's judgment.
3. You Grieve the Holy Spirit, by quitting SW. (Ephesians 4:30). We are not programmed to carry guilt. We have three choices when faced with guilt: a) Confess it to God, b) Transfer the guilt to others by blaming them, c) Close your ears to the Holy Spirit's voice and sear your conscience.
4. You lose the sense of God's presence in your life, you become unstable and double minded with one foot in the world and one foot in church.

II. Ministry Consequences.

5. You are no longer a part of God's great program: "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations..." (Luke 24:46). When we fall in line with God's program, we become a SW church. (Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10). Christ passed His program onto all churches today. The centre of a church is SW or it will be something else, such as music, drama, etc.. If you go SW, everything else comes together, such as Bible study, follow up, more young men training to be preachers, prayer, zeal, rebuking sin, hating worldliness and false religion,etc.
6. Those who quit SW become critical of soul winners, soul winning, running buses, standards, holy living, and accuse us of legalism. They quit soul winning, so they attack soul winners.

The mark of spirituality is: a) Not a big crowd. You can get a crowd by carnal methods, b) Not a lot of money, but c) Changed lives.

III. Community Consequences.

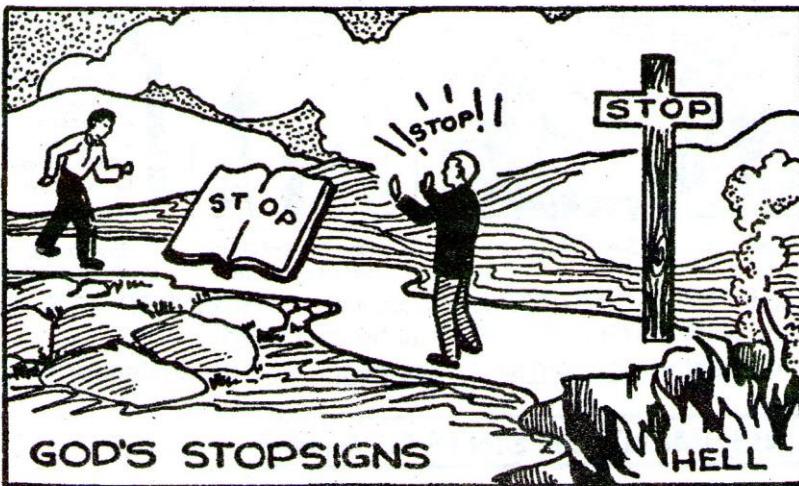
7. No Lighthouse in the community. People need to know that someone still believes the Bible and its standards of holiness. When you quit SW, there's no true prophet in your community.
8. Old Landmarks get removed. We must show the community how far they have moved from the Bible.
9. World missions will die as non-SW churches lose their vision.
10. Our children won't know how to win the lost, so they depart from SW and Bible standards. We can't pass on to the next generation what we don't know.

Conclusion: Remember the consequences of turning back.

Watch Youtube explanation: “STOP Tract – How to be sure of heaven (part 1,2)”

STOP!

And think “Where will you spend eternity”?



**THE GIFT OF GOD
IS ETERNAL LIFE!**

**HAVE YOU
RECEIVED IT?**

Jesus Christ said, “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

“Seek ye the LORD while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man (forsake) his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and (let him return) to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.” Isaiah 55:6,7

HOW can we be SURE of having ETERNAL LIFE?
We must KNOW 4 things:

1. ALL HAVE SINNED

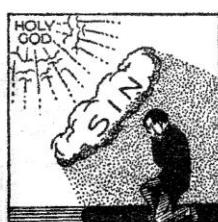
"For ALL HAVE SINNED, and
come short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:23

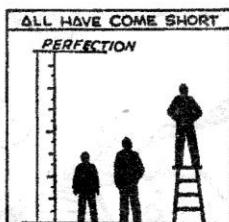
Sin is:



Putting self first



Separation from God



Coming short of God's perfect standard

1. No other Gods
2. No graven images
3. Don't take God's name in vain
4. Keep Sabbath day Holy
5. Honour your father and mother

6. Don't murder
7. Don't commit adultery
8. Don't steal
9. Don't bear false witness
10. Don't covet

Sin is disobeying God's Law - the Bible

• We are all GREAT SINNERS compared with the HOLINESS OF GOD.

Q1: Do you want the God of the Bible to be your God?

Q2: Do you want to turn from sin and come to God? (Repentance)

2. PUNISHMENT ON SIN IS DEATH

"For the wages of sin is DEATH; but the GIFT OF GOD is ETERNAL LIFE through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 6:23

"And DEATH and HELL were cast into the LAKE OF FIRE. This is the SECOND DEATH."

Revelation 20:14

Explanation: Because we have all sinned, God's Law says that we are all heading to death, and to the Lake of Fire. This is bad news. Neither you nor I want to go to the Lake of Fire. Is there a way out? Yes! God is offering us the free gift of eternal life which we get through Jesus Christ, not through good works or any religion.

...Death is:



When our body dies.



"By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: NOT OF WORKS lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8,9

A gift is a free present, just take it or leave it.

Eternal life means to know God personally now, and to go to Heaven when you die.

Therefore, the LAW of God says we should go to the Lake of Fire, but the LOVE of God wants us to go to Heaven.

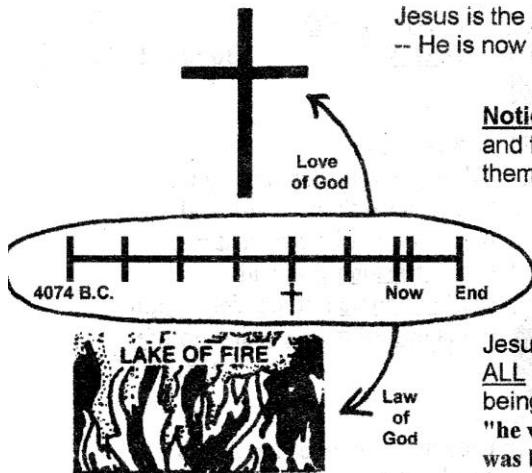
Notice how God has provided free forgiveness and eternal life.



3. JESUS TOOK ALL OUR PUNISHMENT

"But God commendeth his LOVE toward us,
in that while we were yet sinners,
CHRIST DIED FOR US." Romans 5:8

Jesus is the SAVIOUR of ALL PEOPLE.
-- He is now AVAILABLE to be YOUR SAVIOUR.



Notice: God took all our past, present and future sins OFF US, and placed them ON CHRIST.

"we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6

Jesus took the FULL PUNISHMENT for ALL our sins on the cross, instead of us being punished forever in the Lake of Fire.
"he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities." Isaiah 53:5

Christ is now the SAVIOUR (sin-bearer) of ALL people.
The DOOR into Heaven is now open for ALL people to enter.
But HOW may we enter Heaven?
Those who:

4. (a) BELIEVE that JESUS CHRIST

- is GOD the SON (100% God and 100% Man)
- DIED FOR OUR SINS, IN OUR PLACE
- ROSE AGAIN BODILY from the DEAD, then

(b) RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST as their SAVIOUR

are given FREE FORGIVENESS and ETERNAL LIFE right now.
This means that you now accept Christ's Blood-sacrifice on the cross as the full payment for your sins, trusting Jesus Christ alone to save you, not your good works or any religion.



We can be SURE of this because of these promises God has given us to claim in the Bible:

Question: In these verses, what must we do and what will we become?

“But as many as RECEIVED him,

to them gave he power to become the SONS OF GOD”.

John 1:12

“For whosoever shall CALL upon the name of the Lord SHALL BE SAVED.”

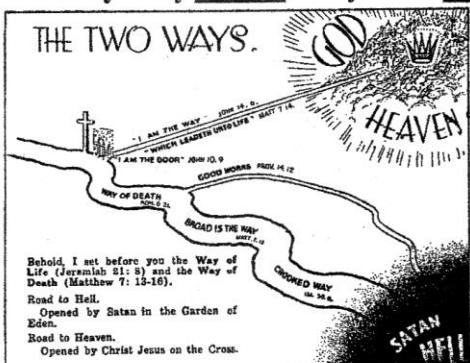
Romans 10:13

“He that has the SON has LIFE;

and he that has NOT the SON OF GOD has NOT LIFE.

...that ye may KNOW that ye have ETERNAL LIFE...”

I John 5:12,13



Jesus said,

“Verily, verily I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.”

John 5:24

The choice is yours: **Claim** the gift of eternal life now, by receiving Jesus Christ as your **Saviour**, telling God something like this:

- Almighty God, I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. I'm sorry for this and I want Jesus Christ to forgive all my sins.
- I now receive you, **Lord Jesus Christ**, as my **Saviour** and my **God**, and I now **call** on you Lord Jesus, to
 - **save** me from my sins and the Lake of Fire,
 - take me to Heaven when I die, and
 - give me the **gift of eternal life** right now.
- I now open the door of my heart and life for you, Lord Jesus, to come in to be my Saviour, my Friend and my God, forever in Jesus' name. Amen

Signed: Date:

Jesus said, “I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish.” John 10:28

Q1: Did you call on Jesus Christ to save you from your sins? Were you honest? In Romans 10:13 what does God say you are now? What are you saved from? If you died now, where would you go? Why? Now that you are saved, do you think it is possible to lose eternal life?

See John 10:28 (above). What does “never perish” mean?

“If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” Romans 10:9

Q2: How can you get to know God better? Study your Bible daily (1 Peter 2:2); talk to God; attend a Bible teaching Church (Hebrews 10:24,25); tell others how Christ can save them; get baptised (Acts 10:47,48); tell someone you are saved (Romans 10:9) and live obediently for Christ.

If you decided to receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour, please phone or write to us at the address below, so we can send you literature to help you to know Jesus Christ better.

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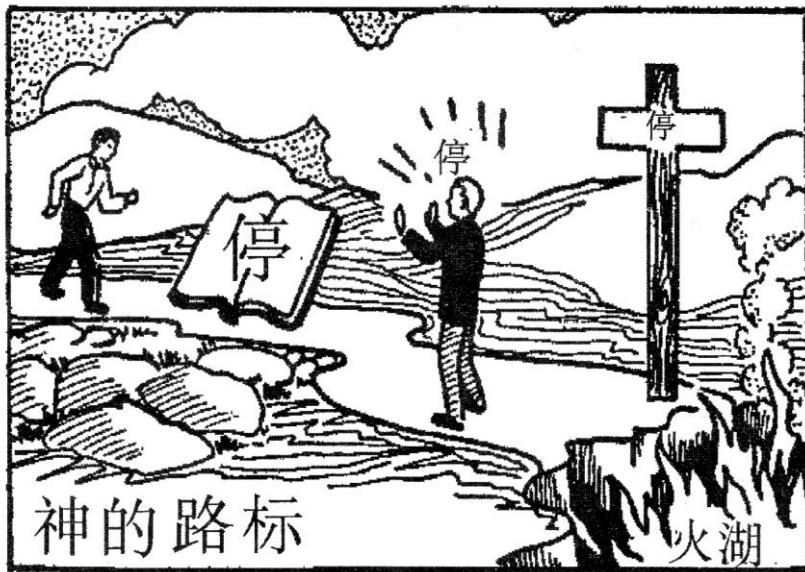
Senior Citizens Centre, Cnr North Rocks Rd and Farnell Ave, North Rocks, Sundays at 9:30 am & 6pm.

www.keithpiper.org and www.libertybaptistchurch.org.au

Search Youtube for “STOP Tract – How to be sure of heaven (part 1,2)”

请停一停！

想一想：你会在哪里度过永生！



上帝所赐的
永生
你已有了吗???

耶稣说：“凡劳苦重担的人可以到我这里来，我就使你们得安息”
(马太福音 11: 28)

“当趁耶和华可寻找的时候寻找他，相近的时候求告他。恶人当离弃自己的道路；不义的人当除掉自己的意念。归向耶和华，耶和华就必怜恤他；当归向我们的神，因为神必广行赦免。(以赛亚书 55: 6, 7)

如何确定自己有永生？请听四件很重要的事。

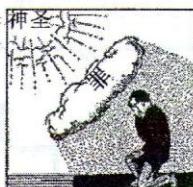
第一，世人都犯了罪

“因为世人都犯了罪，亏缺了神的荣耀”（罗马书 3：23）

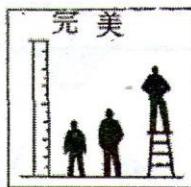
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*偏行己路



*与圣活的神隔离



*达不到神的标准

1. 不可有别的神
2. 不可雕刻偶像
3. 不可妄称耶和华的名
4. 当守安息日
5. 当孝敬父母

6. 不可杀人
7. 不可奸淫
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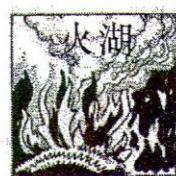
- 神的圣洁比较之下。我们都是大罪人。
- 你要圣经中的神成为你的神吗？
- 你(今天)可愿意解决这罪的问题以致能与神和好？

第二，罪的刑法 - 死

“因为罪的工价乃是死，唯有神的恩赐，在我们的主基督耶稣里，
乃是永生。”（罗马书 6：23）

“死亡和阴间也被扔在火湖里。这火湖就是第二次的死”
(启示录 20：14)

解释：因为我们都有罪，神的法律说到我们会引向死亡，和火湖这是个不幸的消息，你和我都不想进火湖，那有没有出路呢？答案是有。神提供我们免费的礼物—永生。这只能通过耶稣基督，不是只是靠做好事和其它宗教。



“你们得救是本乎恩，也因着信，这并不是出于自己，乃是神所赐的。不是出于行为，免得有人自夸。”

（以弗所书 2：8-9）



这份礼物是免费，我们只需要拿或不拿。永生意味著现在个人去了解神，和死后去天堂，因此神的法律说到我们应该去火湖，但神的爱向我们去天堂。注意到神提供我们免费的原谅和求生。

第三， 耶稣代替我们死

“唯有基督在我们还作罪人的时候为我们死。神的爱就在此向我们显明了。”
(罗马书 5: 8)

耶稣现在就能成为你的救主。

耶稣是每一个人的救主。

他赦免了每一个人。 . . . 从前的
罪。 现在的罪， 末来的罪。

我们都如羊走迷； 各人偏行己路；
耶和华使我们众人的罪孽都归在他身上。” 以赛亚书 53: 6

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注意： 神已经除去我们一
切的罪。 他让基督身体来担当罪的后果
死， 成了我们的代罪羔羊， 免去我们
原本要在火湖里所受的惩罚。

哪知他为我们的过犯受害， 为我们的罪孽压伤。
以赛亚书 53: 5

天国的门是开着的， 可是人要如何进去呢？

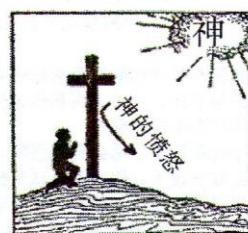
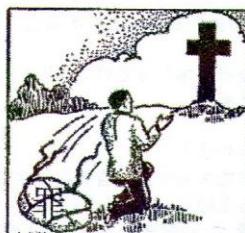
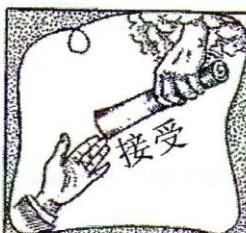
第四, (一) 相信耶稣基督：

- 是神的儿子。
- 为我们(罪人)而死。
- 身体从死里复活。

(二) 接受耶稣基督为个人救主。

如果你作这个决定， 你的罪即及时得了赦免， 且有永生。

现在被给予免费的宽恕和永恒的生命。意思是现在你接受基督血的牺牲在十字架上，
像为你付罪的债， 只有通过基督去拯救你， 不是通过做好事或是你的宗教。



我能如此确定， 因为我们能领取神在

圣经中的应许：

“凡接待他的，就是信他名的人，他就赐他们权柄，作神的儿子。”

(约翰福音 1: 12)

“因为凡求告主名的，就必得救。”(罗马书 10: 13)

“人有了神的儿子就有生命。没有神的儿子就没有生命。我将这些话写给你们信奉神儿子之名的人，要叫你们知道自己有永生。”

(约翰一书 5: 12-13)

你选择了什么？



耶稣说：

“我实实在在地告诉你们那听我话，又信差我来者的，就有永生，不至于定罪，是已经出死入生了。”

(约翰福音 5: 24)

要接受基督为救主来领取永生的恩惠，你只须告诉神：

“全能的神：

- 我过去曾背逆你，在思想，言语及行为上犯罪，深感惭愧，我需要耶稣基督赦免我一切的罪。
- 现在我接受你-主耶稣基督作我的救主，我的神。现我求告主耶稣：
 - 求我脱离罪恶及火湖之苦。
 - 当我死后，带我进入天堂。
 - 即时赐给我永生。
- 此刻，我打开心门，让耶稣进来作我的救赎主，生命的主宰，我的良友及我的神，直到永永远远。奉主耶稣的名祷告。阿们”

姓名：..... 日期：.....

“耶稣说：我又赐给他们永生他们永不灭亡。。(约翰福音：10: 28)

问题

- 1: 你有没有呼叫耶稣基督从你的罪去拯救你？你是否忠诚？
- 2: 在罗马书10: 13神正在和你说什么呢？
- 3: 你从什么中得救呢？
- 4: 若你现在死了，你会到哪里呢？为什么？
- 5: 现在被拯救了，你会不会认为你可能失去永生？看约翰福音28，不会“灭亡”是什么意思呢？
- 6: 你怎样去更好地了解神？每天学习圣经（彼得书 2: 2）；

和神谈话；参加圣经学习的教堂（希伯来书 10: 24, 25）；

告诉别人基督会怎样拯救他们：洗礼，（使徒行传10: 47, 48）； www.keithpiper.org

告诉别人你已被拯救了（罗马书10: 9）和随从基督。

www.youtube.com

Answers Course Lesson 7

நீல்வுங்கள் !

நின்று சிந்தியுங்கள்.

“உங்கள் நித்தியத்தை எங்கே செலவழிப்பீர்கள்?”



தேவனுடைய கிருபை வரமோ நித்திய ஜீவன்

**நீங்கள் அதை பெற்றுக்
கொண்டிருக்கிறீர்களா?**

இயேசு கிறிஸ்து சொன்னார் : “வருத்தப்பட்டு பாரம் சமக்கிரவர்களே நீங்கள் எல்லாரும் என்னிடத்தில் வாருங்கள் நான் உங்களுக்கு இளைப்பாறுதல் தருவேன்,” மத்தேயு 11.28.

கர்த்தரைக் கண்டையத்தக் கமயத்தில் அவரைத் தேடுங்கள், அவர் சமீபமாயிருக்கையில் அவரை நோக்கிக் கூப்பிடுங்கள். துணமார்க்கன் தன் வழியையும், அக்கிரமக்காரன் தன் நினைவுகளையும்விட்டு கர்த்திடத்தில் தீரும்பக்கடவன்; அவர் அவன்மேல் மனதுருகவார்; நம்முடைய தேவனிடத்தீற்கே தீரும்பக்கடவன்; அவர் மன்னிக்கிருதற்குத் தடைய பெருத்திருக்கிறார், ஏசாயா 55:6,7.

நாம் நித்திய ஜீவனை பெற்றுக்கொள்ள முடியும் என்னும் நிச்சத்தை எப்படி பெற்றுக்கொள்ள முடியும்?

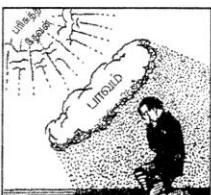
அதற்கு 4 காரியங்களை நாம் கண்டிப்பாக அறிந்திருக்கவேண்டும்:

1. நாம் அனைவரும் பாவிகள்

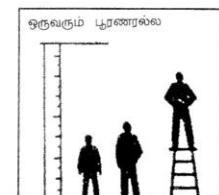
“எல்லோரும் பாவம் செய்து தேவ மகிழ்மையற்றவர்களானார்கள்.” ரோமர் 3 : 23



சுப்ததை முதலிடத்தில் வைத்தல்



தேவனைவிட்டு பிரிவு



தேவனுடைய பூரண நிலைக்கு ஒருவருட்ட நிலை

தேவனுடைய பரிசுத்தத்தோடு ஒப்பிடும்போது நாம் அனைவரும் பாவிகள்.

கேள்வி 1 : பரிசுத்த வேதாகமத்தின் தேவன், உங்களுக்கும் தேனாயிருக்க விரும்புகிறீர்களா?

கேள்வி 2 : பாவத்திலிருந்து விலகி தேவனை நோக்கி வர விரும்புகிறீர்களா? (மனந்திரும்புதல்)

2. பாவத்தின் சம்பளம் மறைம்

“பாவத்தின் சம்பளம் மரணம்; தேவனுடைய கிருபை வரமோ நம்முடைய கர்த்தராகிய இயேசுகிறிஸ்துவினால் உண்டான நித்திய ஜீவன்.” ரோமர் 6 : 23

அப்பொழுது மரணமும் பாதாளமும் அக்கினிக்கடவிலே தள்ளப்பட்டன இது இரண்டாம் மரணம். வெளி.20:14

விளக்கம்: நாம் அனைவரும் பாவம் செய்திருக்கிறபடியால் தேவனுடைய நியாயப்பிரமாணம் சொல்லுகிறபடி நாம் அனைவரும் மரணம் அடைந்து பின்பு அக்கினிக் கடவில் சென்றடைவோம். இது ஒரு கெட்ட செய்தியாகும். விரும்புவார்களா? இல்லவே இல்லை.

அப்படியானால் இந்த அக்கினிக் கடலுக்குத் தப்ப ஏதாகிலும் வழி உள்ளதா? ஆம்! இயேசுக் கிறிஸ்துவின் வழியாக தேவன் நமக்கு நித்திய ஜீவனை இலவசமாக தர விரும்புகிறார். அதை நமது மதுக்கின் மூலமாகவோ, நற்கிணியகளின் மூலமாகவோ நாம் பெற்றுகொள்ள முடியாது.

கிருபையினாலே விகவாசத்தைக் கொண்டு இரட்சிக்கப்பட்டார்கள்; இது உங்களால் உண்டானதல்ல, இது தேவனுடைய ஈவு, எபேசியர் 2:8,9. ஒருவரும் பெருமை பாராட்டாதபடிக்கு இது கிரியைகளி னால் உண்டானதல்ல.

இலவசமாகக் கிடைப்பதே பரிசு என்றழைக்கப்படுகிறது. அதை நாம் நமக்குச் சொந்தமாக எடுத்துச் செல்லமுடியும். நித்திய ஜீவன் என்றால் தேவனை தனிப்பட்ட முறையில் அறிந்து மரணம் வரும்போது பரலோகத்திற்குச் சௌலவதாகும்.

ஆகவே, தேவனுடைய நீதி சொல்கிறது நாம் அக்கினிக் கடலுக்குச் செல்ல வேண்டும். தேவனுடைய அன்பு நாம் பரலோகத்திற்குச் செல்ல விரும்புகிறது. தேவன் நமக்கு இலவசமாக மன்னிப்பையும் நித்திய ஜீவனையும் எப்படி அளித்துள்ளார் எனபதைக் கவனியுங்கள்.

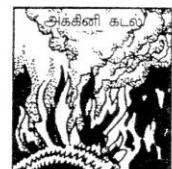
1. வேறே தேவர்கள் இல்லை.
2. விக்கீர் வணக்கம் கூடாது.
3. தேவனுடைய நாமத்தை வீணிலே வழங்கக்கூடாது.
4. ஓம்வ நாளை பரிசுத்தமாக ஆசரிக்க வேண்டும்.
5. பெற்றோரை கணப்படுத்த வேண்டும்.

6. கொலைசெய்யாதிருப்பாயாக.
7. மிபச்சாரம்செய்யாதிருப்பாயாக.
8. களாவ செய்யாதிருப்பாயாக.
9. பொய்ச்சாடி சொல்லாதிருப்பாயாக
10. இச்சியாதிருப்பாயாக.

நியாயப்பிரமாணத்தை பரிசுத்த வேதாகமம் மீறுவது பாவமாகும்.



அதுவே மரணம் எனப்படுகிறது

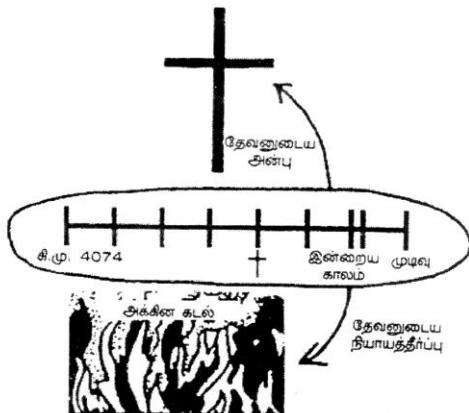


புது பக்தத்து நீஷ்யத்தைப் பழை பக்கள் அழிந்து விடாது

3. இயேசு நமது எல்லா தண்டனையையும் ஏற்றுக்கொண்டார்

நாம் பாவிகளாயிருக்கையில் கிறிஸ்து நமக்காக மரித்தினால் தேவன் நம்மேல் வைத்த தமது அன்பை விளக்கப் பண்ணுகிறார்.

ரோமார் 5:8



இயேசு கிறிஸ்து அனைத்து மக்களுக்கும் இரட்சகர். அவர் இப்பொழுது உங்களுக்கும் இரட்சகராக இருக்க ஆயத்தமாயிருக்கிறார்.

கவனிக்க : தேவன் நமது கடந்தகால், நிகழ்கால எதிர்கால பாவங்களை நம்பிலிருந்து எடுத்துவிட்டு அதை இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின்மேல் வைத்துவிட்டார்.

நாமெல்லாரும் அவனவன் தன்தன் பழியிலே போனோம் கர்த்த ரோ நம்மெல்லாருடைய அக்கிரமத்தையும் அவர்மேல் விழப்பனாணினார்.

ஏசா 53.6

நித்திய நித்திய காலமாக நாம் அக்கீனிக் கடலிலே தண்டனை பெற்றுவிடக்கூடாது என்பதற்காக நம்மெல்லாருடைய பாவங்களையும் தன்மேல் எடுத்துக்கொண்டார்.

நம்முடைய மீறுதல்களினிமித்தம் அவர் காயப்பட்டு நம்முடைய அக்கிரமங்களினிமித்தம் அவர் நொறுக்கப்பட்டார். ஏசாயா 53:5

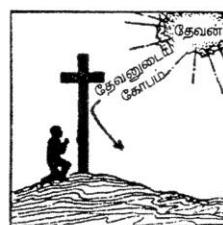
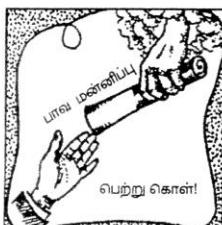
இப்பொழுது இயேசுகிறிஸ்து எல்லா மனிதருக்கும் இரட்சகர் (பாவ பரிகாரம்). எனவே, பரலோகத்தின் வாசல் இப்பொழுது எல்லாரும் பிரவேசிக்கும் வகையில் தீர்ந்திருக்கிறது. ஆனால் நாம் எப்படி அதற்குள் செல்லமுடியும்?

4. (a) எவரெஸ்லாம் இயேசுக் கிறிஸ்துவை

- தேவதுமாரன்
- நமக்குப் பதிலாக அவர் நமது பாவங்களுக்காக மரிந்தார்
- மரனக்கிலிருந்து தமது மாஸ் சரீரதோடு உயிர்வதறுந்தார் என விசுவாரித்து

(b) அவரை தனது சொந்த இரட்சகராக ஏற்றுக்கொள்கிறார்களோ

அவர்களுக்கு இலவசமான பாவ மன்னிப்பும் நித்திய ஜீவனும் இப்பொழுதே கிடைக்கும். அதாவது, நீங்கள் இப்பொழுது இயேசு கிறிஸ்து நமது பாவங்களுக்கு முழு விலையாக சிலுவையின்மேல் செய்த இருத்த நியாக்கத்தை ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு அவர் ஒருவரே நம்மை இரட்சிக்கழியும் மற்றும், மதங்களோ, நற்கிரியைகளோ இரட்சிப்பதில்லை என்பதை நம்புகிறீர்கள்.



பரிக்குத் தேவாகமத்தில் தேவன் இவ்வாக்குறுதிகளை கொடுத்துள்ளபடியால் நாம் இதுள்மேல் மிகுந்த நிச்சயத்தோடு இருக்கழியும்.

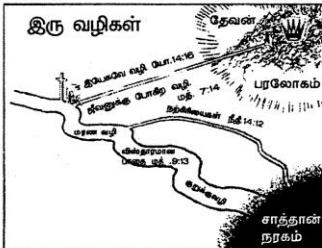
கேள்வி : கீழ்காணும் நாம் எப்படியாக இருப்போம்? நாம் என்ன செய்யவேண்டும்?

அவரை ஏற்றுகொண்டவர்கள் எத்தனை பேர்களோ அத்தனை பேர்களும் தேவனுடைய பிள்ளைகளாகும்படி அவர்களுக்கு அதிகாரம் கொடுத்தார். யோவான் 1:12

ஆதலால் கர்த்தருடைய நாமத்தை தொழுதுகொள்ளுகிற எவ்வும் இரட்சிக்கப்படுவான். ரோமர் 10:13

குமாரனை உடையவன் ஜீவனை உடையவன், தேவனுடைய குமாரன் இல்லாதவன் ஜீவன் இல்லாதவன். உங்களுக்கு நித்திய ஜீவன் உண்டு என்று நீங்கள் அறியவேண்டும். 1 யோவான் 5:12,13

இயேசு சொன்னார் :



என் வசனத்தைக் கேட்டு, என்னை அனுப்பினவரை விக்வாசிக்கிறவனுக்கு நித்திய ஜீவன் உண்டு; அவன் ஆக்கினைத் தீர்ப்புக்குட்படாமல், மரணத்தை விட்டு நீங்கி ஜீவனுக்குட்பட்டிருக்கிறான் என்று மெய்யாகவே மெய்யாகவே உங்களுக்கு கொல்லுகிறேன். யோவான் 5:24

இயேசுக் கிறிஸ்துவை உங்கள் இரட்சக்ராக ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு நித்திய ஜீவனை பெற கீழ்க்காணும் ஜூப்த்தை செய்வது உங்களுடு விருப்பத்தைப் பொறுத்தது.

- சர்வ வள்ளமைப்புள்ள தேவனே, நான் உமக்கு விரோதமாக என் சீந்தனையினால் வார்த்தையினால், செயலினால் தவறு செய்திருக்கிறேன்; நான் அதற்காக வருந்துகிறேன். எனது எல்லா பாவங்களும் மன்னிக்கப்பட விரும்புகிறேன்.
- இப்பொழுதே என் திருதை கதவைத் தீர்ந்து கூத்தாகிய இயேசுக்கிறிஸ்துவை எனது சொந்த நிருச்சுராக ஏற்றுக்கொள்கிறேன். இயேசுவின் நாமத்தில் பிதாவே, ஆமென்.

கையொப்பம் : தேதி :

இயேசு சொன்னார்: “நான் அவைகளுக்கு நித்திய ஜீவனை கொடுக்கிறேன்; அவைகள் ஒருங்காலும் கெட்டுப் போவுதில்லை”. யோவான் 10:28

கேள்வி 1 : உங்கள் பாவங்களிலிருந்து இயேசுக் கிறிஸ்து உங்களை இரட்சிக்க உண்மையாகவே நீங்கள் அவரை அழைத்தீர்களா?

ரோமர் 10:13-ன் படி நாம் இப்பொழுது இரட்சிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறோம். இனி நமக்கு மரணம் வருமென்றால் நாம் எங்கே போவாம்? நித்திய வாழ்வை நாம் இழக்க முடியுமா? யோவான் 10:28 கூறுகிறபடி நாம் அழிந்துபோவதீல்லை.

“கூத்தராகிய இயேசுவை நீ உன் வாயினாலே அறிக்கையிட்டு தேவன் அவரை மரித்தோரிலிருந்து எழுப்பினாரென்று உன் இருதயத்திலே விக்வாசித்தால் இரட்சிக்கப்படுவாய்” ரோமர் 10:9

கேள்வி 2 : நாம் எப்படி தேவனை இன்னும் நன்றாக அறிந்துகொள்ள முடியும்?

தீனும் வேதம் வாசிக்க வேண்டும் (1 பேதுரு 2:2); தேவனோடு பேச வேண்டும் (ஜேபம்); சுத்தியத்தை பிரசாஸ்கிக்கும் சபைக்கு சல்லவேண்டும் (பிப்ரேயர் 10:24,25); ஞானஸ்நானம் பெறவேண்டும் (அப்போஸ்தலர் நடைகள் 10:4,7,48); நீ இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவை ஏற்றுக்கொண்டாய் என்பதை பிறருக்க அறிவிக்க வேண்டும் (ரோமர் 10:9); மேலும் இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவுக்கு கீழ்ப்பின்து வாழ வேண்டும்.

இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவை உங்கள் சொந்த இரட்சக்ராக ஏற்றுக்கொள்ள தீர்மானித்திருப்பீர்களானால் தயவுசெய்து எங்கள் முகவரிக்குக் கூடும் எழுதுவகள். நீங்கள் இன்னும் இயேசுக்கிறிஸ்துவை அறிந்துகொள்ள வேறு கவிசேஷ பிரதீகளை நாங்கள் உங்களுக்கு அனுப்பிவோம்.

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HINTO!

At isipin “Saan ka mananatili sa kabilang buhay?”



**ANG KALOOB NG
DIOS AY
BUHAY NA WALANG HANGGAN!**

**ITO BA AY
TINANGGAP MO NA?**

Sinabi ni Cristo Jesus, “Magsiparito, sa akin, kayong lahat na nangapapagal at nangabibigat lubha, at kayo'y aking papagpapahingahin.” Mateo 11:28

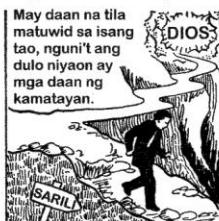
“Inyong hanapin ang Panginoon samantalang siya'y masusumpungan, magsitawag kayo sa kaniya samantalang siya'y malapit: Lisanin ng masama ang kanyang lakad, at ng liko ang kaniyang mga pagiisip; at manumbalik siya sa Panginoon, at kaaawaan niya siya; at sa aming Dios, sapagkat siya'y magpapatawad ng sagana.” Isaias 55:6,7

Paano tayo makatitiyak na mayroon tayong buhay na walang hanggan?
May apat (4) na bagay na kailangan nating alamin:

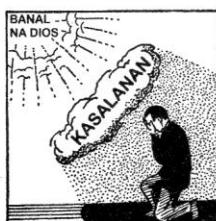
1. ANG LAHAT AY NANGAKASALA

"Sapagka't ang lahat ay nangakasala nga, at hindi nangakaabot sa kaluwalhatian ng DIOS;" *Roma 3:23*

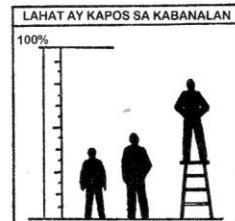
Ang kasalanan ay ito:



Iniilagay ang sarili muna



Pagkakahiwalyat sa Dios



- 1) Walang ibang DIOS
- 2) Walang sasambahing imahen
- 3) Huwag gamitin ang ngalan ng DIOS ng walang kabulahan
- 4) Panatilihing banal ang araw ng Pangiling
- 5) Igalang ang iyong ama at ina

- 6) Huwag papatay
- 7) Huwag makiklapid
- 8) Huwag magnanakaw
- 9) Huwag magpaparatagan
- 10) Huwag maghangad sa pag-aari ng iba

Lahat tayo ay ganap na makasalanan kung ihahambing sa kabanalan ng DIOS.
Tanong Blg. 1: Nais mo bang ang DIOS ng Biblia ay maging iyong DIOS?
Tanong Blg. 2: Nais mo bang wakasan ang iyong relasyon sa kasalanan at magkaroon ng bagong relasyon sa DIOS? (Pagsisisi)

2. KABAYARAN NG KASALANAN AY KAMATAYAN

"Sapagka't ang kabayaran ng KASALANAN ay KAMATAYAN; datapwa't ang kaloob na walang bayad ng DIOS ay BUHAY na WALANG HANGGAN kay CRISTO JESUS na Panginoon natin.

Roma 6:23

"At ang kamatayan at ang Hades ay ibulinid sa dagatdagatang apoy. Ito ang ikalawang kamatayan, sa makatuwid ay ang dagatdagatang apoy." *Apo.20:14*

...Kamatayan ay:



Kapag yumao na ang katawan



Paliwanag: Sapagka't ang lahat ay nangakasala nga, ang kautusan ng DIOS ay nag-sabisa na tayong lahat ay patungo sa kamatayan at sa dagatdagatang apoy. Ito ay masamang balita.

Kahit ikaw man o ako ay hindi nagnanais na mabulid sa impierno.

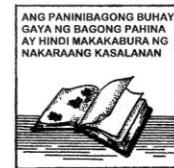
Mayroon bang paraan upang ako'y hindi mapapunta sa impierno? Opo!

Inaalok tayo ng DIOS ng buhay na walang hanggan. Wala itong kabayaran sapagkat natatamo ito sa pamamagitan lamang ni Jesus at hindi sa mabuting gawa o relihiyon
"Sapagka't sa biyaya kayo'y nangaligtas sa pamamagitan ng pananampalataya; at ito'y hindi sa inyong sarili, ito'y kaloob ng DIOS; hindi sa pamamagitan ng mga gawa, upang ang sinuman ay huwag magmapuri." *Efeso 2:8,9*

Ang regalo ay walang bayad na kaloob, puede mong tanggapin o tanggihan. Ang buhay na walang hanggan ay nangangahulugan na personal mong kilalanin ang DIOS ngayon, at ikaw ay tutungo sa langit kapag ikaw ay namatay.

Sinasabi sa Banal na Kasulatan na tayo ay dapat mapunta sa impierno subali't ang pag-ibig ng DIOS ay nagnanais na tayo ay mapasalangit.

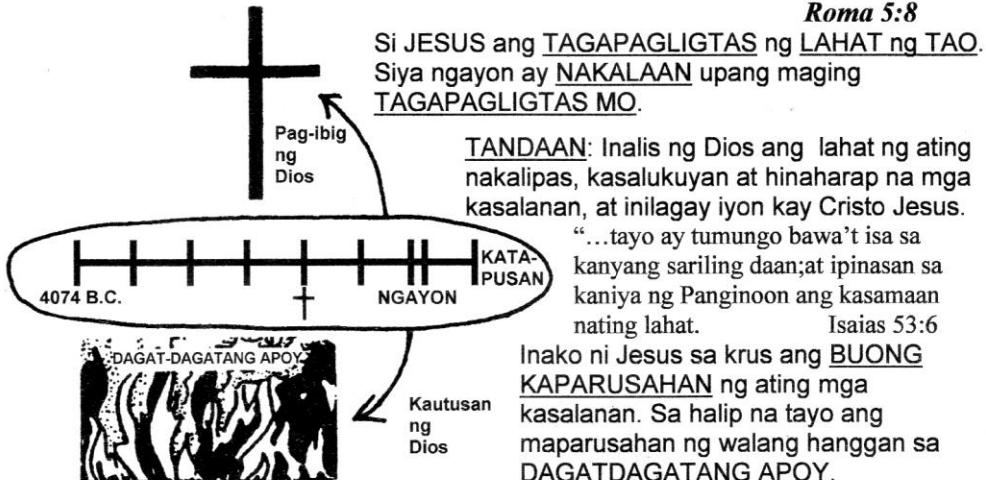
Pansin kung paano ang DIOS ay nagkaloob ng walang bayad na kapatawaran o buhay na walang hanggan.



3. TINANGGAP NI JESUS ANG LAHAT NG ATING KAPARUSAHAN

“Datapwa’t ipinagtatagubilin ng DIOS ang kanyang pag-ibig sa atin, na nang tayo’y mga makasalanan pa, si CRISTO AY NAMATAY DAHIL SA ATIN”

Roma 5:8



Si JESUS ang TAGAPAGLIGTAS ng LAHAT ng TAO.
Siya ngayon ay NAKALAAN upang maging TAGAPAGLIGTAS MO.

TANDAAN: Inalis ng Dios ang lahat ng ating nakalipas, kasalukuyan at hinaharap na mga kasalanan, at inilagay iyon kay Cristo Jesus.

“...tayo ay tumungo bawa’t isa sa kanyang sariling daan; at ipinasan sa kaniya ng Panginoon ang kasamaan nating lahat.” Isaias 53:6

Inako ni Jesus sa krus ang BUONG KAPARUSAHAN ng ating mga kasalanan. Sa halip na tayo ang maparusahan ng walang hanggan sa DAGATDAGATANG APOY.

“Nguni’t siya’y nasugatan dahil sa ating mga pagsalangsang, siya’y nabugbog dahil sa ating mga kasamaan...” Isaias 53:5

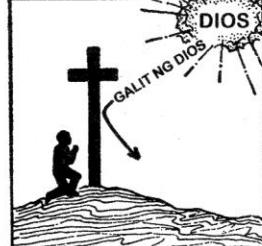
Si Jesus ang tagapagligtas ng lahat. Ang pintuan ng langit ay bukas ngayon para sa lahat subali’t paano tayo makapapasok sa langit? Sila lamang na:

4. (a) SUMAMPALATAYA NA SI KRISTO AY

- DIOS Anak
- Namatay para sa ating mga kasalanan
- nabuhay muli matapos mamatay

(b) TUMANGGAP KAY KRISTO BILANG KANYANG SARILING TAGAPAGLIGTAS.

Sila ay makatatanggap ng KAPATAWARAN at BUHAY NA WALANG HANGGAN ngayon din. Ang ibig sabihin nito ay tanggapin mo ngayon ang dugong-handog ni Kristo bilang kabayaran ng iyong kasalanan, pagtiwalaang tanging si Kristo lamang and maglilitas sa iyo, hindi ang iyong mabubuting gawa o ano mang relihion.



Tayo ay nakatitiyak dahilan sa kanyang mga pangako.

Tayo ay pinagkalooban ng DIOS mula sa Biblia ng mga bagay na maaari nating panghawakan.

TANONG: Sa mga talatang ito, ano ang dapat gawin at anong bunga kapag ginawa natin ito??

“Datapwa’t ang lahat ng sa kanya'y **NAGSITANGGAP**, ay pinagkalooban niya sila ng karapatang maging mga **ANAK NG DIOS**, sa makatuwid baga'y ang mga nagsisisampalataya sa kanyang pangalan.” *Juan 1:12*

“Sapagka’t ang lahat na **NAGSISITAWAG** sa pangalan ng Panginoon ay **MANGALILIGTAS.**” *Roma 10:13*

“Ang kinaroroonian ng **ANAK** any kinaroroonian ng **BUHAY**; ang **HINDI** kinaroroonian ng **ANAK NG DIOS** ay hindi kinaroroonian ng **BUHAY**. . . upang inyong **MAALAMAN** na kayo'y mayroong **BUHAY NA WALANG HANGGAN.**” *I Juan 5:12,13*



Sinabi ni JESUS:

“Katotohanan, katotohanan sinasabi ko sa inyo, ang dumirinig ng aking salita, at sumasampalataya sa kaniya na nagsugo sa akin, ay may **buhay na walang hanggan**, at **hindi mapapasok** sa **paghatal**, kundi **lumipat** na sa **kabuhayan** mula sa **kamatayan.**”

Juan 5:24

Ang pagpili ay nasa iyo: Tanggapin mo ang KALOOB na buhay na walang hanggan sa pamamagitan ng pagtanggap kay Cristo JESUS bilang sariling TAGAPAGLIGTAS. Manalangin ka ng ganito:

- Makapangyarihang DIOS, ako po ay nagkasala sa isip, salita at sa gawa. Patawarin po ninyo ako, Panginoon ko.
- Tinatanggap kita Panginoong JESUS bilang aking DIOS at Tagapagligtas, at ngayon Panginoong JESUS nais ko pong:
 - iligtas mo ako sa aking mga kasalanan at sa impiyerno,
 - dalhin mo po ako sa langit kapag ako ay namatay, at
 - ipagkaloob mo po sa akin ang buhay na walang hanggan ngayon din.
- Binubeksan ko ngayon ang pinto ng aking puso at buhay para sa iyo Panginoong JESUS. Tinatanggap kita bilang Tagapagligtas, Kaibigan at DIOS sa aking buhay, sa pangalan ni JESUS. Amen

Lagda: Petsa:

“At sila'y **binibigyan** ko ng walang hanggang buhay; at **kailan ma'y** hindi sila malilipol.” *Juan 10:28*

Q1. Nanalangin ka ba kay Cristo Jesus ng taos sa puso na iligtas ka sa iyong kasalanan? In *Roma 10:13*

Ano ang sabi ng Dios patungkol sa iyo ngayon? Saan ka ligtas ngayon? Kung ikaw ay mamatay ngayon, saan ka pupunta? Bakit? Sa ngayon na ligtas ka na, puede pa bang mawala ang iyong buhay na walang hanggan?

Basahin mo ang *Juan 10:28*(sa itaas). Ano ang ibig sabihin ng “**kailan ma'y** hindi sila malilipol”?

“Sapagka’t kung ipahahayag mo ng iyong bibig si Jesus na Panginoon, at sasampalataya ka sa iyong puso na binuhay siyang maguli ng Dios sa mga patay ay maliligtas ka.” *Roma 10:9*

Q2. Paano mo mas lalung malaman ang ating Panginoon? Pag-aralan mo ang iyong Biblia araw-araw(1Pedro 2:2);Kausapin mo ang Panginoon. Dumalo sa simbahan na ang itinuturo ay ang Biblia(*Hebreo 10:24,25*);Ipamalita sa ibang tao kung paano sila maililigtas ni Jesus sa kanilang kasalanan;magpabautismo(Mga Gawa 10:47,48) sabihin sa tao na ligtas ka na(*Roma 10:9*) at mamuhay ng may pag sunod kay Cristo Jesus.

23. CORRECT MENTAL ATTITUDES IN SOUL WINNING. Get a real burden.

Bible Reading: "Follow Me and I Will Make You Fishers Of Men." Matthew 4:19; Psalm 126.

1. Be a good **listener**. This tells you where people are at.
2. Ask **questions** that require them to think and to talk about themselves. Get them talking. Ask questions based on what they say. Ask "Why?"
3. **Do not fear** what people will say. II Timothy 1:7.
4. Learn by **experimenting** with people as to how they react to what you say.
5. **Be happy** and not over serious. Use humour appropriately.
6. **Pray** the following points before you go: a) Cleanse me from sin, b) Fill me with your Holy Spirit, c) Satan to be bound, d) Give me words to say, e) Guide me to hungry hearted people.
7. **Diagnose** people's spiritual condition to see if they are saved or lost.
Ask: If you died tonight are you 100% sure of going to heaven? Would you like to be sure?
8. **Perservere** with people:
 - a) To get the first soul winning appointment,
 - b) To get the first follow up appointment,
 - c) To get them to come to Church,
 - d) To keep them coming to Church,
 - e) Become their friend in their problems.
9. a) If you can't lead them to Christ, ask others in the Church to try. Don't just forget them.
b) **Introduce** them to other Christians in the Church to follow them up.
10. **Give them literature** after they are saved: a) Bible, b) "STOP" tract, c) This book. d) Follow up.
11. **Make a time** each week to: a) Follow them up in Bible study, and answer their questions.
b) To go soul winning, or talk to someone in an appointment.
12. **Be filled** with the Holy Spirit in the morning through prayer and Bible study. LISTEN TO GOD.
13. Ask younger and other Christians if they have someone that they want to see saved. If so, make an appointment to go and see them.
14. PRINCIPLE I: The more people you talk to, the more people will be saved, the more you learn
PRINCIPLE II: Ask for an appointment where & when you can sit down undisturbed for an hour
PRINCIPLE III: Try to lead husband and wife to Christ together.
PRINCIPLE IV: Recognise that one partner may grow faster than the other.
PRINCIPLE V: If one time slot is unsuitable, then choose another.
PRINCIPLE VI: It can be very hard to lead a group to Christ. Talk with those who are interested.
PRINCIPLE VII: Be friendly with everyone you meet. You may be able to talk to them later on.
PRINCIPLE VIII: Nothing ventured, nothing gained!!!!!! The worst thing people can say is NO.
15. **Excuses** of Christians not wanting to witness to people are:
 - a) I may lose my friends. **Answer:** God will give you better saved friends.
 - b) I do not know enough yet to say anything. **Answer:** You learn by doing, so go out and try.
 - c) I'll just be a good example and people will ask me how to be saved .
Answer: NO! Many people are "good". God says to GO (Mark 16:15).
 - d) I don't want to be pushy, or ram it down his throat. **Answer:** You throw out the bait, see if he is interested, then take the conversation to the gospel or make an appointment.
16. **Do not say irrelevant things.** Only say things that will share the gospel or make an appointment.
17. Be a good **appointment getter** and a good appointment keeper.
18. Work well and co-operate with other Christians in the church, to win their friends & your friends.
19. **Notice people** who are spiritually hungry.
20. With everything people say, think of ways to turn it to the gospel introduction.
21. Think that some **relative** or friend, may be praying for a person to be saved that you meet.
22. **WRONG ATTITUDE:** I will not lead him to Christ in case he makes a false profession. **Answer:** Encourage him to receive Christ. If he is honest and understands the gospel, Christ **will** save him.
23. When they are saved, ask them **who they know** that they would like to see saved and going to heaven? Go and visit them.

24. WHAT DOES GOD GIVE US WHEN WE RECEIVE CHRIST AS OUR SAVIOUR ?

1. We become **sons of God**. “But as many received Him to them He gave power to become the sons of God.” John 1:12. This means....
2. We get **born again**. “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.” John 3:3. “Ye must be born again.” John 3:7. We were born many years ago physically into our parent’s family. When we receive Christ as our Saviour, we are adopted or born into God’s family as His sons, with full rights to all the privileges of being in God’s family (Romans 8:15).
3. We are **saved** from the penalty of sin, which is hell, and the Lake of Fire.
We are saved from the power of sin as we yield obediently to Christ’s Word.
We are saved from the presence of sin when we get to heaven. “For whosoever...” Romans 10:13
4. We get **eternal life**, living with God forever. “He that has the Son, has life.” I John 5:12.
5. We are **reconciled** to God by the death of Christ. Romans 5:10. God has removed the barrier of sin, producing peace between God and us.
6. “We are **justified** by faith in Jesus Christ as our Saviour.” Romans 5:1.
This means that we are declared righteous, pardoned and all our sins are removed.
We are entitled to all of God’s promised blessings. It is just as if we had never sinned.
7. We are 100% **acceptable** to God because of Jesus Christ. We do not need to perform perfectly in order to win God’s acceptance. “He has made us acceptable in the beloved (Christ).” Eph. 1:6.
8. “We are **forgiven** all trespasses.” Colossians 2:13. Forgiveness is the legal act of God where He removes all the charges held against a sinner because Christ has made proper payment for his sins.
9. We are **redeemed**. This means that we are bought by Christ out of the slave market of sin, set free from sin’s bondage, we now belong to Christ, and we are Christ’s servants to do God’s will.
We are not to live a life of selfish ease, but to be useful to God’s purposes.
“...ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” I Corinthians 6:19,20.
10. We are **indwelt** and **led** by the Holy Spirit. God’s Spirit now lives in us permanently. We must not disobey His leading.“If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.” Romans 8:9.
“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” Romans 8:14.
11. We will receive a new, young **resurrected body** that will never die. Romans 8:11.
“His flesh shall be fresher than a child’s: he shall return to the days of his youth.” Job 33:25.
“This mortal must put on immortality.” I Corinthians 15:53.
12. We are **new creatures** with a **new Divine nature**.
“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature....all things are become new.” II Corinthians 5:17.
13. God gives us many **exceeding great** and **precious promises** in the Bible for us to claim to guide and help us in life. By these we become partakers of the Divine nature. II Peter 1:4.
14. God has given us **all things** that pertain to **life** and **godliness**, through the **knowledge** of him that has called us to glory (in heaven) and virtue (now). II Peter 1:3.
15. Being justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1.
“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.” John 14:27. “Peace of God.” Philippians 4:7.
16. We are **servants** of God. “Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ.” Romans 1:1.
“....being made free from sin, and become servants to God.” Romans 6:22.
17. We are **ambassadors** for Christ. II Corinthians 5:20. We are God’s representatives on earth with God’s message of salvation to mankind.
18. We are given many Christian **brothers** and **sisters** to **help** and **care** for **us**.
“A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you.” John 13:43
19. We have a **home** and **mansion** in **heaven**. II Corinthians 5:1,8.
“In my Father’s house are many mansions....I go to prepare a place for you.” John 14:2.
20. We are now **friends** of God. “I have called you friends”. John 15:15.
“Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.” John 15:14.
21. We can lay up for ourselves **treasures** in **heaven** which we cannot lose. Matthew 7:20.
Our response to God giving us so many good things now and in eternity is to love Him and obey Him.
“If ye love me, keep my commandments.” John 14:15.

25. DOES A PERSON HAVE TO CALL ON CHRIST TO BE SAVED?

Bible Reading: Job 33:23-30.

Aim: To prove that we must not just believe in our mind the facts of the Gospel, but that a person must call on Christ to be saved.

Introduction:

One big difference between a Fundamental church and a liberal/apostate/Roman Catholic/Modernist church is on how a person appropriates salvation.

In a Fundamental church, a sinner is presented with the facts of the gospel and challenged to call/receive/ask/pray/claim (as a lost sinner) on Jesus Christ to save him. In a liberal church, a sinner may be presented with some facts of the gospel, but he is rarely challenged to call on Christ to save him. It is rarely made clear to him that if he takes the gift of eternal life in Christ, then it will become his for certain, and for ever.

Story Illustration: Why Wilson was hanged.

In 1829 George Wilson, in Pennsylvania, was sentenced to be hanged by a United States Court for robbing the mails and for murder. President Andrew Jackson pardoned him, but this was refused, and Wilson insisted that it was not a pardon unless he accepted it. That was a point of law never before raised, and the President called the Supreme Court to decide.

Chief Justice John Marshall gave the following decision: "A pardon is a paper, the value of which depends upon its acceptance by the person implicated. It is hardly to be supposed that one under sentence of death would refuse to accept a pardon, but if it is refused, it is no pardon. George Wilson must be hanged!" And he was hanged.

Provisionally the gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation is for every one irrespective of what he may be or what he may have done. Potentially, it is only to "every one that believeth." - Sunday School Times.

1. ERRORS REGARDING SALVATION

What are some wrong terms that people use in challenging people to appropriate salvation?

1. **Give your heart to Jesus.** This is wrong because this is spoken to a saved person, a son of God. "My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways." Proverbs 23:26.
2. **Invite Jesus into your heart.** This is wrong because it does not specify what you want Christ to do. What do you want Christ to do in your heart? Help you? Do good works? No! It must be to save you from sin by Christ's work on the cross.
3. **Commit your life to Christ.** This is wrong because it carries the thought of dedicating your life to obey Christ and hoping to get salvation in return for good works that you promise to do.
4. **Believe in God or Christ.** This is not clear, but is ambiguous. What must we believe about God or Christ? In their existence? No. Even if you believe that Christ paid for all your sins on the cross, this is not salvation because many people believe this to be true, but do not want salvation or do not want to give up their sins. One must **want salvation** and **ask** for it.
5. **Accept Christ.** This is not clear because: "What are we accepting Christ to do for us?" It must be to save us or to be our Saviour from sin.
6. **Trust in God.** To do what? Must be to save me from sin.
7. **Have faith in God.** To do what? Must be to save me from sin.

2. SCRIPTURES PROVING THAT WE MUST CALL ON CHRIST TO BE SAVED

Let us challenge people to call on Christ to save them, as these scriptures command us to:

1. Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." "To call on the Lord means to pray in faith for salvation." "Bible Knowledge Commentary", Walvoord and Zuck P.481. Joel 2:32 and Acts 2:21 contain the same verse.
2. Jeremiah 29:12,13 "Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the Lord." v.14.

3. Isaiah 55:6,7 “**Seek** ye the Lord while he may be found, **call** ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked **forsake** his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him **return** unto the Lord, and he will have mercy on him; and to our God for he will abundantly pardon.”
The wicked are commanded to seek and call upon the Lord for salvation.
The gospel invitation defined involves four things:
i) Seeking (desiring, inquiring after) the Lord while He may be found. v.6.
ii) Calling upon Him while He is near.
iii) Repentance - the wicked being willing to forsake (or abandon) his evil way of life, and the unrighteous man forsaking his wrong thoughts.
iv) Faith - returning to the Lord, receiving God’s salvation, mercies and pardon.
4. Jonah 3:4-10 The greatest revival ever, took place when Jonah preached to the Ninevites and they were all saved. We see the following steps in their salvation:
i) The people of Nineveh **believed** God. v.5.
ii) **Cry mightily** unto God. v.8.
iii) Let them **turn** every one **from his evil way**. v.8.
Result: God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.
5. Jeremiah 10:25 Unbelievers are described as those that “call not on thy name”. Therefore, believers are those who “call on God’s name”. “Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that **call not on thy name**”.
6. Zechariah 13:9 Another great revival is when the nation of Israel is saved at Christ’s second coming. Notice how they get saved; by CALLING on the name of the Lord:
“**I will bring the third part through the fire, ... they shall CALL on my name, and I will hear them:** I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, the Lord is my God.”
Lesson: When we call on the name of the Lord to save us, He hears us, and we are then saved; just as Israel will be.
7. Job 33:23-30 shows several things that are necessary for a person to be saved:
i) An **interpreter** or gospel preacher. v.23.
ii) A **ransom**, or One who has paid for our sins, Jesus Christ. v.24.
iii) He shall **pray unto God**... v.26.
iv) If any **say**, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not. v.27.
Results:
a) He will be delivered from going to the pit. v.24,28,30.
b) His flesh shall be fresher than a child’s; he shall return to the days of his youth. (Resurrection body). v.25.
c) He will see God’s face with joy. v.26.
d) He will render unto man God’s righteousness. v.26
e) His life shall see the light. v.28.
8. John 4:10,15,26 Jesus tells the woman at the well, that there are three steps to salvation in v.10, these being: “If thou knewest:
a) the **gift** of God
b) **who** it is that saith to thee, “Give me to drink.”
c) Thou would have **asked of him**, and he would have given thee living water.”
Condition c) In v.15 she **asks** Christ for living water: “Sir, **give me** this water.
Condition b) In v.25,26 she **knows/believes who** is speaking to her: “Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he (Messiah).”
She is then saved because she understands **who Christ is**, and **she has asked** for Christ to “give me this water.”
9. “And in all things, whatsoever ye shall **ask in prayer, believing**, ye shall receive.” Matt.21:22.
This states that believing is tied in closely with “**asking in prayer**.”
If you believe God can do something for you, you ask Him for it in prayer.

If you believe Christ can save your soul, you will ask Him in prayer to save your soul. Ye have not because ye ask not.” James 4:2

Question: Why are people not saved?

Answer: Because they ask not.

This means that if you ask Christ for salvation, believing, you'll get salvation. A person must acknowledge to God their need of salvation. This is asking God to save them.

“Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye **pray, believe** that ye receive them, and ye **shall** have them.” Mark 11:24.

This expresses dependence upon the Lord, as we pray to God, humbly requesting as an inferior from a superior. Here, belief and prayer are linked.

10. Notice these clear New Testament examples of people who were saved by calling on Christ to save them:

i) **Bartimaeus** Mark 10:46-52

Step 1: “He began to CRY OUT, and say, Jesus thou Son of David, have mercy on me.” v.47. He called out for Christ to save him.

Step 2: “He, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.” v.50 He responds to Jesus' command for him to be called. Jesus calls him. Casting away his garment pictures the sinner wanting to cast away his sin in repentance.

Step 3: He says “Lord, that I might receive my sight.”

The sinner must ask Jesus to save him, in reply to Jesus' question.

“What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?” Jesus asks this question to every sinner. To be saved we must answer “I want to be saved.”

Step 4: Bartimaeus is saved from sin by faith and also receives his sight. Jesus said “Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole.” v.52. Bartimaeus' faith involved:

1. Crying out
2. Casting away his garment (repentance)
3. Acknowledging Jesus to be Lord God (Deity)
4. Telling Jesus exactly what he wanted (calling on Christ to save him).

Step 5: “Immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way. v.52. After we receive the blessing of salvation, we must follow Jesus also.

ii) **The Publican** Luke 18:9-14

Theme: Salvation is not obtained by trusting in our own righteousness.

Step 1: “Two men went up to the Temple to pray; a Pharisee and a Publican.” v.10.

Salvation is not in going to church.

Salvation is not in a wrong kind of prayer in trusting our good works.

Step 2: The Publican said “God be merciful to me a sinner.” v.13.

He called upon the name of the Lord in his distress at his sin to save him. We must see our sins as distressing to us and hurtful to God. His sins distressed him as seen by his four statements:

- a) He stood afar off.
- b) He would not so much as lift up his eyes to heaven.
- c) He smote upon his breast, realising the sinfulness of his heart.
- d) He **called** upon the name of the Lord to save him, **saying:** “God be merciful to me a sinner.” v.13.

Calling upon the name of the Lord to save us is a heartfelt response at distress of our sin: “In my distress I called upon the Lord,... he heard my voice.” Psalm 18:6.

Psalm 118:5 “I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me..”

Step 3: “This man (the Publican) went down to his house justified rather than the other (Pharisee)... for he that humbles himself shall be exalted.” v.14.

If we are **distressed at our sin, not trusting our good works**, but **call upon the name of the Lord** Jesus Christ to save us, we are justified ie. made right in God's eyes. This is true salvation.

iii) **Zacchaeus.** Luke 19:1-10

Step 1: “He **sought** to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press.” v.3 To be saved we must seek to see Jesus, seek to know who Jesus is - God and Saviour (John 6:36, 40). seek to overcome obstacles to get to Jesus eg. Zacchaeus’ shortness.

Step 2: After climbing a tree to get a closer look at Jesus, Jesus responded to him by saying: “Zacchaeus, make haste, and **come down**; for today I must abide at thy house.” v.5 To be saved we must - come down from our high position, humbling ourselves.

- accept Jesus’ offer inviting Jesus to come to stay at our house/life.

Step 3: “He made haste, and came down, and **received** Him **joyfully**.” v.6

To be saved we must make haste, immediately respond to Jesus Christ’s offer of salvation.

- come down, humbling ourselves from whatever high position we think we hold in life.
- receive Christ as our Saviour from sin joyfully into our life to take up residence with us.

Step 4: “Zacchaeus stood and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.” v.8

Zacchaeus was so distressed by his sin, and so much wanting Christ to be his Saviour that he wanted to be completely right with God and man. He offered to make restoration to anyone he had wronged. This showed the sincerity of his repentance.

Step 5: “Jesus said unto him, **this day is salvation come to this house**, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham.” v.9

Note: - Salvation comes in a day, not over many years of good works.

- Salvation comes when we **seek Christ, come down** from our high position **receive Christ joyfully** as our Saviour.
- Salvation’s result is to want to do the right thing by God and man.

iv) **A Dying Thief.** Luke 23:39-43

Step 1: He rebuked the unrepentant thief’s wrong selfish attitude to Christ. To be saved we must be willing to **take a stand** for Jesus Christ, even if it means going against the crowd.

Step 2: He said: “Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds.” v.40,41.

To be saved we must

- **fear God**
- be aware of our **own sinfulness**
- be aware that we are **worthy of God’s judgement**.

Step 3: “But this man hath done nothing amiss.” v.41 To be saved we must

- recognise **Jesus Christ’s sinlessness**.

Step 4: “He said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.” v.42

To be saved we must

- recognise that **Jesus is God**, the “Lord”.
- **call on Jesus to save us:** “Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.”
- recognise that **Jesus is our only Mediator** to get us to heaven, not Mary, not saints, not Buddha, not any other religious figure, not good works, only Jesus Christ can save us. I Tim 2:5

Notice: He also believed that Jesus was the King of the Jews, and that Jesus would come to earth again as King of the earth.

Step 5: Jesus assures him of **his salvation**: “Today, shalt thou be with me in paradise.” v.43.

When we call on Jesus to save us, He saves us and keeps us saved, so that whenever we die we are promised to be with Jesus in paradise. For believers this means that on death, we go instantly to heaven to be in God’s presence. **Question:** Are you really saved? If not, then call on Christ to save you today as these four men did 2,000 years ago.

11. Notice six very clear steps in the process of salvation in Romans 10:12-15.

1. A person is SENT
2. That person PREACHES the Gospel
3. People HEAR the Gospel
4. People BELIEVE the facts of the Gospel (Believe in Him)

5. People CALL on the name of the Lord to save them

6. People are then SAVED.

Notice in v.12 “the same Lord over all is rich unto all that CALL upon him.”

Note: We only experience the riches of Christ’s salvation when we call on him to save us.

12. Objection: But isn’t believing in Christ just enough?

Answer:

- a) If we believe in Christ, we will call on Christ to save us, or at the very least acknowledge to Christ our desire, or our need for Christ to save us from our sin.
- b) Romans 10:10 links “BELIEF” and “CALLING”.

Belief comes first, then is followed simultaneously/immediately by calling: “with the heart man **believeth** unto **righteousness**; and with the mouth **confession** is made unto **salvation**.” Rom. 10:10
We learn here that:

- A confession of Christ is as indispensable to salvation as believing. Jesus affirms this in Matthew 10:32, Luke 12: 8,9.
- There can be no true salvation where we are not willing to confess the Lord Jesus. “No man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost.” 1 Corinthians 12:3
- c) Romans 10:9 links “**confessing** with your mouth the Lord Jesus” with “**believing** in your heart that God has raised him from the dead.”

“Confess” here means: to express our agreement with what God holds to be true. It is a public open declaration as seen by “with thy mouth”, regarding our sin, our lost estate, our need of the Saviour. We confess that Jesus is our Lord, that He has a right to rule over our soul eg. Paul in Acts 9:6 “Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?”

“Believe in your heart” means that the external confession corresponds with the internal feelings.

- d) “Whosoever **believeth** on him shall **not be ashamed**.” Romans 10:11.
If we have true belief in Christ as Saviour, we will not be ashamed to declare it.
- e) Acts 26:27 “King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.”
We learn that: Agrippa believed that Jesus was the fulfillment of the prophets’ message. Believing the facts is not enough to save a person. One must receive Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

13. Other scriptures teaching that we must call on Christ to be saved:

- i) “I will **call** upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be **saved** from my enemies (eg. satan, sin, hell)” Psalm 18:3.
- ii) “**Save** Lord: let the king hear us when we **call**.” Psalm 20:9.
- iii) “**Call** upon me in the day of trouble: I will **deliver** thee, and thou shalt glorify me.” Psalm 50:15. The Lord’s method of delivering (saving) us from trouble is for us to call on Him to save us. So it is that by calling on the Lord, He will save us from hell.
- iv) “As for me, I will **call** upon God; and the Lord shall save me.” Psalm 55:16.
- v) “Quicken us, and we will **call** upon thy name. Turn us again O Lord God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be **saved**.” Psalm 80:18, 19.
- vi) “For thou, Lord, art good, and **ready to forgive**; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that **call** upon thee.” v.5
“In the day of trouble I will **call** upon thee: for thou wilt **answer** me.” v.7. Psalm 86:5,7.
- vii) “He shall **call** upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble, I will **deliver him** and honour him.” Psalm 91:15.
- viii) “Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that **call** upon his name; they **called** upon the Lord, and **he answered them**.” Psalm 99:6.
- ix) “in the day when I **call** answer me speedily.” Psalm 102:2.
- x) “O give thanks unto the Lord; **call** upon his **name**.” Psalm 105:1.
- xi) “I will take the **cup of salvation**, and **call** upon the name of the Lord” Psalm 116:13.
- xii) “The Lord is **near** unto all them that **call upon him**, to all that call upon him in truth.. he also will **hear** their **cry**, and will **save** them.” Psalm 145:18,19.

- xiii) "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of **salvation**. And **in that day** shall ye say, Praise the Lord, **call** upon his name..." Isaiah 12:3,4.
 - xiv) "Then shalt thou **call**, and the Lord shall **answer**." Isaiah 58:9.
 - xv) "Before they **call**, I will **answer**; and while they are yet **speaking** I will **hear**." Isaiah 65:24.
 - xvi) "**Call** unto me, and I will **answer** thee" Jeremiah 33:3.
 - xvii) "Here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that **call** on thy name. Acts 9:14. All who are saved are described as those who "call on thy name."
 - xviii) "With **all** that in every place **call** upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:2.
 - xix) "Follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that **call on the Lord** out of a pure heart." 2 Timothy 2:22
- Believers are described again as people who "call on the Lord." We are saved by calling on the Lord, and we continue in total dependence upon God to call on the Lord for all our needs.

- xx) **In my distress I called** upon the Lord, and **cried** to my God: he did hear my **voice** out of his temple, and my **cry** did enter into his ears. 2 Samuel 22:7.

If we are truly convicted of our sins, and of our need of Jesus Christ to be our Saviour, then we will call on Christ to save us. Being **distressed** by our sins, our normal response is to immediately call on Christ to save us.

In John 6:28-34, Jesus tells us that to work the works of God, we must **believe on Christ**. The people's response is to say "Lord, evermore **give us** this bread" v.34, that is to say "we want it, we now ask for it, we now receive it."

Jesus replies: "Him that **cometh to me** I will in no wise cast out." v.37

"everyone which **seeth**²³³⁴ the Son, and **believeth**⁴¹⁰⁰ on him, may have everlasting life;" v.40 **seeth**²³³⁴ in Greek means to look at, to comprehend, recognise, acknowledge. Therefore we must see (recognise who Christ is) and believe on him (receive, call, ask, come, take, confess Christ as Saviour) to be saved.

3. DEFINITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH SALVATION.

1. **REPENT:** to change the mind, to regret. Acts 2:38.

2. **CONVERT:** (1378 in Strong's Concordance) = to turn.

= to turn from self and sin and receive Christ as Saviour. "Except ye be converted and become as little children ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3.

"Repent and turn to God (convert) and do works meet for repentance." Acts 26:20.

3. **BELIEVE:** (pisteuo in Greek), **have faith, to trust**

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31.

Question: What does "believe" mean for salvation?

Answer: Believe is a SUMMARY word.

It summarises a number of things that we must believe in order to be saved. If one is missing, a person is not saved.

a) **Belief has FACTS to rest upon**

Believe is a summary statement that assumes an understanding of other scriptures pertinent to salvation.

"Believe" implies that the person believes, or is firmly persuaded that:

1. He is a sinner.
2. He is heading to hell.
3. His good works can't save him.
4. Christ died as his Substitute/Saviour/Sin bearer on the cross to be punished for his sin in the sinners place.
5. He is willing to turn from sin, and turn to God.
6. Jesus Christ is 100% God and 100% man.
7. Christ rose bodily from the dead.
8. We must receive, call, ask, come, take or confess Christ as Saviour.

b) **Belief involves deciding either for or against Jesus Christ and his offer of salvation:** "But the gift of God is eternal life.." Romans 6:23.

- c) **Believe** can be used with different prepositions.
 - i) **Believe in** ("en" in Greek) in John 3:16 means "**to confide in someone.**"
 - ii) **Believe on** ("epi" in Greek) in Acts 16:31 means "**laying hold on** the object of faith." Therefore, one needs to "confide in Christ" or "lay hold on Christ" or "call on Christ to save", in order to have salvation.
- d) **Believe** in the New Testament uses other words interchangeably:
 - i) **Receive:** "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name". John 1:12. (Acts 2:21)
 - ii) **Call upon:** "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom.10:13;
 - iii) **Ask:** "thou would have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." John 4:10.
 - iv) **Come:** "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37.
"let him that is athirst come. Revelation 22:17.
 - v) **Take:** "whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Revelation 22:17.
 - vi) **Confess:** "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9.
"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:10. Charles Ryrie in "So Great Salvation" well says:

Key: "The person who receives, or calls upon, or asks, or comes, or takes, or confesses, this person believes."

Question: Isn't it just enough to tell people to believe in or on Christ?

Answer: No, because, most people think that "believe" means "mental assent to the facts of the Gospel" or "just believing that God or Christ exists." This is not Bible belief for salvation. They must understand the Bible facts of the Gospel before they can believe.

The Old Testament, not the New Testament, uses the word "**look**" in the context of being saved in Isaiah 45:22, "**Look** unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth."

This reminds us of saving belief (John 3:14,15), and of the snake bitten Jews in the wilderness looking at the brass serpent on a pole (Numbers 21:5-9) to be healed of snake bite. This is a picture of the new birth. This is still an individual communicating his desire to Christ to be saved. It is a non-verbal call in the mind to God for salvation.

4. BAD EFFECTS OF THIS DOCTRINE OF "NOT CALLING".

1. It eliminates human responsibility, and emphasises exclusively divine sovereignty.
2. Christians therefore never tell a sinner to call on Christ to save them and people rarely ever get saved (using this approach), and Christians stop being soul winners.
3. Christians never start discipling people, because they never lead anyone to Christ.
4. It sets up division between Christians.

Some people believe the following false or misleading statements:

- a) *"A person does not need to pray in order to be saved."*

Answer: This is false. A person must **communicate to God** his desire for Christ to save him, be it verbally or mentally. Surely this is prayer. See the four men saved in section 2.

- b) *"Salvation in Christ is received through faith alone & is not dependant on any action of man."*

Answer: This statement is false. Believe, faith, trust are all summary words that summarise the eight concepts of salvation discussed previously. If a person believes these eight things, he is saved, he believes, he has faith in Christ, and he trusts Christ for salvation. Notice that salvation is appropriated when a person believes the eight things and responds in one of these six ways by either receiving, calling on, asking, coming, taking, or confessing Christ as Saviour. Surely this is an action of man, by which he appropriates salvation. However, none of these are good works, which the Bible clearly says cannot save us. Ephesians 2:8,9. An action is not a work.

5. OLD TESTAMENT PICTURES OF SALVATION

These show that people were not saved by just believing the facts of the Gospel.” They had to appropriate God’s way of escape by taking the action God commanded them to. For example:

1. God offered animal skins to Adam and Eve

When they accepted these, it showed that they were accepting the blood sacrifice of an innocent animal dying in their place. This pictured Christ’s perfect future sacrifice that they were trusting in.

2. Abel offered a blood sacrifice to God which was accepted

Cain’s vegetable bloodless sacrifice was rejected.

3. Noah’s Ark is a picture of Christ saving and keeping us saved. Noah and his family had to enter the Ark to be saved. Those who refused to enter the Ark were drowned.

4. Israelites in Egypt on the Passover night had to kill a spotless lamb and apply its blood on the doorposts and lintel of their house, or their firstborn would have died. Just believing that a lamb’s blood applied would save them was not enough. They had to apply the blood. So must we by calling on Christ to save us.

5. Snake bitten Israelites in the wilderness had to move outside their tents to look at the brass serpent on a pole. Then they were healed upon looking. John 3:14. It wasn’t enough to believe that looking would heal. They had to act by looking. So we are saved by calling on Christ to save us.

6. Naaman the Syrian leper was told to dip seven times in the Jordan river to be healed of leprosy. Only when he believed it and dipped himself did he get cured of leprosy.

All these people had to believe, then appropriate in order to be saved. If we believe in Christ, we will appropriate Christ by calling on Him to save us, or receive Christ as our Saviour etc.

Question: Have you received Jesus Christ as your Saviour?

Question: Are you sharing the Gospel daily and challenging people to receive Christ as their Saviour?

26. A CHRISTIAN SHOULD (among others)

1. **Walk in the Lord.** Colossians 2:6

2. **Meditate** upon the Word of God. Psalm 119:97; 1 Timothy 4:15

3. **Wait** upon the Lord. Isaiah 40:31

4. **Seek** the Lord for guidance. Proverbs 3:5,6

5. Always **seek God's will** and fulfil it. Romans 12:2

6. **Be not fearful.** 1 Timothy 1:7; Ephesians 6:10

7. **Be vigilant** and sober. 1 Peter 5:8

8. **Resist** the devil. James 4:7

9. Be faithful in **serving** God. Keep the faith. I Timothy 4:7

10. Be a faithful **steward.** 1 Corinthians 4:2

11. Maintain **good works.** Titus 3:8; Matthew 5:16

12. **Glorify** the Lord in everything. 1 Corinthians 6:20

13. Be an **example** of the believers. 1 Timothy 4:12

14. **Avoid disputes.** Philippians 2:14; 2 Timothy 2:23; Titus 3:9; 1 Timothy 6:5

15. Abstain from all **appearance of evil.** 1 Thessalonians 5:22

16. Refrain from closeness with the **opposite sex.** 2 Timothy 2:22; Proverbs 7:5

17. **Be filled with the Spirit.** Ephesians 5:18

18. Be filled with the **love** of Christ. Romans 5:5

19. **Love Christ** as the First Love. Revelation 2:4; Luke 14:26

20. **Live** for Christ daily. Philippians 1:21

21. **Be kind** to others. Romans 12:10; Colossians 3:12

22. **Forgiving** others, even enemies. Matthew 5:44

23. **Confess** all sins and be cleansed. 1 John 1:9

24. Maintain a **good family.** 1 Timothy 3:3,4; 5:8

25. **Love** Christ's **appearing.** 2 Timothy 4:8

26. **Be not slothful** in business. Romans 12:11

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27. TESTS OF A PERSON'S SALVATION

Aim: To discern whether to counsel a person to be saved or to believe that he is already saved.

Problem: With many people we meet it is very hard to tell if they are saved. Jesus predicted this in His parable of the wheat and the tares. Matthew 13:24-30,36-43. You can discern by their fruits whether or not they are saved. Matthew 7:15-20.

What are some ways of testing to see if a person is really saved?

1. LOVE THE BRETHREN (A desire for Church)

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." 1 John 4:7; 1 John 2:9-11; 1 John 3:14-19.

2. DISLIKE FOR SIN

This results in a true believer overcoming the world by faith in Christ. 'For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world:& this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.' 1John 5:4

3. LISTENING TO TEACHING and ADVICE OF GODLY CHRISTIANS

"We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." 1 John 4:6.

If a person is rebellious to Christians over an important issue and refuses to hear (or heed) them, then we are to count him as a heathen. Matthew 18:15-17.

4. CONFESS THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD TO OTHERS with your mouth 'Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.' 1 John 4:2,3,15.

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9.

5. KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS

"And he that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in him, and He in him." 1 John 3:24a; 2:3-6.

6. POSSESSING THE HOLY SPIRIT

"And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us." 1 John 3:24; 4:13

7. JESUS CHRIST IS PRECIOUS TO YOU

"Unto you therefore which believe he is precious." 1 Peter 2:7a.

Is Jesus Christ precious to you? If He is, you can't take His name in vain.

8. GOOD WORKS characterise our life after salvation. James 2:14-26.

9. GOD DISCIPLINES A TRUE BELIEVER WHEN HE SINS. Hebrews 12:5-11.

10. IF YOU HAVE CHRIST (the SON) YOU HAVE LIFE. 1 John 5:11-13.

CONCLUSION

Just because a person professes to be a Christian, it doesn't mean that he is really saved. Matthew 7:21-23 If someone has honestly received Jesus Christ as his Saviour from sin, understanding that Jesus is 100% God and 100% man, he is saved. These fruits confirm that he is saved. Some people claim to be Christians, but are not sure of going to heaven, have not understood the gospel, are lost & going to hell.



28. ANSWERS TO COMMON OBJECTIONS MET IN SOUL WINNING

Bible Reading: I Peter 3:15

Aim: To give Christians answers to objections met in soul winning so we can win more souls to Christ.

Introduction: Many people with whom we share the gospel have genuine questions they want answered which hinder them receiving Christ. By providing clear, simple answers to these questions, many more people may get saved. Notice three things about these people:

- 1) Don't spend all your time answering objections or arguing.
- 2) Briefly answer objections. Bring the conversation back to the gospel immediately. Satan may put questions in their minds, to sidetrack you from preaching the gospel. Don't fall into this trap.
- 3) Check if they are sincere and open to the truth.

Answers to common objections are:

1. What about those who have never heard the gospel, such as people in Africa?

Doesn't this mean God is unjust in sending people to hell if they have never heard?

- a) In Titus 2:11 God says that they have heard enough about God that if they follow it up they will get saved through Christ. ‘The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.’
Question: How much do you know about ancient heathen individuals secret thought life? (Nothing)
- b) In Romans 1:18-21 God says that He has shown them His eternal power and Godhead through creation, so they are without excuse.
- c) In Revelation 5:9 people from ‘every kindred, tongue, people and nation’ that ever existed will be in heaven, singing that ‘Christ was slain and has redeemed us to God by thy blood.’
- d) In Acts 17:27, God says of pagans that ‘they should seek after the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and FIND HIM, though he be not far from everyone of us.’
This means that if pagans seek God, they will find Him. Helen Keller was born blind, deaf, & dumb. When she got saved, she said that she always knew God was there, but didn’t know His Name.
- e) Jeremiah 29:13 says that if people seek God with all their heart, they will find Him.
‘Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.’

2. Is Christ the only way to God? What about other religions?

- a) John 14:6 Jesus said ‘I am the way, the truth & the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me
- b) Acts 4:12 ‘Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is **none other name** under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.’
- c) I Timothy 2:5 ‘For there is one God, & **one mediator** between God and men, the man Christ Jesus’
Question: Why is Jesus Christ the only way to God?
- a) He lived a sinless life. (John 8:46).
- b) He was God, and had the credentials to prove it. (John 8:24; 5:18,23).
- c) He solves the sin problem, by paying for our sin on the cross. (Isaiah 53:6).
- d) He rose from the dead. (Luke 24:39-43).
- e) The Old Testament prophets predicted details of His life. (Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:2; Psalm 22:16).
- f) Jesus predicted the future correctly (Matthew 24:1-34).

Only Jesus Christ deals with the sin problem by paying the penalty for our sins on the cross, which God’s law required. No other religion solves the sin problem; they only tell us to do good works and hope for the best, without any certainty of eternal life. Christ promises us eternal life if we receive Him as our Saviour. Who else has Christ’s credentials?

3. Won't a good life get me to heaven? I'm a good person.

You may be good compared to men, but not compared to God. Scripture states good works don’t save.

- a) Isaiah 64:6 ‘all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.’
- b) Ephesians 2:8,9,10 ‘By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works lest any man should boast.’
- c) Titus 3:5 ‘Not by works of righteousness which we have done’.
Salvation is **gift**. (Romans 6:23; John 4:10; II Corinthians 9:15).

Question: If salvation is by good works, how good do you have to be?

Question: If salvation is by good works, then why did Christ have to die on the cross? Who saves man?

4. Isn't the Bible full of errors?

Name one! ‘The words of the Lord are pure words . . . thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever’. (Psalm 12:6,7).

Question: Whom did Cain marry? Answer: His sister: ‘he begat sons and daughters.’ Genesis 5:4.

The right attitude about apparent contradictions is to shelve what you don’t know until you learn more. We know the Bible is the **faultless Word of God**, because:

Jesus Christ **said it was God's Word**, proven by

Jesus Christ **rising from the dead**; and Jesus Christ **accurately predicted the future**.

5. Why does God allow suffering? Why do the innocent suffer if God is loving?

‘Wherefore, as by one man (*Adam*) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.’ (Romans 5:12).

- a) When man rebelled against God and sided with Satan, he brought the consequences on himself. The nature of sin is that it spreads and affects others.
- b) God allows:
 - i) The lost to suffer – to make them aware of the shortness of time and lengthiness of eternity; as well as to shake complacent Christ-rejecting sinners out of their proud self dependence, causing them to look to God and hence be saved. It is better to suffer a while on earth and be saved, than to be well off on earth and suffer in hell for ever.
 - ii) Believers to suffer as discipline **or** to make us more like Christ. (Romans 8:28,29).
- c) The correct attitude to suffering is that because we don’t know all the facts, we should not judge God, since our knowledge is so small. Job suffered, not knowing all the facts, but he honoured God in his trials. God blessed him later with twice as much after his suffering was over.
- d) God has prepared to stop suffering later in heaven.
- e) God can turn suffering into great blessing for many. ‘For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.’ Jeremiah 29:11

6. What about all the hypocrites in the church?

- a) You are responsible to God for yourself, so don’t judge others.
‘So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God’. (Romans 14:12).
- b) Don’t compare yourself with others, or with the worst, but with Christ. We are all sinners.
‘For we dare not . . . compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they . . . comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.’ (2 Corinthians 10:12).
- c) Some of the hypocrites in the church are proud and trust their good works for salvation, while despising others, like the Pharisees whom Christ condemned.
- d) Churches are made of people who know they are sinners and who know they need God.
- e) If you have a standard and don’t keep it, then you are a hypocrite as well. You aren’t perfect. Fix your own sins first before you condemn others. (Matthew 7:3,4,5).

7. What about Science opposing and disproving the Bible, eg: Evolution.

- a) True science which is based on observable facts, supports the Bible. Evolution is not observable.
- b) ‘Avoid . . . oppositions of science falsely so called.’ (1 Timothy 6:20).
- c) Science is learning&changing as man thinks up new theories. The Bible is God’s revelation to man.
- d) The history of science is full of discarded theories. The Bible has not needed to be revised, but contains many scientific facts unknown when written, but proven true later by modern science. The Bible has a better record of being proven right than has science.
- e) Evolution is wrong because:
 - i) mutations never produce a new species of animal life;
 - ii) uniformitarianism is proven wrong by Noah’s Flood;
 - iii) Transitional fossils between species are non-existent;
 - iv) Dating methods of rocks are in error, disagreeing with one another
 - v) How does evolution explain how sex & reproductive systems evolved?

8. How can miracles be possible?

- a) Ask: ‘If God exists, would miracles be too hard for Him?’
- b) ‘For with God nothing shall be impossible.’ (Luke 1:37).

9. Some people think that God does not exist.

- a) 'In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.' (Genesis 1:1). Creation's intelligent complex life forms prove there is a Creator God.
- b) God's existence is 'clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made . . . so that they are without excuse.' (Romans 1:19,20).
- c) 'The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God.' (Psalm 14:1). Atheism is an excuse to hide behind sin. The atheist thinks, 'If there is no God, then there is no judgment, then I can sin (do what I want) and get away with it.'
- d) Atheism claims to know everything, even all that does not exist.

Questions to ask Atheists:

- i) What percent of the total knowledge of the universe do you possess? (nil or small).
- ii) Is it possible for God to exist outside your sphere of knowledge? (Yes).
Therefore, because you are not infinite in knowledge, you can't say God does not exist, can you?
- e) Jesus Christ's prophecies, life, miracles, death and resurrection prove God's existence.
- f) Ask: Are you open to find out if God exists or not? Or do you have a closed mind?
- g) Ultimate proof of God lies in knowing God personally.
- h) Jesus said that God exists. This is proven by Jesus rising from the dead. This proves God exists.
- i) Conversation between an atheist and a Christian: Atheist said, 'God is dead'.
Christian replied, 'That's strange. I spoke to Him 5 minutes ago and He wasn't even sick.'

10. I don't need a crutch. I'm OK!

Everyone has a sin problem with God. Some realise it, others do not. You have broken God's laws, and the penalty awaits you. Your need is to come to Christ for **forgiveness**, not a psychological crutch. You may be OK now, but you can't cope with hell forever.

29. HINDRANCES TO SUCCESSFUL SOUL-WINNING

Bible Reading: Romans 10:1-15.

Aim: To re-motivate us to the seriousness of soul winning. What things hinder Christians from being successful soul winners?

1. Getting sidetracked to something else: eg. making money (Matthew 13:22), not following Jesus (Matthew 4:19), losing your vision of eternity (Proverbs 29:18).
2. Not praying 'Ye have not because ye ask not.' James 4:2. We must pray to become better soul winners. Some results of prayerlessness are laziness, no zeal, and no love for souls.
3. Not following the Roman Road plan. Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:13. Use the STOP Tract!
 - a) When Christians don't use it they fail as soul-winners.
 - b) They then conclude that they don't have the gift of soul winning.
 - c) They then give up on soul winning.
4. Not following up those contacted. Be friendly, spend time with new and young Christians to encourage them. Don't fear failure or rejection. Have a home Bible study with them.
5. Not doing soul winning wholeheartedly. Have a special time to do soul winning each week e.g. Sunday 3-5pm. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Ecclesiastes 9:10. Not sowing means not reaping. Ecclesiastes 11:1-4.
6. Fear of what people will think. Proverbs 29:25. The worst that can happen is that the person may not want to see you again. This frees you to go see someone else.
7. Sin in your life. II Peter 2:19. Sin brings us into bondage, and hinders the Holy Spirit from powerfully working through us. Confess sin to God continually.
8. Not loving God or people enough. "the love of Christ constraineth us." II Corinthians 5:14.

Conclusion: If you know someone you want to tell the gospel to, let me know, and we'll go together so you can learn from the preacher how to do soul winning. Ask God to give you a burden for soul winning. This is why we exist as a church.

30. DOOR-KNOCKING

'Go out into the highways & hedges, & compel them to come in, that my house may be filled' Luke 14:23
'And daily in the temple, & in every house, they ceased not to teach & preach Jesus Christ.' Acts 5:42
Everyone in the church over five years of age should be encouraged to come door-knocking for the purpose of sharing God's plan of salvation with all people who will listen. Follow this advice:

- 1) **Meet** at a central and comfortable location for prayer and planning.
 - 2) Give **literature** to all who come:
 - a) **STOP** tracts, Mailbox club lesson 1, John's gospel for new converts, RC tract, Answers book.
 - b) Book to record names, addresses, phone numbers of keen people; NH= not home. Neg=negative
 - 3) **Pair up** so that an experienced person goes with one who is less experienced.
 - 4) **Pray** around the group before going, asking God for:
 - Hungry hearted people prepared by God
 - Love for sinners
 - The right words to speak
 - Fill you with the Holy Spirit
 - To bind Satan's forces from interfering while talking to people
 - People to be saved that day and to come to church
 - 5) Allocate pairs to do **one street at a time**. Pastor or planner should have an area map where he records which streets have been covered and new streets needing visiting.
 - 6) If people get saved, ask them for a **home Bible study** the following week.
 - 7) Be **polite**, not aggressive. Leave if they ask you to. Remember you are looking for the people that God has prepared for you to speak with. Spiritually hungry people are the ones to spend time with.
 - 8) When you meet people at the door, say: 'Good afternoon. I'm dropping by to leave this with you. This explains how you can know God personally and be sure of going to heaven.'
- Q:** Have you thought much about God before?
- Q:** May I ask a question please?
- Q:** If you died tonight, do you know 100% for sure that you'd go to heaven?
- Q:** Would you like to be sure of going to heaven?
- Q:** (If 'yes', ask:) This pamphlet shows from the Bible how we can be sure of going to heaven. May we look at it please? (If they say 'no', then say:) If you wish, you may prefer to read it in your own time. You'll find that it makes four points:
- 1) All of us have sinned and broken God's laws. I think you'd agree with that.
 - 2) Because we've all sinned, there is a penalty on sin which is death and hell, to which we are all heading. This is bad news. None of want to go to hell, do we? The good news is that God offers each of us the gift of eternal life which we get through Jesus Christ, not through our good works or any religion.
 - 3) Jesus Christ took the full punishment on the cross for our sins. Instead of us being punished in hell forever, Jesus had our sins taken off us and placed on Him, thus dying as our Saviour, sin-bearer and substitute. He is now available to be your Saviour if you want Him to be.
 - 4) How may we enter heaven? We must believe that:
 - a) Jesus Christ is **God** the Son;
 - b) Jesus Christ **died** in our place as our Saviour;
 - c) Jesus Christ **rose** again bodily from the dead, then
 - d) **Receive** Jesus Christ as your Saviour, etc.
 - 5) On the back page we see 3 promises: If we Receive Christ as our Saviour we become a son of God, if we call on Christ to save us we will be saved, and if we have the Son we have life.
 - 6) These promises are summarised in the prayer at the bottom of the page. Would you be so kind as to read it to see if it makes sense. Does it make sense? (Yes). Does it express what you honestly want God to do? If yes, would you like to tell this to God after me?
 - 7) **Follow-up** and visit those who are interested and whom you lead to Christ. Invite them to church and for a follow-up Bible study. Give them "Established in the Faith" book. Ask: "Which of these subjects interest you?" Ask: "Would it be possible for us to get together some time to look at them?" (yes). "When would suit you?" Phone them and regularly visit good contacts.

57. DISCIPLESHIP BY MULTIPLICATION

One of the greatest problems in the churches today is the lack of follow up teaching given to new Christians. It is one thing to know the Bible, which many Christians know very well, but it is another thing to be able to teach it to new Christians, which few Christians ever do at all.

Churches need to see the importance of and get involved in following up new Christians. This will solve the following problems that hinder church growth:

1. The Pastor has a great burden of soul winning and Bible teaching. He can't do it all by himself. The work can be **shared by others** if they are well taught on how to win and teach others.
2. Many church members have **never led anyone to Christ**. This can be solved by following them up and by teaching them how to share the gospel by using the "Stop" tract.
3. Many church members **do not know how to answer the cults** and other false doctrines.
4. Many people come to church, but **never get established in growing spiritually**, then drop out.
5. Many people come to church, but **never make close friends**, so they leave and go elsewhere. Somebody helping them to grow would solve this problem.
6. Many church members are **bored** and **doing nothing to serve God**. They could easily arrange for a weekly Bible study to help a new Christian to grow.
7. Some church people **get taken away by cults** and **false doctrines** thus leaving the church believing error. The aim should be for everyone in a church being trained to:
 - i) grow spiritually themselves,
 - ii) win people to Christ regularly,
 - iii) teach others, establishing newer Christians in Basic Bible doctrines, so that they can grow to win and train others.

When this occurs, strong church growth in numbers and quality will take place.

This is summarised in:

- i) Hebrews 5:12 "For when for the time **ye ought to be teachers.**"
- ii) II Timothy 2:2 "And the things that **thou** hast heard of **me** among many witnesses, the same commit thou to **faithful men** who shall be able to teach **others** also."

Question: What do we learn about follow-up from these two verses?

1. Hebrews 5:12 states that **all** believers **ought** to be able to teach others, either one-to-one, in small groups, or to large groups.
2. In II Timothy 2:2 there are 4 human links needing to be in place for successful follow up to occur.
 - i) **Paul.** Paul taught a group of many witnesses, as a local church.
 - ii) **Timothy.** Timothy had to pass on what Paul committed to him to faithful men.
 - iii) **Faithful men.** Faithful men had to teach others also.
 - iv) **Others.** Others had to find faithful men to teach, who would pass these truths onto others.
3. If each person in this network faithfully teaches others also, the Christian population in a country will multiply rapidly. If each person commits himself to train one other person each year, then the number of believers can double each year according to the following table:

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
you	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	256	512	1024
Year	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
you	2000	4000	8000	16000	32,000	64,000	128,000	1/4 m	1/2 m	1 million
Year	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
you	2mil	4mil	8mil	16mil	32 m	64 m	128 m	256m	512 m	1 billion

4. If a famous evangelist won 10,000 people to Christ every day, after 30 years there would be 109 million people saved, which is only one-tenth of the multiplication network.

5. Why is the world not yet won to Christ? Because very few Christians bother to commit themselves to new Christians to properly train them to win and train others in a multiplying network. They give in to sin and laziness. They do not commit themselves to teaching others properly.
6. Discipleship by multiplication in the context of a local church is God's method of growth as seen in human population growth from Adam and Eve in 4074 BC to 6,000 million people alive today.
7. If you train just 1 person every year for 20 years, you personally will have trained only 20 people, but your network will have won and trained 1 million people in that 20 year period.
8. A Pastor should begin by teaching to a group of people the contents of this follow up book at least one night each week. Then these people should teach this material to faithful men, who will teach others also.
9. You must invest time teaching **faithful men**. Not every one will prove to be faithful. People must be faithful to : 1) God, 2) The Bible 3) His Church, 4) To coming to training meetings weekly, 5) to regularly meeting with his faithful man, 6) to teaching others in the network.

1. DESCRIPTION OF MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES.

- Year 1:** You
- i) **win** one person to Christ, and
 - ii) train him to **win** people to Christ.
 - iii) train him in the **follow up material** in this book.
 - iv) **Impart a vision** to him to train and equip new Christians to win and teach others also.

Year 2: At the beginning of year 2, both you and your disciple **win one** and **train one** by repeating the 4 steps of year 1. (4 trained workers are at the end of year 2).

Year 3: At the beginning of year 3, each of the 4 **win one** and **train one** by repeating the 4 steps of year 1. (8 trained workers now).

Year 4: At the beginning of year 4, each of the 8 **win one** and **train one** by repeating the 4 steps of year 1. (16 trained workers now).

So the process continues as people train other new Christians in the contents of this book.

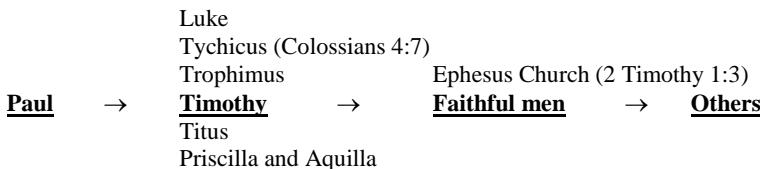
2. RESULTS OF YOU ADOPTING THIS FOLLOW UP MINISTRY.

- i) If you and your network **win one** and **train one** every year for 33 years, the world will be won to Christ in 33 years.
- ii) Each decade, the number of people in your network multiplies by 1000.
(ie. year 1, 2 people; year 10, 1000 people; year 20, 1 million people; year 30, 1,000 million people).
- iii) Multiplication is not very impressive until about the eighth or ninth year, where you have about 256 or 512 people in your network or Church.
- iv) This multiplying chain reaction often goes faster if your disciple brings their spouse or friend to be trained in your group at the same time.
- v) Everything depends on you thoroughly teaching your man so that he can win and teach others. The network breaks down if your man quits or can't inspire and teach those 3 generations from him.

You	→	1st Generation	→	2nd Generation	→	3rd Generation
(Paul)		(Timothy)		(faithful men)		(others)

Addition (just winning but not teaching them) looks more impressive initially, but fails dismally in the long term as the drop-out rate begins to break down the network by laziness, false doctrines and lack of training.

Schematically the network looks like this:



3. DEFINITION OF FOLLOW UP.

- i) **Follow up** is grounding a new believer in the basics of the Christian life and service so that he can win and train others.
- ii) Follow up involves developing a **friendship** relationship and **teaching** them Bible and ministry skills.
- iii) Follow up is best done by a mature Christian assuming a **one-to-one** friendship with a new Christian or orphan Christian to aid his growth.
- iv) Complete definition of follow up:
 Follow up is the **process by which a Christian in the local church, with a life worth emulating, commits himself for an extended period of time to a few teachable Christians in order to guide their growth to spiritual maturity.**
 This is done by teaching **Bible** truths, Christian **character** and teaching them to **reproduce** themselves in a third spiritual generation.
- v) A **Disciple** is a Christian who is growing in Christ-like character by learning and applying the basics taught in this book.
 A **Discipler** (or Teacher) is a Christian who is regularly leading people to Christ, and teaching them the contents of this book in personal follow up.
 A **Multiplier** (or Pastor) is a disciplined, equipped Christian worker who is continually winning and teaching his spiritual children to reproduce themselves in the third generation.
- vi) **Multiplication follow up** is third generation teaching.

4. WHAT IS THE VALUE OF TEACHING OR DISCIPLING OTHERS?

Why is it so important that every Christian get involved in teaching (or discipling) others?

- i) **The value of teaching to Jesus Christ.**
 Jesus Christ spent three and a half years teaching His twelve disciples all that He wanted them to know, so that when He was gone, they would carry on teaching others. He invested quality time in 12 men who would spread God's Word all over the world. His last words to His disciples were: "Go ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **teaching** them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you....." Matthew 28:19,20.
- ii) **The value of teaching to the Disciple.**
 - a) Discipling increases the disciple's **growth rate**. It encourages them when they are depressed. It teaches them Biblical principles to help develop Godly habits.
 - b) Discipling **stops wrong behavioural patterns** in the disciple. He needs loving, gentle correction to stop wrong patterns of living. Spiritual victory comes sooner, as problems are prevented or nipped in the bud.
 - c) Discipling **protects** the disciple from Satan. Spiritual resistance against Satan comes by putting on the whole armour of God and becoming strong in God's Word.
 "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6:15.
 - d) Discipling provides the disciple with a **personal friend**. He needs new Christian friends to replace his old ungodly friends who will try to pull him back into the world.
 - e) Discipling provides the disciple with **counsel**. Without a counsellor he might make wrong decisions or get involved in wrong activities.

iii) The Value of Discipling to the Discipler.

- a) Discipling **brings joy** to the discipler when you see them grow and get victory.
"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." III John 4.
"For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even **ye** in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming." I Thessalonians 2:19,20.
- b) Discipling **purifies** the discipler's life. We mature as we minister the Word of God to people. My weak areas become apparent as I begin to disciple others.
- c) Discipling **develops ministerial skills**. The discipler learns how to teach and counsel his disciple. We learn how to guide someone into a ministry, how to inspire people to service, and how to preach and teach.
- d) Discipling **provides an outlet** for the discipler. By passing on what you learn, you stay fresh. The Sea of Galilee abounds with life because it takes in and gives out. The Dead Sea is lifeless because it takes in and never gives out.

iv) The Value of Discipling to the Local Church.

It **strengthens** each church by developing Godly leaders. It **increases the number** attending each Sunday as you have trained people to follow up new contacts and visitors. It plugs the leaks. It **stops a church from dying** because it gets everybody working towards a common goal. It brings **more people to Christ** as you train more soul winners. Some of your trained workers will go out to **start other churches**.

v) The Value of Discipling to the World.

- a) If Christians become disciplers, some will be **missionaries** to start churches overseas.
- b) It will help **reach the world** for Christ as our people get a world vision. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." Mark 16:15.

Ask Yourself: What am I doing that will have an impact on this world for Christ? What am I doing that will have eternal consequences? What is eternal?

- a) **GOD.** "The eternal God is thy refuge". Deuteronomy 33:27.
- b) The **Word of God.** "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever". Isaiah 40:8.
- c) **People.** "the gift of God is eternal life....." Romans 6:23.

Will you invest your life in the things of this world which will shortly pass away, or will you invest your life in the eternal souls of people in rescuing them from hell so that they can enjoy heaven forever? Would you put your money in a company that was soon to go bankrupt? Nothing should motivate us more than to see people's **eternal souls** rescued from **everlasting hell** by the **eternal Word of God**.

5. FACTORS AFFECTING FOLLOW UP.

What factors must we practice to ensure effective follow up of those people that we see saved.

i) Relationship.

- a) The discipler must be in a right relationship with the **Lord** because he will be transferring his life's convictions to the disciple. "So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us." I Thessalonians 2:8.
- b) The discipler must cultivate a spiritual and close, trusting friendship relationship with the **person being discipled**. "But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children." I Thessalonians 2:7.

ii) Commitment of time and energy.

Ask yourself: Do I believe in the importance of follow up? Am I willing to spend the time necessary to develop disciples? Am I willing to rethink my present activities and stop those that are not a priority? Our priorities should be rearranged so that we spend time with the Lord, time with our family, time each week going soul winning, and time each week in personal follow up of new Christians or Christians who are new to our church who may not hold right Bible beliefs yet.

iii) Concentration on a few at a time.

Effective follow up will never happen if you attempt to work with too many people at one time. For multiplication to take place, your disciples need to become well trained and spiritually mature. Aim to work thoroughly with a few faithful and trustworthy people at a time who will reproduce themselves by winning and teaching others. Share the load by getting others to do follow up as well in a team situation in your local church. Don't let the many urgent needs around you pressure you into not concentrating on a few. Christ discipled the twelve by concentrating on them in order to create the leadership necessary to adequately promote the growth of the early church.

iv) Duration.

Follow up may take one year or more per person. It will take time for the results of a multiplication ministry to become obvious to bystanders. Christ poured three years into the twelve apostles. During the last six months, He spent nearly all of His time with them. This insured massive multiplication of the early church over the next twenty-five years, yet there were only five hundred followers at His death.

If there was a better way, Christ would have used it. It takes multiplication three to five years to become obvious. Many Pastors and Christians are **spiritually short sighted**. They don't notice or appreciate the groundwork laid for a ministry over the years.

Get a vision for spending time with people to ensure quality follow up and multiplication. "A little one shall become a **thousand** and a small one a **strong nation**: I the Lord will hasten it in his time." Isaiah 60:22.

v) Teaching and Training.

Follow up = Teaching doctrine

- + Training in soul winning and personal Bible Study
- + Spiritual growth.

To do effective follow up and produce multipliers, your Timothy/disciple needs to be properly trained to start the process and to continue the process. Training needs to be easily transferred. How? By teaching the contents of this follow up book to all those who you lead to Christ. A new believer needs to join a sound, fundamental, soul winning, Bible teaching church that stands strongly for the truths contained in the Bible.

A lukewarm church will produce lukewarm Christians.

vi) Environment.

A new Christian's growth is dependent on the spiritual environment (church) that he places himself in. The degree of soul-winning and Bible teaching zeal of his church will control his spiritual vitality. A lukewarm, cold, Bible denying, liberal church or church with false doctrines can destroy his growth because that church denies Bible truths such as:

- i) Importance of Bible study and correctly interpreting Scripture.
- ii) Need to win people to Christ.
- iii) Filling of the Holy Spirit.
- iv) Loving fellow believers in truth. The Word of God is truth.
- v) Fruit of the Spirit needing to be exhibited always.

6. QUALITIES ESSENTIAL TO SEE EFFECTIVE PERSONAL FOLLOW UP.

Personal Follow up is imparting our own souls. I Thessalonians 2:8.

Factor 1: Be Open and Involved.

Allow yourself to become involved with another person. This is threatening because they may reject you. It is time consuming to build lives. Follow up is not just giving information, but helping people to **apply** what is taught.

View a new Christian how God does, as a new creature in Christ with potential to win many to Christ (2 Corinthians 5:16,17). Don't be discouraged by his temporary lack of progress. He must know that you are there, that you really care, and that you are available and open to talk with and help him anytime. Confront people with their problems and help them to solve them. Share Bible solutions to all of his problems and questions. 238

Factor 2: Believe in the Importance of Follow Up.

This must be a lifelong conviction. This will determine the degree of your effectiveness. You are sure to encounter problems in following people up, but you must not give up this habit of follow up. We must continue in the face of problems. If your disciple drops out, go find someone else to disciple. Claim the promise of I Corinthians 15:58 that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. You are not wasting your time. He may come back later when he finds that sin doesn't help him.

Factor 3: Desire to be Used.

Question: Can you honestly say to God that you desire Him to use you?

Isaiah, after seeing how utterly sinful he was before God, was then in the right frame of mind to respond in full surrender to God's call on his life. "Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8.

Paul desired to be used to help the church at Rome. "For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established." Romans 1:11-13.

Our attitude should be: "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Matthew 5:6.

How can we show our desire to be used? Our words of commitment must be followed by actions. "But be ye **doers** of the Word, and not hearers only deceiving your own selves." James 1:22.

- a) Get as much training as possible in soul-winning, follow up and understanding Bible doctrine.
- b) Be consistent in outreach "in season and out of season." II Timothy 4:2.

Factor 4: Be Available.

God can use anyone, in spite of his limitations, as long as he is available.

- a) **Jeremiah**, after God's call found many excuses why he couldn't do what God wanted:
 - i) I cannot speak.
 - ii) I am a child. Jeremiah 1:6.
 - iii) He was untrained.
 - iv) He was afraid. Jeremiah 1:8.

God's answer is in Jeremiah 1:7,8,9.

- i) **Say Not**, I am a child.
- ii) Thou shalt **go** to all that I shall send thee.
- iii) Whatsoever I command thee thou shalt **speak**.
- iv) **Be not afraid** of their faces.
- v) I am **with thee** to deliver thee.
- vi) Behold I have **put my words** in thy mouth.

Jeremiah's excuses were a cover for his unavailability. Jeremiah became available when he saw that God could overcome his limitations.

- b) **Moses** at the burning bush is the best example of man's excuses and God's responses. Exodus 3:1-4:13. God calls Moses in Exodus 3:7-10 to bring Israel out of Egypt.
 - i) **Moses first excuse:** "Who am I?" (3:11). Problem of insignificance. He considered himself to be just an average person and not cut out for such a big job. This was a faulty argument because: He was trained in Pharaoh's palace, and
God's response: "Certainly I will be with thee." (3:12).
God + an obedient yielded Christian = a majority.
A Christian is never a normal nobody. God being with you makes you an important somebody. Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13

ii) Moses second excuse: "What is His name?" (3:13). Problem of authority.

Many people feel that they have no authority to challenge people to be saved, to live for Christ, or to teach others in personal follow up.

God's response. "I AM hath sent me unto you." 3:14.

"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers." Hebrews 5:12.

Jesus said "All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **Teaching** them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18,19,20.

You have the authority to win people to Christ, and to teach believers in follow up because God gave it to you. When you use God's Word, empowered by His Holy Spirit, you are under His authority when you preach the gospel and teach the Bible.

iii) Moses third excuse : "They will not believe me." 4:1.

Problem of lack of credibility. Who would believe Moses?

God's response: God gave Moses a rod which changed to a serpent, a hand that could change to become leprous, and ten plagues proving God's power over Egypt's false gods.

God has given us the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, and a changed life to prove His power.

iv) Moses fourth excuse: "I am not eloquent." 4:10. Problem of inability to speak well.

God's response: "Who hath made man's mouth? Go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say." Our natural limitations are not a problem for God, but serve to reveal God's power all the more.

v) Moses' fifth excuse: "Send someone else." 4:13. Problem of unwillingness.

This was Moses' last excuse that caused God to use someone else, Aaron. If we are unwilling to go, then God will use another person to do the work and you will lose out on earthly blessings and heavenly rewards.

Moses was unwilling to be a speaker, so God used Aaron as Moses' mouthpiece. Hence unwillingness is the only limitation stopping God from using you.

Factor 5: Consistent Godly life.

If you hide secret sins, sooner or later they will be seen by people. Demonstration of a Christlike life is a very important factor in developing people. If you are Christlike, then your people find it easier to be Christlike. You will reproduce yourself. You will lead or mislead.

"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." I Corinthians 11:1.

"Be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." I Timothy 4:12.

False teaching is like cancer or gangrene. (II Timothy 2:16,17).

When your disciple is mature, he will be like his teacher. (Luke 6:40).

Factor 6: Growing in Christ.

Continue to grow in your relationship with Christ. You'll never take anyone past where you've reached in your personal growth in Christ.

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:12-14.

Paul strove to grow more like Christ even near his death. If we are yielded to Christ and strong in the Word of God, we will be effective and fruitful in the Lord's service.

Factor 7: Overcome rebellion and bitterness.

If you can't accept yourself, you'll be afraid that others won't accept you either. This fear prevents you from being open and honest with people. Examples include:

- i) We are unwilling to accept ourselves as God made us.
- ii) We rebel against the parents that God gave us.
- iii) We rebel against our financial position. We get resentful towards God for our "raw deal" and become bitter.

We should understand God's promises in:

- i) Romans 8:28, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God."
- ii) Philippians 4:11, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."
- iii) I Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks"

Conclusion: Follow up = communicating our life by example + teaching Bible truths.

7. HOW PAUL DISCIPLED THE THESSALONIAN BELIEVERS.

Paul described how he taught them by showing them 15 qualities in I Thessalonians 2:1-20. We should demonstrate these qualities also:

1. v.2 **Bold** in God to speak the Gospel with much contention.
2. v.3 **Exhortation** was not of deceit, uncleanness or guile.
3. v.4 Spoke not as **men-pleasers** but as God pleasers.
4. v.5 We didn't use **flattering words**, nor a **cloak of covetousness**.
5. v.6 We **didn't seek glory of men**.
6. v.7 We were **gentle** as a **nurse**.
7. v.8 We were **affectionately desirous** and were willing to impart the **Gospel** of God and our own **souls**.
8. v.9 Remember our **labour** and **travail** night and day.
9. v.10 Remember how **holily, justly** and **unblameably** we **behaved**.
10. v.11 We **exhorted, comforted** and **charged** everyone of you as a father doth his children.
11. v.13 We **thank God** continually, because ye received the Word as from God.
12. v.14 They became **Church members**.
13. v.14 They were **willing to suffer**.
14. v.17 We endeavoured greatly to **see your face**.
15. v.19, 20 Paul's **attitude**: Ye are our hope, joy, glory, crown of rejoicing at the Second Coming.

8. GOALS OF FOLLOW UP.

We should teach new believers to know and apply:

1. Assurance of salvation. Romans 10:13.
2. Security of the Believer. John 10:28.
3. God accepts you because of Christ. Ephesians 1:6.
4. Confess all known sin to God immediately. I John 1:9.
5. Tell someone that you are saved. Romans 10:9.
6. Record your spiritual birthday. John 3:3.
7. Put Christ first. Romans 12:1,2.
8. Daily Bible reading and study. I Peter 2:2.
9. Daily Prayer. I Thessalonians 5:17.
10. Commitment to a sound local church. Hebrews 10:24,25.
11. Soul winning at every chance. Matthew 4:19; Proverbs 11:30.
12. Guidance. Proverbs 3:5,6.

Teach the chapters in this book each week in personal or group follow up.

9. **MARKS OF A DISCIPLE.**

Christian discipleship is an all out commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives. Nothing less than unconditional surrender is a fitting love response to the sacrifice of Calvary.

"When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all." Isaac Watts.

Discipleship is our opportunity to tap the infinite resources of God. It is our chance to give our lives to something truly great, rather than to mediocrity. Christ confronts us with a choice: the path of discipleship or the path of mediocrity. Many start off well, but choose mediocrity later in life. They are not stayers. Will you drop out?

Why people don't want to make Jesus Lord:

1. Christ may ask us to **do** something that we don't want to do.

Answer: Who knows best, God or us? Psalm 84:11.

2. We think that we know what is best for us.

3. We are not sure that God has our best interests at heart.

Answer: God could make life unbearable for us if He wanted to. Jeremiah 29:11.

Let us now check our lives with these marks of discipleship:

1. **Supreme love for Christ.** Luke 14:26.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment." Matthew 22:37,38.

"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:26.

Hate: This means that our love for Christ must be so great that our great love for family members and for ourselves, in comparison, would seem like hatred.

Many Christians choose to live a mediocre Christian life because they love themselves more than Christ. A disciple puts Christ first, and separates himself from sin, worldliness, and false doctrine. Ask yourself: "Is God first in all areas of my life?" A Christian should hate sin because it **offends God and creates many problems for us and others.**

A disciple seeks to live a godly, pure life. Old habits may cling to us, but the Holy Spirit can give us victory.

"For sin shall not have dominion over you." Romans 6:14.

"Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts." Titus 2:12.

2. **Deny himself.** Luke 9:23.

When self is denied the throne of our life, Jesus may take the throne. The result is a demonstration of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22,23) by an attractive relationship with Christ and fellowmen. This shows itself in a desire to win people to Christ, Christlike character, stability and Christian maturity. Say: "Lord, what would thou have me to do?"

3. **Take up your cross daily.** Luke 9:23 and 14:27.

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me."

The cross is an instrument of death. We must die to our wishes, reckoning ourself dead to sin and alive to God. Yield our members as instruments of righteousness. Know. Reckon. Yield. Romans 6:11-13.

"I am crucified with Christ." Galatians 2:20.

"I die daily." I Corinthians 15:31. Dead men have no rights.

4. Follow Christ. Luke 9:23.

"Come after me." Luke 14:27.

Christ's life was one of complete obedience to His Heavenly Father. A disciple must also live in complete submission to God. Jesus constantly called people to "Follow me". A disciple shows a **burden for soul-winning** he gives his testimony of salvation well, and presents the Gospel regularly and clearly.

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19.

A disciple is a **learner**. He is teachable, open to instruction, rebuke and encouragement from his leaders and fellow believers.

"A wise son heareth his father's instruction." Proverbs 13:1.

5. Forsakes all that he has. Luke 14:33.

"So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not **all** that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33.

This is the most difficult and unpopular of all the terms of discipleship. What does this mean? This does not mean to give away all that you have, but to **use all** that you have and are to further the gospel, glorify Christ and to build your church. A disciple **gives regularly** to his church (tithe) and gives offerings above the tithe to prove his love (II Cor 8:8). The tithe is the obedience gift. The offering is the love gift.

6. Love and Continue in the Word of God. John 8:31.

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, if ye continue in my Word, then are ye my disciples indeed." John 8:31.

A disciple has a consistent daily Bible study and prayer time, seeking God's face and communicating with Christ. "I lift up my soul unto thee." Psalm 143:8.

Do you hunger for and regularly take in God's Word? A disciple shows faithfulness to teach the Word. He takes time to hear, read, study, memorize and meditate on the Bible, applying it to his life.

7. Love other Christians. John 13:34,35.

"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13: 34,35.

We show our love to other Christians by:

- i) Practicing the **15 qualities** of love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, such as patience, kindness, humility and showing an unconditional concern for others.
- ii) A disciple is actively involved in a sound, Bible-believing **church**. Hebrews 10:24,25.
- iii) A disciple shows a **servant heart** by helping others.

"the house of Stephanus...have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints". I Cor 16:15
Leaders are leaders because they are the greatest servants of others. The way up is down.

Challenge: Do you meet these conditions of discipleship? Are you a true disciple of Jesus Christ? What impact on the world will you leave behind after you've died?

How many people will have been saved and become disciples through your ministry at your life's end?

Yield yourself today to be a true disciple of Christ all your life. Seek to multiply disciples by personal follow up and by teaching them in your church.

Question 1: Ask a new Christian or orphan Christian: Which chapters in "Established in the Faith" book interest you?

Question 2: Would it be possible for us to get together sometime in the next few days to look at them?

Question 3: Ask "When would suit you?" Then keep that appointment every week, and use the Bible studies in this book as the basis of your Bible studies.

58. RUNNING A DISCIPLESHIP SEMINAR (Hints for church growth and strengthening).

Two problems in church work are:

1. How to get people to come to church, and 2. How to keep them growing in sound doctrine.

People come to church from **two sources**:

1. Those that your church members lead to Christ. These new converts are babes in Christ and generally know very little about the Bible or what fundamental doctrines your church holds to.

2. People who join your church from other churches. These people may already be saved and believe some of the things that a fundamental church stands for. They may also bring with them some false doctrines. If you don't quickly re-teach these people, they will quickly re-teach your people and your church will **drift from sound doctrines** and you will lose some members.

A Pastor may not have time to re-teach all these people everything he wants to on a one-to-one basis. Often, **new Christians will drift away** if they are not quickly taught in Bible doctrines to the point where they can really begin to grow.

Also, **children of your members** need to be grounded in the doctrines of your church. Sometimes, them just coming to one or two meetings a week will not be enough to quickly ground them.

How do we solve this problem of the need to rapidly teach these new members in the key doctrines?

A **DISCIPLESHIP SEMINAR** can be a very helpful thing. What does this involve?

1. Type up a pamphlet/flyer stating some subjects to be taught, date, time and place of the seminar. It is good to make it on a Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm, at the church, a hall, or the pastor's house.

2. Provide lunch from 12 - 1 pm, and afternoon tea from 3 pm - 3.30 pm.

Session 1 is from 10 am - 12 noon; session 2 is from 1 pm - 3 pm; session 3 is from 3.30 pm - 6 pm.

During these 3 sessions you can cover perhaps 15 - 20 different subjects.

3. You should invite all those new attendees at your church who need to know what you stand for. You may door knock to invite people to a BIBLE UNDERSTANDING SEMINAR.

4. What is to be taught? As a pastor you are **very busy** and may not have the time to prepare all the notes for all the subjects that should be taught.

Even if you have prepared the notes, they need typing and you must photocopy a set of notes for each person who attends. You may have over 20 people attending. This means a lot of photocopying cost.

A solution to this problem is the studies in "ANSWERS" by Keith Piper. This book has been put together over 28 years of pastoral work in personal discipleship in local independent Baptist churches. It contains most of the subjects that you would want to teach your people in a local church setting.

What do you teach? You will find simple, comprehensive Bible studies on each subject in this book.

Select what chapter topics you think you need to teach to your people on the Saturday seminar. You may have 2 or 3 seminars on consecutive Saturdays or over a Christmas holiday period on a longer list of subjects if you wish. The chapters that you may select studies from are in the Table of Contents.

5. Provide a copy of the "ANSWERS" book to each person who attends the seminar so that they can follow along with you as you teach. They will want a permanent record of the studies that you teach. Set them chapters to read in their own time. Who do they know that want to read some chapters?

An added benefit to your church is that you can get more people in your church doing discipleship and follow up as they learn to run seminars in their own homes using this material. Having these studies will stop them from teaching false doctrines.

6. Pass a sheet of paper around during your church services to see who wishes to attend the seminar. This will allow you to order the right amount of food and books.

7. Make a list of people to invite. Phone them 2 weeks before the seminar to invite them and remind them to come. You will have great fun and fellowship as your people spend a day studying God's Word.

8. Have a seminar every 3 months. "ANSWERS" books may be obtained by phoning **Keith Piper** on **612-9875-4321** or writing to him at **PO Box 188, Cherrybrook, NSW, 2126, AUSTRALIA**. Please attempt one of these seminars. You will find that your church will grow in understanding God's Word, in unity and in fellowship as you set a lot of these doctrines straight in your people's minds. **They will then be able to teach others also and multiply a network of disciples all over the world.**

59. CHALLENGING QUESTIONS TO MOTIVATE CHRISTIANS

These questions may be used to challenge and motivate lukewarm Christians into becoming dedicated, serious minded, committed disciples of Jesus Christ. These questions may help new Christians get **eternal values**, instead of just earthly values, and also to help them grow to take their place as workers and teachers in local churches worldwide. “It is **more blessed to give** than to receive.” Acts 20:35.

“**Neither count I my life dear** unto myself, so that I might **finish my course with joy.**” Acts 20:24.

Ask: “What are you doing in this life for Jesus Christ?” What topics and questions should we ask them?

1. HELL. “I am tormented in this flame.” Luke 16:24.

- a) Do you believe in a literal **hell** that unsaved people go to after death?
- b) Has God given you the **responsibility** to rescue people from hell?
- c) What is the **best strategy** you can use to achieve this life goal? Use Stop tract & multiply disciples.

2. WORLD. “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.” Mark 16:15.

- a) Do you want to see the **world won to Christ?**
- b) How can you best **achieve** this? (by multiplying disciples through local churches).
- c) Have you heard of **Discipleship by Multiplication?**
- d) Do you **understand** how it works?
- e) Do you want to be **part of a worldwide network** of multiplying disciples?
- f) Can you see your life’s potential in **multiplying millions of disciples** for Jesus Christ?

3. DISCIPLE. “If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed.” John 8:31.

- a) What is a **disciple** of Jesus Christ? (Luke 9:23-26; Mark 8:32-38; Matthew 16:22-28).
- b) Are you a disciple of Jesus Christ? What kind of disciple are you?
- c) Do you want to be a disciple and a disciple-maker for Jesus Christ? (John 8:31).
- d) Are you willing to continue in Christ’s Word, count the cost and **pay the price** to become one?

4. JUDGMENT. “We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.” 2 Corinthians 5:10.

- a) Do you believe that you will have to **give account** to God as to how you used your abilities and talents at the Judgment Seat of Christ? (2 Corinthians 5:10 and Romans 14:12).
- b) Have you used your life to **maximum usefulness** for Jesus Christ and in leading people to Christ?
- c) If your life was judged today, would you have any **regrets** at wasting your life by not serving God?
- d) Would you be **ashamed** if you wasted your life for God? (1 John 2:28).
- e) How can you **best use your talents** and abilities for God and getting people into heaven? Do these:
 - learn to **share the gospel** easily and clearly using the “STOP” tract.
 - support and **help other Christians** to win the lost.
 - **buy gospel tracts** and Established in the Faith books for third world countries to equip churches to win their countries to Christ.
 - **make disciples** yourself.
 - learn the Bible and **grow** in knowledge in a soul winning, Bible teaching church. Teach the Bible.

5. LIFE GOAL. “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” Proverbs 29:18.

- a) What is your **life’s goal**? (soul winning, Bible teaching, church planting).
- b) How can you **best achieve** this goal? (work in a church team with overseas pastors).
- c) What things **last forever** that we can invest our lives in? (Word of God and people).
- d) Why invest your life in things of this world which will all pass away, when you can invest your life in things of **eternity** which will never pass away?

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose”.

“Only one life, ‘twill soon be past. Only what’s done for Christ will last”.

Jesus says, “I died for you. What have you done for me?”

“Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God”. William Carey.

“I look upon this world as a wrecked ship. God has given me a lifeboat and said to me, ‘Moody, save all you can.’ ” D.L.Moody. “Evangelization of the world in this generation.” Moody’s motto.

6. ETERNAL VALUES. “**Every man’s work shall be made manifest.**” 1 Corinthians 3:13.

- a) Do you have **eternal values**?
- b) How much **treasure** have you laid up for yourself in heaven? (Matthew 6:20).
- c) Why not do something **really great for God** and step out from the mooing herd?
- d) What will you be remembered for in **100 years** from now?

7. SHARE THE GOSPEL. "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19.

- a) Do you know how to **lead a person to Christ** easily and clearly? Would you like to **learn**?
- b) How will you explain to Christ if you've **done nothing** to win people to Christ?
- c) Do you want to invest your life in things of **eternal value**?
- d) When can we meet for a **discipleship Bible study**?
- e) Will you come to **church** this Sunday?
- f) Will you come soul winning or **door knocking** with me this week?

"Set your affection on **things above**, not on things on the earth." Colossians 3:2.

"Lift up your eyes, look on the fields for they are **white already to harvest**." John 4:35.

"Go into the highways, and **as many as ye shall find**, bid to the marriage." Matthew 22:9.

"Whosoever thou spendest more, when I come again, **I will repay thee**." Luke 10:35. (Luke 16:11).

"If therefore ye have not been faithful in unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the **true riches**?"

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

"If any man's work shall be burned, **he shall suffer loss**." 1 Cor. 3:15.

(1 John 2:28.)

"Abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and **not be ashamed** before him at his coming."

60. QUALITIES YOU NEED TO MAKE DISCIPLES

Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-26.

Aim: To make us the most effective disciple makers possible and show us the areas lacking in our disciple making ministry.

Introduction:

Many people train at Bible College and yet fail when they seek to have an effective people ministry later on. We are all convinced that:

- i) people without Christ go to hell, and
- ii) the Great Commission is important to us today.

Yet how can we have an effective, fruitful ministry for Christ? I wish to share some things that are big in my life as I seek to make disciples of people for Jesus Christ. We need:

1. LOVE for God, the Bible and people.

"The greatest of these is charity (*God's agape love*)". 1 Corinthians 13:13.

"The love of Christ constrains us". 2 Corinthians 5:14.

"Love one another with a pure heart fervently". 1 Peter 1:22.

"They shall prosper that love thee (Jerusalem)". Psalm 122:6.

"I will love thee O Lord, my strength". Psalm 18:1.

"I have loved the habitation of thy house". Psalm 26:8.

"A friend loveth at all times". Proverbs 17:17.

We need love for Christ, believers, the house of God, lost people and the Bible because our patience is going to be tried. We will be hurt, insulted, rejected and misunderstood.

2. ZEAL "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." John 2:17.

Christ was zealous for the honour of God's name, that all people hold it highly. We should have an intense desire to build a church for God's glory. Are you obsessed with zeal to get people saved and built up, to make disciples to present to Jesus Christ as trophies of grace? Are you zealous against the cults who push lies about God and deceive people into hell? You get zeal as you stay close to God. Zeal can stop you backsliding into laziness.

3. PERSEVERANCE AND DETERMINATION

"And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Gal. 6:9
Here God promises us success if we persevere.

"Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:58

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:5,6

Never give up because you never know what great person you may win to Christ. Just think of what success God has given you so far as an encouragement.

4. STUDY AND KNOW THE BIBLE

If you delight in the law of the Lord and meditate in it day and night, whatever you do will prosper. (eg: discipling) Psalm 1:2,3.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God." 2 Timothy 2:15.

"Take..... the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God." Ephesians 6:17.

"Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." Psalm 138:2.

If you don't know the Bible then:

- i) you can't disciple people.
- ii) you can't refute Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Catholics, etc.
- iii) you can't stay on fire, keen and motivated.

5. BE A SOUL-WINNER, DO DOOR KNOCKING

"He that winneth souls is wise". Proverbs 11:30.

"I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house." Luke 16:27.
When you door-knock you may tell people: "Excuse me, someone you know has asked for me to come to your house to tell you something very important on how to go to heaven and avoid what he is going through." See Luke 16:27.

"Daily in the Temple and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ. Acts 5:42

"They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever". Daniel 12:3.

Soul winning results in:

- i) you staying keen.
- ii) the church growing.
- iii) people spending forever in heaven.

Are you a soul winner?

6. BE COURAGEOUS AND FEARLESS

"The fear of man bringeth a snare". Proverbs 29:25.

"We ought to obey God rather than man". Acts 5:29.

"God hath not given us the spirit of fear". 2 Timothy 1:7.

"The battle is the Lord's". 1 Samuel 17:47.

"Come and let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the Lord will work for us: for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few". 1 Samuel 14:6.
(Jonathan's idea was, let's give it a go, you never know what good may happen).

"We may boldly say: The Lord is my helper: I will not fear what man shall do unto me".
Hebrews 13:6.

Discipline yourself to go doorknocking every week and don't fear what people will say to you.
If they reject you, go find someone else.

7. BE A BIBLE TEACHER

You build a church on three things: soul winning, prayer and Bible teaching.

Paul tells Timothy to "Preach the Word". 2 Timothy 4:2.

Jesus tells Peter to "Feed my sheep". John 21:16.

"They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine". Acts 2:42.

"Paul and Barnabas continued in Antioch teaching and preaching the word of the Lord". Acts 15:35

There is a need for:

- i) expository and topical teaching.
- ii) apply it to their lives.
- iii) use illustrations.
- iv) buy helpful books to feed the flock.
- v) set up a Bible college in your church.

People want to hear God's Word and what it says about how they should live.

8. PLAN FOR GROWTH

Never be content unless new people are getting saved and coming to church each week. If your church doesn't grow it will die. Plan to double every one or two years. Get as many people in your church as possible working in a ministry. People grow as they are personally discipled and have their questions answered. Have a vision of reaching 100, 500, 1000 or more and plan how to get there.

9. CHURCH PLANTING

Set your long term goal as winning Australia for Christ by starting Bible teaching, soul winning churches in every Australian town. Everywhere Paul went on his first, second and third missionary journeys his goal was to set up churches in each city to propagate the Gospel after his death. Follow the example of some US churches with 5,000 people attending weekly. Give your life to it.

10. FIGHT THE DEVIL

We are in a very intense spiritual warfare over the souls of men. Satan's forces will attack you in many different ways. Look to Jesus in all these attacks. Some attacks will be:

- i) false doctrine causing you to separate from Godly men.
- ii) Pastors and other Christian workers will offend you.
- iii) you can get sidetracked chasing money in a job and not doing soul winning, disciple making and church planting.
- iv) beware of adultery and fornication.
- v) laziness.
- vi) running away from problems. Make sure that you face people with problems.
- vii) Pride: people want to be number one.

11. PRAY MUCH

Prayer is where we defeat the forces of Satan that keep people in bondage. Prayer keeps us close to God. We protect our people by a hedge of prayer. Prayer fills us with the Holy Spirit. Prayer reveals to us the will of God. Prayer focuses the power of God through our life. Prayer makes you strong and courageous in God's work.

12. LINK IN WITH STRONG BELIEVERS

Realize that you can't do it all by yourself. Have people that will encourage you in the Lord. Other strong believers will give you new ideas that you are not aware of. Paul did his missionary work in a team.

13. GOOD MARRIAGE

1 Timothy 3:4,5,11. Rule your own house well. Your children must be in subjection. Wives must be grave, sober and faithful. Spend quality time daily with your wife and children so that you will stay close to them. If they go off the rails into rebellion, you ought not to be a pastor. Get your wife doing a ladies ministry. Give your children reasons why they believe. Your marriage will be a pattern of other marriages in the church. Don't take your wife for granted, but love her.

14. LEADERSHIP

We lead by means of:

- i) humility.
- ii) being a servant.
- iii) training your workers.
- iv) creating an atmosphere of excitement in serving God.
- v) lead by example: to get them to jump one inch, you must jump one foot.
- vi) spending time with people especially when they have problems.
- vii) wisdom is the principal thing. Proverbs 4:7.

15. INITIATIVE

Don't be lazy. Get up and do things for God. William Carey said, "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God." "Lord thy pound hath gained 10 pounds". Luke 19:16.

If one thing doesn't work, try something else. Use your God-given brains. Ask God for new ideas to win more people to Christ. Have faith to try things. If we are faithful on earth now, we will have authority over 10 cities later. If you want a great ministry some day, be a reliable servant in little things now.

16. BE ENTHUSIASTIC and EXCITED

Angels rejoice when people get saved. When you win a person to Christ, you have made a friend forever. Be happy about having good Christian friends.

17. CULTIVATE A DEEP RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Get to know God really well through: the Word of God, suffering, prayer, obedience and working with people in soul winning and disciple making.

18. MAKE SURE YOU PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH

Otherwise people will call you a hypocrite. "A bishop must be blameless". 1 Timothy 3:2. You must be 100% honest and approachable.

19. STAY IN ONE AREA FOR A LONG TIME

Be patient to build a strong foundation over a long period of time. Some pastors have problems in one church so they run away to another church to escape. This kills the compounding effect of their past years in the church.

20. CONQUER REJECTION

"Yea and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution". 2 Timothy 3:12.

"Therefore, endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ". 2 Timothy 2:3.

Don't let people who reject you turn you away from your life's goal and ministry. Don't take rejection personally. They are rejecting Christ, not you.

21. IMPART A VISION OF MULTIPLICATION

2 Timothy 2:2. Paul taught Timothy who taught faithful men, who taught others. If you and they win and train one person per year to win and train another person each, you will double each year. In 10 years you will have 1000 people saved. In 20 years you will have 1,000,000 people saved. In 30 years you will have one billion people saved. Teach this to all those that you disciple.

22. CONCENTRATE ON THOSE WHO ARE REALLY INTERESTED

See if they become interested after a few home Bible studies. Don't waste time on people who don't care. "Commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2.

23. BE A GOOD LISTENER

"Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak and slow to wrath". James 1:19.

24. START A BIBLE COLLEGE

Start a Bible College in your church to train workers and pastors to go and start more churches. Teach the material in this book.

25. HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOUR

This is a release for pressure. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Proverbs 17:22.

CONCLUSION:

Are you really determined by God's grace to make disciples? Spend time with a new convert for 6 – 8 weeks studying this material.

61. BIBLE COLLEGE CURRICULUM

- 1) Genesis (p.1162,1086,1087,1127); Pentateuch (p.35,1055), The Tabernacle (p.43)
- 2) Psalms - Outline of Each Psalm (p.1109,1163,1182).
- 3) Old Testament Bible History; Chronology of the OT (p.36,37,42); Bible Customs (p.1196).
- 4) Job (p.1153,1156), Proverbs (p.1145), Ecclesiastes (p.1198), Song of Solomon
- 5) Major Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Daniel, Ezekiel (p.195,214,226-232).
- 6) Minor Prophets:
- 7) Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Life of Christ. (p.38,87-93,1074,1164,1166,1092,1194).
- 8) Acts and Life of Paul (p.40,41,1083,1096,1105,1106)
- 9) Epistles: Romans to Jude (p.286,321,382,1079-1082,1103,1154,1155,1157,1172,1173)
- 10) Revelation and Prophecy (p.171-233,1121,1122,1125,1127,1196).
- 11) Soul-winning, Door-knocking (p.93-137,1057,1083,1088), Building Sunday School; Bus Ministry
- 12) Preaching and Sermon Outlines (p.1052-1200)
- 13) Cults: Roman Catholics (p.707-734), Mormons (p.793-810), SDAs (p.735-792), Islam (p.951-1038)
- 14) Jehovah's Witnesses and Trinity (p.811-947)
- 15) Apologetics (p.1-23,134-135)
- 16) Pastoral Ethics (p.162); Marriages (p.341-343), Funerals, Lord's Supper (p.158)
- 17) Missions (p.103,309-320)
- 18) Church History (p.309-320)
- 19) Errors of Charismatic Movement (p.476-543,1056)
- 20) Why Reject Modern Bible Versions (p.544-569)
- 21) Theology
- 22) How to Plant a Church (p.138-170,234-249,1168)
- 23) Christian Living (p.285-386)
- 24) Counselling: Depression (p.304-306), Marriage (p.362-369,1059,1106)
- 25) How to Run Ladies Meetings; Pastor's Wife
- 26) Basic Greek
- 27) New Evangelical Errors (p.570-603).
- 28) Angels (p.73-92)
- 29) Parables (p.59-65)
- 30) Prayer (p.291-298,1131)
- 31) 49 Character Qualities (p.327-330)
- 32) Teen Work (p.337-351,370-381,1058,1059,1077,1089,1093,1100,1123,1142,1151-1153,1155,1178)
- 33) Principles of Bible Interpretation (p.1039-1053)
- 34) Scripture Memory (p.307-308,326)
- 35) Discipleship (p.234-284)
- 36) Ecclesiology: Doctrine of the Church (p.138-170, 273,274,281-282,1168)
- 37) The Godly Woman (p.272,337-344,1123)
- 38) Romans (p.1079-1082,1122)
- 39) I and II Corinthians (p.321,482,520-538)
- 40) Doctrine of Salvation - Soteriology (p.124-133,387-390,433-450,455,604-696,1062)
- 41) Church Administration and Leadership
- 42) WORK REPORT of hours spent weekly in soul-winning and Follow-up Bible Study
- 43) Church music and soul-stirring songs (p.467-475)
- 44) Home Schooling (p.451-454,1178-1181).
- 45) Spiritual Grpwth (p.284,286,291,299,324,327,334,355,370,375-381,570-603,1059,1068,1093,1100,1110,1111,1119,1124,1134,1137,1138,1140,1150,1152,1155,1157,1162,1166,1168-1172).

62. WHAT ALL CHRISTIANS MUST KNOW

BIBLE WISDOM FOR LIFE.

Now that you have received Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you are a son of God (John 1:12), and a new creature: "old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (II Cor. 5:17). God wants us to live differently from the world and to please Him. You will find many enemies seeking to stop your growth in Christ. Will you drop out of serving God, or will you grow to experience the best that God has for you?

Here are some key Bible truths that will help you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

1. LOVE and OBEY JESUS CHRIST, and GOD WILL BLESS YOU.

"them that honour me, I will honour." I Samuel 2:30.

2. OBEY GOD in DIFFICULT TIMES.

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.

Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." Matthew 5:10,12.

It may be easy to obey God in good times, but God permits trials to develop character qualities for our good and other's good. Even our family may persecute us.

3. ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD.

If we continue obeying and trusting God in all of life's situations, then God promises to turn even the worst events to our good. This requires patience. Romans 8:28.

4. BE PATIENT for GOD TO BRING HIS PLANS TO PASS.

"For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." Hebrews 10:36. God wants to cure us of anger and impatience. Let's learn to trust God.

5. READ and STUDY the BIBLE EVERY DAY.

The Bible gives us wisdom, strength, love, joy, peace, faith, hope, victory over worry, and God's answers to all of life's problems. The Bible is God's textbook for our life.

"Great peace have they which love thy law, and nothing shall offend them." Psalm 119:165.

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." I Peter 2:2.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Psalm 119:11.

Learning and obeying the Bible prevents problems.

6. PRAY TO GOD DAILY.

Friends grow closer if they communicate daily. So it is with God. If we start the day in prayer and Bible study, thanking God, confessing sin, asking for others needs and our needs, then we will draw closer to God and He will draw near to us. "Pray without ceasing." I Thess. 5:17

"The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16.

7. STOP REBELLING AGAINST GOD.

All your life you may have been pleasing yourself. Now is the time to put God first, others second, and yourself last. This is how to have real joy.

Jesus first

Others second

Yourself last.

"Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft." I Samuel 15:23.

Are you rebelling or are you submitting to God and the Bible?

"The rebellious dwell in a dry land." Psalm 68:6.

8. YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN.

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. I Corinthians 6:19,20. Our life's goal should be to glorify God by doing HIS will. We must say "NO" to sin, selfishness, pride, anger, and the devil's lies.

9. LOVE GOD with ALL your HEART, SOUL, MIND, and STRENGTH.

LOVE the BIBLE.

LOVE Christians and LOST PEOPLE. Matthew 22:37,38.

10. COME TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY.

Do all you can to help it grow. Encourage others there.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord". Psalm 122:1.

"Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is..." Hebrews 10:24,25.

"..the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." I Timothy 3:15.

11. HUMBLE YOURSELVES therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. I Peter 5:6. Avoid pride. Stay humble to God, the Bible & others. Benefits of humility: "Before honour is humility." Proverbs 15:33.

"By humility and fear of the Lord are riches, honour and life." Proverbs 22:4.

12. SUBMIT YOURSELVES to the PASTOR/ELDER. 1 Peter 5:5.

A Pastor/Shepherd's job is to feed and protect the sheep from wolves, from false doctrines and from deception. God has placed Pastors in a "rule over you" authority position, not to hurt you, but to protect you. Notice the words "our authority" in II Corinthians 10:8. If you submit to them you are protected. If you rebel you suffer. "Let the elders that rule well." 1 Timothy 5:17.

Five responsibilities to spiritual authority in a local church:

1. **Remember** them which have the **rule over you**...whose faith follow.
2. **Obey** them that have the **rule over you**, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account that they may do it with joy and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. Hebrews 13:7,17.
3. **Greet** them that have the **rule over you**, and all the saints. Hebrews 13:24.
4. **Know** (appreciate, respect) them which labour among you and are **over you** in the Lord, and admonish you. I Thessalonians 5:12.
5. **Esteem** them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.5:13

13. DON'T WORRY, but TRUST AND OBEY GOD.

"Casting all your care upon him; for He careth for you." I Peter 5:7.

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6,7.

"Take no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Matthew 6:34.

14. AVOID SIN.

Remember, sin brings you trouble, and obedience brings you God's blessings.

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not." I John 2:1.

15. CONTINUED SIN BRINGS DISCIPLINE.

If believers continue in sin without repenting, God will discipline us through trouble or suffering.

The benefits of God's discipline in Hebrews 12:5-11 are:

- i) We give God reverence. (v.9).
- ii) We profit by attaining holiness. (v.10).
- iii) We yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness. (v.11).

"Before I was afflicted, I went astray." Psalm 119:67.

- 16. BE WATCHFUL FOR THE DEVIL'S ATTACKS.**
“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. Whom resist steadfast in the faith (by Bible doctrine).” I Peter 5:8,9.
- 17. SOUL WINNING.** Seek to win people to receive Jesus Christ as Saviour.
“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew 4:19.
“He that winneth souls is wise.” Proverbs 11:30.
- 18. ASSURANCE OF SALVATION.** Be sure you are saved based on Bible promises.
“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Romans 10:13.
“He that has the Son has life.....That ye may know that ye have eternal life.” I John 5:12,13.
- 19. JESUS CHRIST KEEPS US SAVED FOREVER.**
“I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish.” John 10:28.
“To an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. Who are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation...” I Peter 1:4,5.
Jesus Christ is 100% responsible for saving us. Jesus Christ is 100% responsible for keeping us saved.
- 20. MEMORIZE BIBLE VERSES**, then whatever you do shall prosper.
“Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.” Psalm 119:11.
“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt **meditate** therein day and night, that thou mayest **observe** to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have **good success**.” Joshua 1:8.
- 21. CONFESS SIN TO GOD IMMEDIATELY.**
“If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” I John 1:9.
To confess (“homologeo” in Greek) sin means to call sin what God calls it. “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.” Proverb 28:13
If we don’t confess our sins to God, we are out of fellowship with God and become miserable, self centred and depressed.
- 22. TELL SOMEONE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOUR.**
Say: “I HAVE received the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour.”
“If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord JESUS, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” Romans 10:9.
- 23. GET BAPTIZED**, after salvation, by full immersion in water, in a local Bible teaching church to obey Christ’s command in Matthew 28:19,20.
“Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.”
- 24. TRUST GOD** with your life to do the right and best things for you, always.
Proverbs 3:5,6 shows that God will guide us if we do 3 things:
1. “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and
2. lean not unto thine own understanding.
3. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”
- 25. REWARDS.** Revelation 22:12.
God promises rewards for us in heaven according to our works for Christ in this life. “Behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”
- 26. INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH**, and invite a friend to meet a soul-winner who will share the gospel with him. “Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.” Luke 14:23. This verse tells us to do door knocking, and to look for people who are wanting to be saved.

27. **GOD ACCEPTS US 100% AS WE ARE**, because we have accepted Christ as our Saviour.
“he hath made us accepted in the Beloved”. Ephesians 1:6.
We can accept ourselves because God accepts us.
God does not accept our sinful behaviour, but chastens us.
28. **LOVE NOT THE WORLD**, neither the things that are in the world. “The world passes away and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.” I John 2:15,17.
Don’t love worldly things such as rock music, bad magazines, bad books and movies, drugs, alcohol, fornication, false religions, horoscopes, palm reading, gambling, etc.
These will pull you away from God and your life will be of no use to God. “Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.” Ephesians 5:11.
29. **RESIST TEMPTATION.**
The devil lies to us that if we sin, we will be happier.
God says: “Be sure your sin will find you out.” Numbers 32:23.
This means that if we sin the following things will happen:
i) God will be displeased.
ii) We will be found out some time.
iii) We will feel guilty.
iv) We will experience the bad consequences or punishment.
v) Our children will be likely to follow our sinful example.
vi) When our spouse or friends find out, they will no longer trust us.
vii) We will live in fear of being caught.
viii) Every sin you give into, reinforces a bad habit pattern. This makes it easier to sin again.
“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” I Corinthians 10:13.
So when you are tempted, look for the way to escape.
30. **SEEK WISDOM.**
Definition: Wisdom is the insight into the true nature of things. It is the ability to discern actions and their results. Pray to God daily for wisdom.
“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God.....and it shall be given him.” James 1:5.
“The **fear of the Lord** is the **beginning of wisdom**: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” Proverbs 9:10.
“Wisdom is the **principal thing**; therefore get wisdom: Exalt her and she shall promote thee, she shall bring thee to honour....” Proverbs 4:7,8.
31. **PROVISION.**
God promises to supply our needs if we put Him first.
“But **seek ye first** the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33.
32. **AVOID WRONG FRIENDS**, such as the ungodly, sinners and scornful.
“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the **ungodly**, nor standeth in the way of **sinners**, nor sitteth in the seat of the **scornful**.” Psalm 1:1.
Ask God for godly friends who love Jesus Christ. Seek to study, understand, learn, apply, memorize and meditate on the Bible. Then whatever you do will prosper.
“But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and nightwhatsoever he doeth shall prosper.” Psalm 1:2,3.
“My son, if sinners entice thee, **consent thou not**.” Proverbs 1:10.
“...he shall be holden with the **cords of his sins**.” Proverbs 5:22.
“Make no friendship with an **angry man**....Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.”
Proverbs 22:24,25.

33. BE PATIENT, and WAIT UPON THE LORD.

We live in an age when everybody wants everything now. Patience builds character. It detaches us from materialism, anger, covetousness, and selfishness. Patience helps us to trust the Lord. “Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, he shall strengthen thine heart.” Psalm 27:14;James 1:2-4

34. When things GO WRONG, don't panic but trust God to bring good out of evil.

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God....” Romans 8:28.

35. JESUS Christ is RETURNING again to catch up the living and the dead believers to heaven, giving us resurrection bodies. Then He will bring us back with Him 7 years later to land on earth, taking it over as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” I Thessalonians 4:16,17.

36. DON'T FIGHT WITH YOUR FAMILY.

“He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind.” Proverbs 11:29.

The Lord promises to protect us as we stay fearing God.

“The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them.” Ps. 34:7.

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.” Ps. 34:19.

“Hast thou not made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side?” Job 1:10.

Satan could not get past the hedge of protection that God had put around Job and all his possessions. Satan had to get God’s permission to attack Job.

37. The Lord is GOOD. Definition of good: all the qualities of an ideal person.

“O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.” Psalm 34:8.

“O how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee.” Psalm 31:19.

Since God is good to us, we should be good to God and man.

38. GOD CREATED the HEAVEN and the EARTH in SIX LITERAL 24-HOUR DAYS.

“In six days the Lord made the heaven and the earth...” Exodus 20:11.

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Genesis 1:1.

“....from the beginning of the creation which God created....” Mark 13:19.

“From the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.” Mark 10:6.

Evolution is wrong because:

- i) Sudden appearance of life in Cambrian strata (supposedly 500 million years old) shows an early unevolved complexity.
- ii) Man’s recorded history only goes back to about 3000 BC.
- iii) 220 dating methods indicate a young earth of about 6,000 years old.
- iv) We find no transitional fossil forms in the fossil layers between one species and another.
- v) Misplaced fossils - for example, a shoe print on a trilobite.
- vi) Brontosaurus cave paintings in Zimbabwe. This means that man and dinosaurs co-existed.
- vii) No beneficial mutations causing a new species have been found.
- viii) Complexity of the human body shows an intelligent Designer.(eg:babies made in 9 months)
- ix) Second Law of Thermodynamics is opposed to Evolution.
- x) Bad social effects of evolution. For example, no morality means no accountability.

39. WIN YOUR COUNTRY TO CHRIST, and BLESSINGS will follow.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...” Psalm 33:12.

“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.” Proverbs 14:34.

“When thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed...” Luke 14:13,14.

- 40. GIVE THANKS always to God and to others.**” I Thessalonians 5:18.
“In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you
- 41. DON’T YOKE UP with UNBELIEVERS in MARRIAGE or in BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS** (2 Corinthians 6:14-20). They please themselves. They don’t care about God.
- 42. The TONGUE.**
Avoid bad speech, slander, lies, swearing, etc.
“Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.” Psalm 34:13.
“A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger.” Proverbs 15:1.
“....let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.” James 1:19.
“The tongue....is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.” James 3:8.
- 43. GUIDANCE.**
God promises to guide us in the right way all our life.
“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord..” Psalm 37:23.
“Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it....” Isaiah 30:21.
“The Lord shall guide thee continually...” Isaiah 58:11.
“I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.” Psalm 32:8.
- 44. BE TRUTHFUL ALWAYS.**
Telling lies makes people distrust you.
“Thou desirest truth in the inward parts.” Psalm 51:6.
“Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight.” Proverbs 12:22.
“A righteous man hateth lying.” Proverbs 13:5.
“Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.” Ephesians 4:25.
- 45. Get ETERNAL VALUES.**
Many people just live for this life and money, never thinking that at death they must leave it all behind. A person with eternal values lives for Jesus Christ, winning people to Christ, and laying up treasures in heaven. Matthew 6:20.
“So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.” Romans 14:12.
“The world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.”
I John 2:17.
If we live for this life only, we will lose rewards in heaven.
- 46. Aim to be PERFECT, SINLESS, HOLY.**
“Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.” Psalm 37:37.
“Be ye holy; for I am holy.” I Peter 1:16.
“ Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” II Corinthians 7:1.
Never tolerate any sin ever in your life.
“Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever.” Psalm 93:5.
“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.” 2 Tim. 3:16,17.
If you never do anything wrong, but always seek to please God, you will never have regrets or self-inflicted trouble.
Jesus said, and so should we: “I do always those things that please him.” John 8:29.
- 47. DON’T BACKSLIDE.**‘The **backslider** in heart shall be filled with his **own ways**.’Proverb 14:14
Don’t neglect daily prayer and Bible study, church or soul-winning. People backslide when they become filled with their own ways, and depart from God’s ways. Such people become very selfish. God soon disciplines them.

48. WORSHIP GOD.

Worship means to acknowledge God's worth. "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker." Psalm 95:6.

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Psalm 96:9.

"....true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:23,24. We must worship God daily in family devotions and weekly in church. We worship God by praise, obedience, thanks, Bible study, church involvement, Gospel preaching, tithing, prayer etc.

49. DON'T COMPLAIN.

Often, the more that people have, the more they complain. Think of all the good things that God has given us. Don't focus on what we haven't yet got. " that there be no complaining in our streets." Psalm 144:14.

"These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts." Jude 16.

50. HOW TO HAVE FAVOUR and a GOOD REPUTATION.

"Let not **mercy** and **truth** forsake thee.....

So shalt thou find **favour** and **good understanding** in the sight of God and man." Proverbs 3:3,4

"Mercy and truth preserve the king." Proverbs 20:28.

i) Show mercy to people by helping them in need.

ii) Always be truthful to people. Don't be deceitful.

Then God and man will show you favour and good understanding.

51. BE TEACHABLE. ACCEPT REPROOF IN A HUMBLE MANNER.

When someone rebukes you, don't reject him, but think if what he says is true. Learn from it, and be corrected.

"Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured." Proverbs 13:18.

"Rebuke a wise man, and he will be yet wiser." Proverbs 9:8,9.

"Open rebuke is better than secret love." Proverbs 27:5.

52. SPEAK GOOD, ENCOURAGING WORDS TO PEOPLE.

So many difficult and discouraging things happen to people, that we need to encourage, help and strengthen people with kind words. Encourage people at church. "Heaviness in the heart of a man maketh it stoop: but a **good word** maketh it **glad**." Proverbs 12:25.

"Let everyone of us please his neighbour for his good to edification." Romans 15:2.

Barnabus means the "son of consolation." Acts 4:36; 9:27.

53. DON'T BE LAZY

Work hard for God and use your time efficiently to lay up treasures in heaven. Time is a very precious asset.

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:16.

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise:she gathers her food in the harvest." Proverbs 6:6-11.

"....the soul of the diligent shall be made fat." Proverbs 13:4.

"His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant...Take therefore the talent from him, and give it to him who has 10 talents." Matthew 25:26,28.

If we don't use our God given abilities, we will lose them. We don't have much time because life is short and Jesus will return soon.

54. A GOOD NAME IS VERY VALUABLE.

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." Proverbs 22:1.

Sin gives you a bad name, and obeying God gives you a good name, before God and men.

Many believing chief rulers "loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." John 12:43.

55. DON'T BE PROUD.

"Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth." I Corinthians 8:1.

One of the greatest failures of young Christians is that as they gain some knowledge, they become proud, break fellowship with their pastor and leave their church which taught them everything they know spiritually. They usually justify their leaving by looking hard for the smallest faults in the pastor or people in their church. They accuse them of legalism, etc., when the real problem is pride and rebellion inside them.

They should try to build the church that they were saved in, rather than expecting people to wait on them. Young Christians from age 17-30 are mostly prone to this. They forget all the good things that people have done for them. Ingratitude, fault-finding, and a critical spirit describes this person.

"Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." Proverbs 16:18.

"A man's pride shall bring him low." Proverbs 29:23.

Many people who leave one church in pride, will leave the next church as well.

They think that they are running away from their problems. The problems are inside them, and they carry their sins in their baggage to plague them at the next place.

56. BE FRIENDLY and YOU WILL HAVE FRIENDS.

Don't sit back waiting for people to befriend you. Instead, you must go to people to make friends with them. Be friendly and speak to new people at church.

"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly." Proverbs 18:24.

"Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not." Proverbs 27:10.

Be loyal and committed to godly Christian friends and to church.

57. CHOOSE WISE, GODLY Christians AS YOUR BEST FRIENDS.

"He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."

Proverbs 13:20.

"Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge."

Proverbs 14:7.

"Fools make a mock at sin." Proverbs 14:9.

Only choose friends of those people who will make you a better Christian. Avoid those who will pull you down. We are like our friends, or we are becoming like them. You should meet wise, godly people at church.

58. DON'T LOOK AT or DRINK ALCOHOL.

Alcohol destroys millions of lives and marriages each year.

Companies produce and sell alcohol to make money, yet it costs the community more money than taxes raised. It is a deadly poison.

"Look not thou upon the wine when it is red....At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold **strange women**, and thine heart shall **utter perverse things**. They have stricken me...they have **beaten me** and I felt it not. I will **seek it yet again**." Proverbs 23:31-35.

Notice the above five troubles that people get from alcohol. God warns us to reject alcohol..

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 20:1.

The wine that Jesus drank was non-alcoholic because it was made by adding water to a concentrate made by heating the water out of fresh grape juice (wine). This prevented fermentation. If you drink alcohol in moderation, you encourage others to drink also.

59. DON'T TAKE DRUGS eg: Marijuana, heroin, cigarettes, etc.

People mostly take drugs because their bad friends ask them to, or to experience something new, or to cope with life's pressures.

"A fool has no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself." Proverbs 18:2.

60. BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT DAILY.

How? By studying God's Word, praying, obeying God, confessing sin, etc.

"Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Ephesians 5:18.

Don't be filled with self, fear or the world, but with Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Word of God and the things of God.

61. STOP LISTENING TO WRONG INFORMATION,

such as evolution, immorality, pornography, rebellion, feminism, false religions, occult, astrology, rock music, complaining, self-pity, lies, Bible denying philosophy, wrong theology.

"Cease my son, to hear the instruction that causeth thee to err from the words of knowledge."

Proverbs 19:27.

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." Psalm 14:1.

62. PRAISE GOD continually.

This will focus our attention on God's goodness.

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." Hebrews 13:15.

"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me." Psalm 50:23.

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men." Psalm 107:8.

"Seven times a day do I praise thee." Psalm 119:164.

63. BE CONSTANTLY FAITHFUL.

Be faithful to God, to a good church, and to God's work all your life.

"Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." I Corinthians 4:2.

"Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?" Proverbs 20:6.

"Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint." Proverbs 25:19.

An unfaithful man cannot be relied upon. Don't be unfaithful. If we are faithful in the small things, we'll be faithful in the big things.

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." Luke 16:10.

Will Christ say to you: "Well done thou good and faithful servant?" Matthew 25:21.

64. TRAIN CHILDREN IN GOD'S WAYS.

This is done by the Word of God, and by being a godly example to them. If you don't train them correctly, they will learn wrong values from the world, school, TV, peers, etc., thus breaking your heart and bringing shame to you. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." Proverbs 22:15.

"Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from HELL." Proverbs 23:14.

We must teach our children to live by the Bible as the right guide to living. We must discipline our children with a rod, breaking their rebellious spirit to get them to obey their parents and God before they reach age of 5 Years.

"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself brings his mother to shame."

Proverbs 29:15.

We train children by kind instruction, the rod and by much love.

65. PRAY FOR A WISE AND GODLY WIFE OR HUSBAND.

"A prudent wife is from the Lord." Proverbs 19:14.

Most people marry someone like themselves. If you are a person of wisdom, godliness, and character, you should seek to marry someone just the same.

66. YOUNG LADIES, be a VIRTUOUS WOMAN FOR GOD.

“Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.” Proverbs 31:10-31.

Don’t be a rebellious feminist. Seek to marry a godly husband who will be a good helper in God’s work, and who will help you to raise up the next generation to be godly. God’s will for young ladies is found in I Timothy 5:14,

“I will therefore that the younger women **marry, bear children, guide the house**, give none occasion for the adversary to speak reproachfully.”

67. FLEE FORNICATION and ADULTERY.

“Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is outside the body; but he that commiteth fornication sinneth against his own body.” I Corinthians 6:18.

“Whoso commiteth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.” Proverbs 6:32.

“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.” Hebrews 13:4.

Be content to wait until marriage. Sex before marriage acts like a wedge.

When a couple live together before marriage, the man has what he wants, but the girl wants the security of marriage. She pesters him to get married.

He says, “We can’t afford it now, wait until later.”

She gets angry. He resents an angry, insecure woman.

They fight. Then they split up. At age 30, they must start again to find someone suitable. It happens all the time.

68. BE GODLY IN YOUR YOUTH.

“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not....” Ecclesiastes 12:1.

If you are godly in your youth, you establish a habit of godliness, thus making it easier to be godly all your life. Prepare yourself by Bible study, prayer and soul-winning to be a servant of God or a missionary. Have a personal sense of destiny. “Who knows whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14.

69. The LOVE OF MONEY is the ROOT OF ALL EVIL.

Money is a good servant to further the Lord’s work, to help others and to purchase our needs, but it becomes a tyrannical master that can enslave our minds and rob us of time, peace, and happy relationships when we place too high a value on it. We cannot take money with us when we die, so we should be more concerned with laying up treasures in heaven. Proverbs 23:5 says that “riches certainly make themselves wings and fly away...”

God entrusts us with money to use for His purposes.

70. LAY UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN. Matthew 6:19-21.

“Set your **affection** on things above, not on things on the earth.” Colossians 3:2.

What do you love the most, earthly or heavenly things? Heavenly things last forever and are ours to keep. Earthly things are lent to us by God for a time to use for God. Jesus told about a rich fool who died and went to hell, leaving all his material possessions behind. “God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not **rich toward God.**” Luke 12:20,21.

We can lay up treasures in heaven by winning people to Christ, living by Bible truths, and by building churches. We will then be welcomed by those people into “everlasting habitations” (Luke 16:9). We will have an “abundant entrance into Christ’s everlasting kingdom.”2 Peter 1:11

Question: Are you rich toward God? Are you laying up treasures in heaven?

71. BE COURAGEOUS FOR GOD.

“The righteous are bold as a lion.” Proverbs 28:1.

“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.” Ecclesiastes 9:10.

Attempt great things for God. Expect great things from God.

72. IDENTIFY DANGEROUS SITUATIONS and AVOID THEM.

“A prudent man forseeth the evil, and hides himself; but the simple pass on and are punished.” Proverbs 27:12.

73. DON’T GIVE UP SERVING GOD

because people’s eternal destiny is at stake. We need to rescue people from going to hell.

“Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” Galatians 6:9

“A just man falleth seven times, and rises up again.” Proverbs 24:16

“If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small....shall not he render to every man according to his works?” Proverbs 24:10-12.

Keep serving God in the one place all your life because you will build up a wide range of contacts. You will have a strong home base church to reach the world. Trouble is sure to come and the devil wants you to quit, but don’t.

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” I Corinthians 15:58. Claim this promise when you feel like giving up. Something good may be just around the corner. If you give up, you’ll miss all the good future blessings. Remember and appreciate the good past blessings. If you quit, you’ll discourage others so they may quit. God will be displeased. If you persevere, you’ll encourage others to persevere. God’s work will then progress.

74. WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, the PEOPLE PERISH. Proverbs 29:18.

Have a vision of the great plans and opportunities that God has for your life. Attempt great things for God. You only get **one chance** at this life to win souls for Christ. Don’t waste your life by living for self and sin, but fully yield and surrender your WILL to follow God’s plans for your life to win and teach people for Christ.

Telling people how to be saved is something that we cannot do in heaven. Get a vision of winning many people to Christ, and starting many churches all over the world. Otherwise, you’ll perish by getting sidetracked into something useless for God and of no eternal value.

75. DON’T HARDEN YOUR HEART AGAINST GOD and YOUR PASTOR.

“He that hardens his heart shall fall into mischief.” Proverbs 28:14.

“He that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.” Proverbs 29:1.

Many teens and adults learn some Bible, then they think that they know it all. They proudly despise and reject older and wiser Christians and their Pastor. They harden their hearts against God, then they fall into deep sin, sorrow and discipline. Don’t you be one of these.

76. DON’T LEAVE the PLACE OF SPIRITUAL BLESSING: A GOOD CHURCH.

Abraham went to Bethel (House of God), the place of blessing. (Genesis 12:7-13:4). When a famine came, he went **down** to Egypt (v.11), a type of the world. While in Egypt, Pharaoh wanted to take Abraham’s wife Sarai, except the Lord plagued Pharaoh’s house. Pharaoh then rebuked Abraham for lying that Sarai was his sister. Then Abraham returned to Bethel.

Lesson: The devil will always try to get you to leave a good church (Bethel) against the pastor’s advice. He will tempt you to go somewhere else, so that he can get you away from spiritual blessings. Be content, stay where you are, even if you feel you are going through a famine as Abraham did. Learn to be committed to your church. If you leave, something much worse than a famine can happen, and often does. For example, marrying a wrong person, getting into a church teaching error, etc. Jacob went to Egypt in a famine, and put 2 million descendants into bondage.

77. DON'T BE LIKE CHILDREN

Tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine. Unbiblical religious people will lie in wait to **deceive** you by fraud, and by cunning **craftiness** of false doctrines. Ephesians 4:14.

78. BEWARE OF WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING.

One of Satan's first and favourite attacks on young Christians is to deceive and confuse them by religious wolves.

- a) Jesus warned against wolves: "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits." Matthew 7:15,16.
- b) Paul warned against wolves: "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore, watch & remember" Act20:29-31 Stay loyal to the pastor and people who led you to Christ. Wolves will criticize the pastor to you to seduce you away from the under-shepherd.

79. BE LOYAL

When godly people help you, be loyal to them, your church, your pastor, God, your parents, and to the work of God. Don't be like a grasshopper, hopping from church to church. Be stable, committed and loyal. Remember the good that godly people have done to you. "Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house." Proverbs 17:13.

80. WHAT YOU SOW, YOU WILL SURELY REAP.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Galatians 6:7,8.

When you are tempted to sin, or to reject a Godly person, remember that when you sin against someone, then someone else will do a similar sin against you. For example, David murdered Uriah and committed adultery with Bathsheba. He reaped the bad consequences of four of his sons being murdered, his daughter being raped, and his wives being sexually violated. If you sow good, you reap good. If you sow evil, you will reap evil.

81. The purpose of life is USEFULNESS to God and others.

So many people are bored in life because they are living for themselves. These are selfish people. The aim of life is usefulness, not pleasure. Self discipline is necessary to achieve things for Christ in this life. Most young people think that the purpose of life is to live for pleasure, themselves and entertainment. Young people must quickly learn self discipline to study the Bible, to win souls to Christ, to do follow up, to resist temptation and to be committed to church as it seeks to win the world for Christ. "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth." Lamen. 3:27.

82. GOD IS ABLE TO DO EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK or THINK. Ephesians 3:20.

When concerned, let us persevere serving God, because when we give God complete control of our lives, God can do exceeding, abundantly above all that we ask or think. Have faith to step out and do things for God. He will pleasantly surprise you by the great end results.

83. CHILDREN OBEY YOUR PARENTS in the Lord, because:

- i) It is right,
- ii) That it may be well with thee,
- iii) That you may live long on the earth. Ephesians 6:1-3.

84. SUBMITTING YOURSELVES ONE TO ANOTHER, in the fear of the Lord. Ephesian5:21 This is the key to a happy marriage:

- i) **Wives duty:** Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord. Eph. 5:22.
- ii) **Husbands duty:** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it. Ephesians 5:25.

85. PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD,

that you may be able to stand against the devil's devices. We are in an intense spiritual warfare between God's kingdom and Satan's kingdom over the souls of men going to heaven or hell. We must stand and put on the armour of:

- i) **Truth** around our waist,
- ii) **Righteousness** as our breastplate,
- iii) **Gospel of peace** on our feet,
- iv) **Shield of faith** to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked,
- v) **Salvation** assurance as a helmet,
- vi) **Word of God** as the sword of the Spirit,
- vii) **Praying** always,
- viii) **Watching** for all saints. Ephesians 6:10-18.

Many people get saved, but through disobedience and carelessness they don't put on the whole armour of God. They soon become defeated, and waste their lives for God.

86. HOW TO HAVE VICTORY OVER SIN and TEMPTATION.

- 1) **Know** that our old man (old nature) is crucified with Christ. Romans 6:6.
- 2) **Reckon** ourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God.
- 3) **Yield** our members as servants to righteousness unto holiness. Romans 6:19.
- 4) **Resist** the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:7.

87. COMFORT.

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God..." Romans 8:28.

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31.

"I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18.

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32.

Nothing "shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:39.

88. SIX STEPS TO PEOPLE GETTING SAVED are:

1. one is SENT,
2. one PREACHES the gospel,
3. people HEAR,
4. people BELIEVE,
5. people CALL on the name of the Lord to save them,
6. people are SAVED. Romans 10:13-15.

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace."

"Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17

89. GIVE JESUS CHRIST FULL CONTROL of YOUR LIFE.

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1.

"My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways." Proverbs 23:26.

Put Jesus Christ in the driver's seat of your life, letting him take you where He wishes.

90. RENEW and TRANSFORM your MIND by the WORD of GOD.

"Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Romans 12:2.

All your life up until salvation, you may have taken in worldly, wrong values. Be willing to let the Bible transform your mind by saturating your thinking with God's thoughts. Reject all wrong thinking. Find and fulfil God's will for your life by letting the Bible transform your mind.

91. USE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS, that Christ gave you at salvation to build up your church.

The 11 permanent gifts are:

1. **Evangelist** (Ephesians 4:11) - ability to lead sinners to Christ, and teach and motivate Christians to share the Gospel.
2. **Pastor/Teacher** (Ephesians 4:11) - preach, teach, feed and lead Christians.
3. **Teachers** (I Corinthians 12:28) - ability to communicate and clarify Bible doctrines.
4. **Helps or ministering** (I Corinthians 12:28; Romans 12:7) - giving practical assistance.
5. **Rule or governments** (I Corinthians 12:28; Romans 12:8) - organize, administer, and promote people or projects with diligence.
6. **Mercy** (Romans 12:8) - helping sick or suffering people in a cheerful manner.
7. **Exhortation** (Romans 12:8) - ability to give challenging, encouraging words. Stay for exhortation after the church service.
8. **Giving** (Romans 12:8) - ability to accumulate and give large sums of money to further God's work. Give simply.
9. **Wisdom** (I Corinthians 12:8) - ability to rightly apply human and divine knowledge.
10. **Spirit Discernment** (I Corinthians 12:10) - ability to distinguish between demonic, human and divine works.
11. **Faith** (I Corinthians 12:9) - ability to believe and expect great things from God.

The 7 temporary gifts ceased in the first century. These are Apostles, prophecy, miracles, healing, knowledge, tongues, and interpretation of tongues. "Confirming the word with signs following." Mark 16:20. Once the N.T. word was confirmed by signs, then sign gifts were no longer needed.

92. WE MUST ALL APPEAR before the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST. Romans 14:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10. "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Romans 14:12 Believers will either be rewarded if our life's work for Christ abides to eternity, or we will suffer loss if we don't serve Christ. I Corinthians 3:11-15.

"...every man shall receive his **own reward** according to his **own labour**." I Corinthians 3:8.
"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord **ye shall receive the reward** of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons." Colossians 3:23-25.

93. UNREPENTED SIN SPREADS THROUGH A CHURCH,

like leaven (yeast), then God judges the sin.

"Know ye not that a little leaven **leaveneth the whole lump?** Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump..." I Corinthians 5:6,7.

Many churches are destroyed by tolerating sin. God hates sin and so must we.

Don't keep company or eat meals with anyone that is called a brother if he continues unrepenting in the sins of: i) fornication ii) covetous iii) idolater iv) railer (cursing, abusive), v) drunkard vi) extortioner.

"Do not ye judge them that are within (the church)? But them that are outside God judges. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person." I Corinthians 5:11-13.

94. MEN HAVE SHORT HAIR. Don't follow worldly fashions.

"Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a **man** have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a **woman** have long hair, it is a glory to her." I Corinthians 11:14,15.

Men must look different to women. Demons in Revelation 9:8 have long hair.

95. The WILDERNESS GENERATION that sinned teaches us that:

- i) we should not lust after evil things,
- ii) neither be idolaters,
- iii) neither let us commit fornication,
- iv) neither let us tempt Christ,
- v) neither murmur ye. I Corinthians 10:1-12.

96. LIVE the FAITH-REST LIFE.

The wilderness generation failed to enter the promised land because they refused to believe God's promises.

"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.....the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest....Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest...." Hebrews 4:1,2,3,11.

When faced with difficulties we can either trust God, or blame God. We should rest in God's promises for victory, knowing that God is in control.

97. PREACH the GOSPEL.

"Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel." I Corinthians 9:16.

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19.

"....preach the gospel in the regions beyond you..." II Corinthians 10:16.

If we don't preach the gospel, people will go to hell.

98. GOD PERMITS HERESIES in churches, to see who is approved and who is disapproved.

Those who stand up for the truth are approved by God. Those who believe the false doctrine are disapproved by God. Whenever a conflict arises in your church it is a test to see if you have the courage to take the side of truth.

"For there **must** be also heresies among you, that they which are **approved** may be **made manifest** among you." I Corinthians 11:19.

99. EACH LOCAL CHURCH is like a BODY,

that needs each member to work together to pull their load, so that the Lord's work gets done. Therefore, let us co-operate, loyally maintaining unity in our church work. I Corinthians 12:12-27

100. LORD'S SUPPER GUIDELINES. I Corinthhains 11:23-34.

1. The bread (unleavened) reminds us of Christ's body that was broken for us. v.24.
2. The grapejuice (non-alcoholic) reminds us of Christ's blood shed for our sins. v.25.
3. We do it in remembrance of Jesus Christ. v.25.
4. It shows the Lord's death till He come. v.26.
5. We must first examine ourselves, then confess any sin before taking the Lord's supper.v.28.
6. We must judge our sins, or God will judge us with sickness or death. v.29-34.

101. 4 COMMANDS IN I Corinthians 10:31-33.

- i) "whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." v.31.
- ii) "Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God." v.32.
- iii) "...not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved." v.33.
- iv) "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." 11:1.

102. 8 REGULATIONS FOR THE GIFT OF TONGUES:

Tongues are:

- i) A sign, not for believers, but to unbelievers. I Corinthians 14:22.
- ii) God promised to use tongues to warn the Jews to repent. v.21.
- iii) Gentiles, unbelievers, and those unlearned in the Old Testament think you are mad if you speak in tongues. 14:23.
- iv) Only 2 or 3 should speak in tongues in the church in the first century. 14:27.
- v) They should speak by course, meaning one after the other. 14:27.
- vi) Let one interpret, otherwise keep quiet. 14:27,28.
- vii) Women should not speak in tongues in church. 14:34.
- viii) Don't pray in tongues, because "understanding is unfruitful." 14:14,15.
- ix) A childish gift, only for the childhood days of the church before it left Judaism in 70AD.13:11 Since the Jews ignored the tongues warning to repent, God judged them by the Roman army destroying Jerusalem in 70 AD. Tongues then ceased, and are not applicable today.

103. NOW ABIDETH FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY, THESE THREE. I Corinthians 13:13.
Faith, hope and love are permanent in the Church Age. Prophecy, tongues and knowledge (of God's will before the full Bible was completed) were temporary gifts in the church age, each passing away in the first century. Any people giving "new revelations" not contained in the Bible are false prophets giving false prophecies. Revelation 22:18.

104. The GOSPEL that Paul preached is that:

- i) Christ died for our sins,
- ii) Christ was buried,
- iii) Christ rose again the third day. I Corinthians 15:1-4.

105. TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE GOD.

"For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." I Cor. 16:9.

106. REJECT SATAN'S DEVICES and RESIST the DEVIL.

- i) "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are **not ignorant** of his devices." II Corinthians 2:11.
- ii) **Submit** yourselves to God. eg. church, Bible study and prayer.
- iii) "**Resist** the devil and he will flee from you.
- iv) **Draw** near to God, and He will draw near to you." James 4:7,8; I Peter 5:8,9.

Use these 4 tactics to defeat Satan's attacks on us. See p.334.

107. WHEN BELIEVERS DIE, we ENTER HEAVEN.

"We are confident and willing....to be absent from the body, and to be **present with the Lord**" (in heaven). II Corinthians 5:8.

"Them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." I Thessalonians 4:14.

"For I am in a straight betwixt two, having a desire to **depart**, and **TO BE WITH CHRIST...**" Philippians 1:23.

"Wherefore, seeing we also are surrounded by so great a **cloud of WITNESSES.**" Hebrews 12:1.
Dead believer's souls in heaven witness our life on earth, not in soul sleep.

"....the **heavenly** Jerusalem....to the **SPIRITS of just men** made perfect." Hebrews 12:22,23.

"I saw under the altar the **souls of them** that were slain for the word of God..." Revelation 6:9.

"To an inheritance, incorruptible, undefiled..... reserved in heaven for you." I Peter 1:4.

"The LORD my God shall **come**, and **all the saints with thee.**" Zechariah 14:5. Come from where?
Use these verses with Jehovah's Witnesses, SDA's and Christadelphians.

108. REASONS FOR SERVING GOD and WINNING SOULS.

1. We labour, that....we may be **accepted** of him. II Corinthians 5:9.
2. 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. 5:10.
3. Knowing the **terror of the Lord**, we persuade men. 5:11.
4. The **love of Christ** constrains us. 5:14.
5. He died for all, that they which live should **not henceforth live unto themselves**, but unto him which died for them and rose again. 5:15.
6. People become **new creatures** in Christ. 5:17.
7. God has given us the **ministry and word of reconciliation.** 5:18,19.
8. We are **ambassadors for Christ.** 5:20.

109. FIVE CROWNS for FAITHFUL BELIEVERS.

1. Incorruptible crown – for those who master the old nature. I Corinthians 9:25-27.
2. Crown of Rejoicing – for those who win people to Christ. I Thessalonians 2:19,20.
3. Crown of Life – for those who endure temptation. James 1:12; Revelation 2:10.
4. Crown of Righteousness -for those who love Christ's appearing (rapture). II Timothy 4:8.
5. Crown of Glory - for faithful pastors. I Peter 5:2-4.

110. DO NOT MARRY AN UNBELIEVER.

“Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion has light with darkness? II Corinthians 6:14.

Wherefore **come out** from among them, and **be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and **touch not the unclean thing**; and I will receive you. II Corinthians 6:17. Don’t mix with worldly things, or enter a long term business partnership with unbelievers or marry an unbeliever. Don’t work with Christians in outreach who don’t hold the doctrine of Christ. Hebrews 6:1,2.

111. SEEK PEACE IN YOUR CHURCH.

“I fear lest, when I come,...there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings (pride), tumults, ...uncleanness, fornication, lasciviousness.” II Corinthians 12:20. If Christians in a church fight each other, they will not be winning people to Christ. Christians who quit soul-winning and quit fighting the devil, often fight each other.

112. BEWARE of those coming to you preaching.

1. **Another Jesus** whom we have not preached,
2. If ye receive **another Spirit**, which ye have not received,
3. **Another Gospel**, which ye have not accepted. II Corinthians 11:4.

Beware of “false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness.” II Corinthians 11:13-15.

“If any man preach **any other gospel** unto you than that ye have received, **let him be accursed.**” Galatians 1:9.

113. DON’T BE MEN PLEASERS, but be a GOD PLEASER.

“If I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.” Galatians 1:10.

“We **ought to obey God** rather than men.” Acts 5:29.

They (chief rulers who believed), because of the Pharisees did not confess Jesus, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they **loved the praise of men** more than the **praise of God.**” John 12:42,43. Always do what is right in God’s eyes.

114. WE ARE NOT SAVED BY OUR GOOD WORKS.....

or in keeping the Law, or by baptism, or by sacraments, etc, but by FAITH in CHRIST as SAVIOUR. “Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ...not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.” Galatians 2:16. Good works never cancel bad works.

“If righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.” Galatians 2:21.

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto GOOD WORKS’ Ephesians 2:8,9,10. The law sees what we do wrong. It does not care what we do right.



115. WALK IN THE SPIRIT, and ye shall not fulfil the lusts of the flesh. Galatians 5:16.

This means to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 5:18.

- The works of the flesh are:
Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellingsthey which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
- But the fruit of the Spirit is:
Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Galatians 5:19-23.

116. WALK WORTHY. Ephesians 4:1-6:24. How?

1. Lowliness, meekness, longsuffering, forbearing one another in love, keep the unity of the Spirit. 4:2,3.
2. Evangelists, Pastors/teachers use your gifts to:
 - a) Perfect the saints.
 - b) Do the work of the ministry.
 - c) Edify the body of Christ. 4:11-13.
3. Don't be like children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine. 4:14.
4. Speak the truth in love, that you may grow up... 4:15.
5. Walk not as other Gentiles walk in their vain mind, having darkened understanding, ignorant, blind hearts, being past feeling, given to lasciviousness (continuous evil thoughts), uncleanness, greediness. 4:17-19.
6. Put off the former conversation of the old man. 4:22.
7. Be renewed in the spirit of your mind. 4:23.
8. Put on the new man, created in righteousness and holiness. 4:24.
9. Put away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour. 4:25.
10. Be angry and sin not. 4:26.
11. Don't give place to the devil. 4:27.
12. Steal no more, but labour to give to needy people. 4:28.
13. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but speak good edifying words. 4:29.
14. Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God. 4:30.
15. Put away all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, evil speaking and malice. 4:31.
16. Be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. 4:32.
17. Be followers of God. 5:1.
18. Walk in love. 5:2.
19. Let not fornication, uncleanness, covetousness, filthiness, foolish talking, jesting be once named among you. 5:3,4.
20. Walk as children of light. 5:8.
21. Prove what is acceptable to the Lord. 5:10.
22. Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. 5:11.
23. Walk circumspectly (cautious, prudent, discreet) wisely. 5:15.
24. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 5:16.
25. Understand what the will of the Lord is. 5:17.
26. Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit. 5:18.
27. Sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs in melody to the Lord. 5:19.
28. Giving thanks always for all things unto God. 5:20.
29. Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. 5:21.
30. Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as to the Lord. 5:22.
31. Husbands love your wives, even as Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it. 5:25.
32. Children obey your parents in the Lord. 6:1.
33. Fathers provoke not your children to wrath. 6:4.
34. Servants obey your masters,..as unto Christ. 6:5.
35. Masters forbear threatening. 6:9.
36. Be strong in the Lord. 6:10.
37. Put on the whole armour of God, to stand against the wiles of the devil. 6:11
38. Pray always. 6:18.
39. Watch with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. 6:18.

117. DON'T COMMIT SUICIDE.

"To abide in the flesh is more needful for you." Philippians 1:24.

God has given us the gift of life. We must use our life for Christ and others. We must win souls to Christ and teach Christians. It is the Devil's voice telling you to suicide. Reject his words.

Suicide is very selfish. Care about serving God and helping others. Most problems are short lived. If you wait a while, the problem tempting you to suicide will soon be forgotten. If you suicide, you will miss all the good things in the future.

118. EXPECT SUFFERING.

"For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake." Philippians 1:29.

"We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." Acts 14:22.

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." II Timothy 3:12.

"That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto." I Thessalonians 3:3.

119. DON'T BE SELFISH, but CARING and HELPING OTHERS. Philippians 2:20,21,4.

"I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state." v.20.

"For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's." v.21.

Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." v.4.

Selfish people complain, find faults and think little of others. If we are selfish, other believers have to work harder, "to supply your lack of service toward me." Philippians 2:30.

120. FORGET THE BAD PAST EVENTS. You can't change them.

"This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize...." Philippians 3:13,14.

Many psychiatrists try to delve back into your past to make you relive or resolve past bad situations. This is wrong. Learn lessons from past mistakes and sins, don't dwell on them, but press toward and work for the future prize in heaven.

121. REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS. Philippians 4:4.

Look on the bright side. Be an optimistic, rejoicing Christian.

122. THINK ON EIGHT KINDS OF THINGS.

Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report, virtue, and praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:8.

Don't look at bad movies, bad books, or anything against these 8 values.

123. BE CONTENT with what God sends your way. Philippians 4:11,12,13,19.

"Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing let us be therewith content. They that will be rich fall into temptation, and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts....For the love of money is the root of all evil.....But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." I Timothy 6:6-11.

- "Not that I speak in respect to want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. v.11.
- I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. v.12.
- I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." v.13.
- My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." v.19.

124. CHRIST DEFEATED ALL SATAN'S ANGELS and POWERS at his death and resurrection. Let us not fear the devil, but fear God.

"Having spoiled principalities and powers." Colossians 2:15.

125. DON'T TOLERATE EVIL and SIN, but REBUKE IT.

"Whom we preach, **warning every man**, and **teaching** every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man **perfect in Christ Jesus.**" Colossians 1:28.

Of all errors, **toleration** is the most dangerous and will damn many people to hell. Other errors only overturn one truth, but by toleration of sin and false doctrine, way is made to overturn all the truths in scripture. "Warn them that are unruly." I Thessalonians 5:14.

Toleration sets up all errors opposite to truth. People who tolerate errors, will not tolerate believers who are intolerant of errors. They think we are narrow-minded or legalist. This sin of toleration becomes the open door to all false doctrines.

126. BEWARE.

1. Lest thou **forget the Lord**, which brought thee....out of bondage. Deuteronomy 6:12.
2. Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not **keeping his commandments**.... Deuteronomy 8:11.
3. Beware of the **Lord disciplining us**. "Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware." Proverbs 19:25.
4. Beware of **false prophets**, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Matthew 7:15.
5. Beware of **men**: for they will deliver you up to councils. Matthew 10:17.
6. Beware of the leaven of **false doctrine**. Matthew 16:12.
7. Beware of the **scribes**, which love to go in long clothing,.....loveth the chief seats,.....which devour widow's houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation." Mark 12:38-40.
8. Beware of **covetousness**: for a man's life consists not in the abundance of things which he possesses. Luke 12:15.
9. Beware of **dogs** (outside) beware of **evil workers** (inside), beware of the concision (legalism). Philippians 3:2.
10. Beware lest any man spoil you through **philosophy** and **vain deceit**, after the **tradition of men** (Roman Catholic Church), after the rudiments of the **world**,and not after Christ.Coloss2:8

127. FULFIL YOUR MINISTRY.

"And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou **fulfil it.**" Colossians 4:17. We all have been given a ministry that God wants us to fulfil.

We must not be lazy, sidetracked, fall into sin or give up. Fulfil God's plans for your life. Start doing something for God today. Don't waste your life on things of no eternal value. Have a sense of destiny, of the importance of your life for eternity, for souls and for Jesus Christ .

128. 14 CHARACTERISTICS of a DISCIPLE - MAKER. I Thessalonians 2.

1. We were bold to speak the Gospel, with much contention. v.2.
2. Our exhortation was not of deceit, uncleanness or guile. v.3.
3. We speak; not as pleasing men, but pleasing God. v.4.
4. We never used flattering words, nor a cloke of covetousness. v.5.
5. We never sought glory of men. v.6.
6. We were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherishes her children. v.7.
7. We affectionately desired you, imparting to you our own souls. v.8.
8. We laboured and travailed night and day, so as not to charge you. v.9.
9. We behaved ourselves to believers holy, justly and unblameably. v.10.
10. We exhorted, comforted and charged every one of you, as a father does his children, that ye would walk worthy of God. v.11.
11. We thank God that ye received the Word of God as God's Word. v.13.
12. Ye became followers of the churches of God in Judea. v.14.
13. We endeavoured to see your face with great desire. v.17.
14. Ye are our hope, glory, joy, our crown of rejoicing at Christ's coming. v.19.

129. FIVE BENEFITS OF SUFFERING.

"ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen." I Thessalonians 2:14.

1. It proves the reality of our faith. It weeds out mere professors. I Peter 1:7.
2. It enables us to comfort and encourage others who are going through trials. 2 Corinthian 1:4
3. It develops character eg: patience. Romans 5:3.
4. It makes us more zealous in spreading the Gospel. Acts 8:3,4.
5. It helps remove the dross from our lives. Job 23:10.
6. It proves our love for Christ, as we patiently endure suffering.

130. SEVEN EVENTS OF the RAPTURE I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

1. Them also which **sleep in Jesus** will God (the Son) bring with Him. 4:14.
Christ who is God will bring dead believers spirits and souls with Him.
2. The Lord himself shall **descend from heaven** with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God. 4:16.
3. The **dead in Christ** shall **rise first**. 4:16.
4. We which are **alive** and **remain** shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds. 4:17.
5. We will **meet the Lord** in the air. 4:17.
6. So shall we **ever** be with the Lord. 4:17.
7. **Comfort** one another with these words. 4:18.

131. WE ARE MADE UP OF SPIRIT, SOUL and BODY. I Thessalonians 5:23.

132. ANTICHRIST SHALL COME after BELIEVERS are CAUGHT UP. II Thess. 2:1-12.

133. MEN, GET A JOB, DON'T BE LAZY: "If any would not work, neither should he eat." 2 Thess. 3:10.

134. EXHORTATIONS. I Thessalonians 5:11-26.

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| 1. Comfort yourselves | 11. Rejoice evermore |
| 2. Edify one another | 12. Pray without ceasing |
| 3. Esteem Pastors very highly | 13. In everything give thanks |
| 4. Be at peace | 14. Quench not the Spirit |
| 5. Warn the unruly | 15. Despise not prophesying |
| 6. Comfort the febleminded | 16. Prove all things |
| 7. Support the weak | 17. Hold fast to that which is good |
| 8. Be patient to all men | 18. Abstain from all appearance of evil |
| 9. Don't render evil for evil | 19. Brethren, pray for us |
| 10. Ever follow what is good | 20. Greet all the brethren. |

135. WITHDRAW YOURSELVES FROM EVERY BROTHER walking DISORDERLY,

who walks not after the traditions received from the apostles. II Thessalonians 3:6.

"If any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed." 3:14.

"Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; & avoid them. By good words & fair speeches they deceive the hearts of the simple" Rom.16:17-18

"Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea strife and reproach shall cease." Prov. 22:10
"....an abomination unto him,...he that soweth discord among the brethren." Proverbs 6:19.

136. FAITHFUL SAYINGS.

1. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I Timothy 1:15.
2. If any man desire the office of a bishop, he desires a good work. 3:1
3. Bodily exercise profits little, but godliness is profitable to all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. 4:9.
4. If we be dead with him, we shall also live with him. If we suffer with him, we shall also reign with him. If we deny him, he also will deny us. If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself. II Timothy 2:11-13.
5. They which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. Titus 3:8.

137. INSTRUCTIONS FOR WOMEN.

1. Women adorn themselves in **modest clothing**, with reverence and sobriety. I Timothy 2:9.
2. I suffer not a woman to **teach**, nor to **usurp authority over the man**, but to be in silence. 12
Women must not teach men in spiritual things, nor be pastors because:
 - i) Adam was first formed. 2:13
 - ii) Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. 2:14.
3. I will that the younger women: I Timothy 5:14.
 - i) Marry.
 - ii) Bear children.
 - iii) Guide the house.
 - iv) Give no occasion for the enemy to speak reproachfully.
4. She shall be saved from a purposeless life by **childbearing** if she continues in faith, charity, holiness, sobriety. I Timothy 2:15.
5. Aged women be holy, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teach young women to:
 - i) be sober.
 - ii) love their husbands.
 - iii) love their children.
 - iv) be discreet.
 - v) be chaste.
 - vi) keepers at home (“keep” means “to guard”)
 - vii) good.
 - viii) obedient to their own husbands. Titus 2:3-5.
6. Be in subjection to your own husbands. I Peter 3:1.
Have chaste conversation (pure life), and fear (reverence). v.2.
7. Have a meek and quiet spirit, of great price in God’s sight. Christian wives should not think of outer attire as the source of genuine beauty. I Peter 3:3-6.
8. Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but to be under obedience...It is a shame for women to speak in the church. I Cor. 14:34,35.
9. Help men in Christian work: ‘Women which laboured with me in the gospel.’ Philippian 4:3

138. INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEN. Genesis 18:19.

1. God will have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth. I Timothy 2:4.
2. I will that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. 2:8.
3. Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father. 5:1.
4. If any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. 5:8.
5. Be an example of believers in word, conversation, charity, spirit, faith, purity. 4:12.
6. Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 4:13.
7. Meditate upon these things, give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all. 4:15.
8. Take heed to thyself, and to doctrine. Continue in them. 4:16.
9. Thou, man of God, flee these things (love of money), but follow righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 6:11.
10. Fight the good fight of faith. War a good warfare. 6:12.
11. Avoid oppositions of science falsely so called. 6:20.
12. Aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. Titus 2:2.
13. Young men be -sober minded, -a pattern of good works in all things,
-uncorrupt doctrine, -grave, -sincere, -sound speech that cannot be condemned, so no one
has any evil to say about you. Titus 2:6-8.
14. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. Ephesians 5:28.
15. Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. I Corinthians 16:13.
16. Ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. I Peter 5:5.

17. Young men, when you know some Bible, you are still a novice. You may be lifted up with pride, then you may fall into condemnation of the devil. I Timothy 3:6.

Many young men get proud, think they are smarter than their pastor and older Christians, then leave church, then fall, then backslide, often into deep sin. Beware of pride.

139. QUALIFICATIONS FOR A PASTOR/BISHOP/ELDER.

If you want to be a Pastor you must meet these qualifications:

I Timothy 3:1-7.

1. Blameless.
2. Husband of one wife.
3. Vigilant.
4. Sober.
5. Good behaviour.
6. Given to hospitality.
7. Apt to teach.
8. Not given to wine.
9. No striker.
10. Not greedy of money.
11. Patient.
12. Not a brawler.
13. Not covetous.
14. Ruling well his own house.

Titus 1:5-9.

1. Blameless.
2. Husband of one wife.
3. Watch in all things. II Timothy 4:5.
4. Sober.
5. Not soon angry.
6. Lover of hospitality.
7. Holding fast the faithful word.
8. Not given to wine.
9. No striker.
10. Not given to money.
13. Not self-willed (arrogant).
14. Having faithful children
not accused of riot or unruly.
15. Lover of good men.
16. Just.
17. Holy.
18. Let elders that rule well have double honour. I Timothy 5:17.
19. Labour in the word and doctrine.
20. Given continually to prayer and ministry of the word. Acts 6:4.
21. Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. I Timothy 5:20.
22. Do nothing by partiality. Don't prefer one before another. I Timothy 5:21.
23. Lay hands suddenly on no man, (don't ordain men without proper investigation). If they sin, you become a partaker of their sins. Keep thyself pure. I Timothy 5:22.
24. Put people in remembrance of words of faith and good doctrine. I Timothy 4:6.
25. Exercise thyself unto godliness. I Timothy 4:7.
26. Withdraw yourself from false teachers. I Timothy 6:3-6.
27. Able by sound doctrine to exhort and convince gainsayers. Titus 1:9.
28. Be a teacher: speak the things which become sound doctrine. Titus 2:1.
29. Speak, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Titus 2:15.
30. Remind people to be subject to powers, to obey magistrates, be ready to every good work, speak evil of no man, be no brawlers, gentle, show all meekness to all men. Titus 3:1,2.
31. Preach the word. II Timothy 4:2-7.
32. Be instant in season, out of season.
33. Reprove.
34. Rebuke.
35. Exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
36. Endure afflictions.
37. Do the work of an evangelist.
38. Make full proof of thy ministry.
39. Fight the good fight of faith, finish your course, keep the faith.
40. Feed the flock of God means to feed, care, lead, guide and protect. I Peter 5:1-3.
41. Take the oversight (episkopos means "bishop rule") not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre (corrupt money), but of a ready mind.
42. Don't be a lord over God's heritage.
43. Be examples to the flock.

140. QUALIFICATION OF DEACONS. I Timothy 3:8-10.

If a man does not meet all of these qualifications he should not apply to be a deacon, nor should a pastor appoint him as a deacon. He will cause problems.

Who ordains new pastors? Existing pastors. Titus 1:5.

Who appoints deacons? The existing pastor, because the deacon's job is to be a servant to the pastor, and the pastor must feel that he can work with his deacons.

A deacon has no ruling authority in a New Testament Church.

A pastor does have authority.

A pastor may dismiss a deacon at anytime if the deacon fails to meet these qualifications:

1. Grave.
2. Not double-tongued (that is, saying something to one person, and denying it to another).
3. Not given to much wine.
4. Not greedy of money.
5. Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. This means having sound doctrine and a good pure life.
6. Let them first be proved.
7. Let them use the office of a deacon (that is, do the work).
8. Being found blameless.
9. Honest.
10. Full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom. Acts. 6:3.
11. Husband of one wife. I Timothy 3:12.
12. Rule their children and their own houses well.
13. Deacon's wives must be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. I Timothy 3:11.

If a deacon thinks that he no longer meets these qualifications he should resign as a deacon.

Sins of Deacons: 1) Wanting to take over the church. In order to do so they must remove the Pastor. They try to do this by slandering him to the people so they will take the deacon's side.

2) Weak, disloyal deacons sometimes take the side of wolves who lead a rebellion against the Pastor. When the Pastor stands his ground, they leave the church, often joining a liberal, apostate, non soul winning, dead, social church. They will try to take as many simple, ungrateful people with them who forget all the good the Pastor has done for them.

3) Slanderizing the Pastor to the Youth group, and taking the youth group off to start a church. If a deacon wants to start a church, do so with the soul winning Pastor's permission and blessing.

4) Allowing people to play deacon off against the Pastor. Taking people's side against the pastor without bringing the matter to the Pastor. (Hebrews 13:7,17,24.

5) Thinking he has authority, when no Scripture gives him any authority. Pastor has the authority.

141. SIGNS OF FALSE TEACHERS - AVOID THEM.

Some shall depart from the faith or sound doctrine:

1. Giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.
2. Speaking lies in hypocrisy.
3. Having their conscience seared with a hot iron.
4. Forbidding to marry.
5. Commanding to abstain from meats. I Timothy 4:1-5.
6. Consent not to the words of the Lord Jesus Christ and godly doctrine.
7. Speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Acts 20:30.
8. A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject. Titus 3:10.
9. Hardened hearts: "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Hebrews 3:7.
10. They don't hold the Doctrine of Christ. Hebrews 6:1,2.
11. They stumble at Christ "the rock of offence", His Deity, being disobedient. I Peter 2:8.
12. They privily (quietly) bring in damnable heresies. II Peter 2:1.
13. Many shall follow their pernicious ways. II Peter 2:2.
14. The way of truth is evil spoken of. II Peter 2:2.
15. They speak evil of things they understand not. II Peter 2:12.

16. They beguile unstable souls. They seduce unwary, unsteadfast souls. II Peter 2:14.
17. They wrest, twist, distort scriptures that are hard to understand. II Peter 3:16.
18. They confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. II John 7.
19. They despise dominion (authority). Jude 8.
20. They are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts. Jude 16.
21. They separate themselves from brethren and from truth. Jude 19.
22. They have not the Holy Spirit. Jude 19.

142. TEN PICTURES OF AN IDEAL CHRISTIAN. II Timothy 2:1-26.

1. **Son** (2:1). Be strong in grace.
2. **Steward** (2:2). In the New Testament a steward was entrusted with the profitable running of his master's estate. We must pass on Bible doctrine to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also. Paul taught Timothy, who taught faithful men, who taught others.
3. **Soldier** (2:3,4).
 - i) Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
 - ii) Don't get entangled with worldly affairs.
 - iii) Please Christ who has chosen us to be a soldier.
4. **Athlete** (2:5).
 - i) We must strive for masteries and rewards.
 - ii) We must strive lawfully, live by the rules, then we are crowned in heaven.
5. **Farmer** (2:6,7).
 - i) We must labour hard to sow.
 - ii) We will then enjoy reaping the fruits.
6. **Teacher** (2:11-14).

Put people in remembrance that:

 - i) To die with Christ is to live for Christ. (2:11).
 - ii) To suffer for Christ now is to reign with Christ later. (2:12).
7. **Study to be a Skilled Workman** (2:15,16,17).

As a student we must:

 - i) Study the Word of God to be an approved workman to God.
 - ii) be "unashamed before men."
8. **Vessel**. Vessel of gold or silver, prepared for honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, prepared for every good work. (2:20,21).
9. **Follower** (2:22,23).
 - i) Follow righteousness, faith, charity and peace.
 - ii) Flee youthful lusts.
 - iii) Avoid foolish and unlearned questions.
10. **Servants** (2:24-26).
 - i) Be gentle to all men.
 - ii) Apt to teach, patient.
 - iii) Instructing meekly those opposing themselves.

143. WHAT PEOPLE WILL BE LIKE IN THE LAST DAYS. II Timothy 3

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| 1. Lovers of their own selves. | 12. Unholym. |
| 2. Covetous (Advertising industry). | 13. Without natural affection (abortion). |
| 3. Boasters. | 14. Trucebreakers |
| 4. Proud. | 15. False accusers. |
| 5. Blasphemers (speak evil of God). | 16. Incontinent (lacking sex control). |
| 6. Disobedient to parents. | 17. Highminded |
| 7. Fierce. | 18. Lovers of pleasures more than God. |
| 8. Despisers of those that are good. | 19. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power. |
| 9. Traitors. | 20. Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of truth. |
| 10. Heady (apt to intoxicate). | |
| 11. Unthankful | |

"Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving & being deceived." 2 Tim. 3:1-7,13
Our response to these sins is seen in II Timothy 3:9-16.

1. Remember, they shall proceed no further. Their folly shall be manifest unto all men. 3:9.
2. The Lord shall deliver us from all trouble. 3:11
3. Follow Paul's life example:
 - i) Doctrine. vi) Charity.
 - ii) Manner of life. vii) Patience.
 - iii) Purpose. viii) Persecutions.
 - iv) Faith. ix) Afflictions. 3:10,11.
 - v) Longsuffering.
- 4 All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 3:12.
- 5 Continue in what you've learned and been assured of. 3:14.
- 6 Hold to verbal inspiration of scripture, which is useful for:
 - i) Doctrine - authoritative teaching.
 - ii) Reproof - pointing out error.
 - iii) Correction - getting us back on track.
 - iv) Instruction in righteousness - keeping us on track. 3:15-17.

144. SEVEN TYPES OF CHRISTIANS II Timothy 4:9-20.

- 1 Demas - has forsaken me having loved this present world. 4:10.
- 2 Luke - is with me. 4:11.
- 3 Mark - is profitable to me for the ministry. 4:11.
- 4 Tychicus - I have sent to Ephesus (obedient worker). 4:12.
- 5 Alexander the coppersmith - did me much evil, he greatly withstood our words. 4:14.
- 6 Trophimus - I have left at Miletum sick. 4:20.
- 7 Jesus Christ - stood with me and strengthened me. 4:17.

145. THREE CHARACTERS IN III JOHN.

- i) GAIUS - walks in the truth. He does faithfully whatever he does. 3,5.
- ii) DIOTREPHEES - loves to have the pre-eminence. He receives us not. 9,10.
- iii) DEMETRIUS - has a good report of all men, and of the truth itself. 12.

146. SODOMY IS A SIN, AN ABOMINATION, HATEFUL TO GOD.

- i) Sodom and Gomorrah....giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Jude 7.
- ii) God gave them up to vile affections. Romans 1:26-29.
For even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: (v.26)
Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that fitting punishment of their error. (v.27)
They did not like to retain God in their knowledge. God gave them over to a reprobate mind. (v.29).
- iii) Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?....nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind. I Corinthians 6:9.
- iv) Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. (Leviticus 18:22).
the land itself vomits out her inhabitants. Leviticus 18:25.
- v) If a man also lie with mankind, as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death..... Leviticus 20:13.
- vi) There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.....these are abomination unto the Lord thy God. Deuteronomy 23:17,18.

147. DON'T GET A TATTOO on your flesh. Leviticus 19:28.

Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks on you: I am the Lord.

148. DON'T LOOK AT the NAKEDNESS of a WOMAN.

Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman....it is wickedness. Leviticus 18:17.

This forbids looking at nude women in books, magazines, videos, clubs, or anywhere outside your marriage partner.

149. DON'T CONSULT FAMILIAR SPIRITS or HOROSCOPES.

- i) A man or woman that has a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death. Leviticus 20:27.
- ii) The soul that turns after people that have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people. Leviticus 20:6.
- iii) There shall not be found among you any one that:
 1. makes his son or daughter to pass through the fire.
 2. uses divination - prophecy by interpreting omens.
 3. observer of times - attempt to tell the future by observing signs,eg: bird movements, etc
 4. enchanter - to cast a spell over. Bind people by magical mutterings.
 5. witch - use of magic, sorcery, attempt to control people or events by power given by evil spirits.
 6. charmer - objects having occult power, protect by magic.
 7. consulter with familiar spirits - one who supposedly consults with the dead, but really communicates with demons.
 8. wizard - one who professes to practice magic.
 9. necromancer - attempting to contact the dead to get advice or manipulation or see the future. For all that do these things are an abomination to the Lord. Deuteronomy 18:9-14.
- iv) When they shall say unto you, seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep and mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? Isaiah 8:19.
Manasseh.....worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.....provoked the Lord to anger. II Chronicles 33:3,6.
- v) Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; Jeremiah 10:2.
- vi) Take good heed.....lest you lift up your eyes unto heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, the stars, even all the host of heaven, and should be driven to worship them, and serve them. Deuteronomy 4:19.

150. DON'T CHEAT.

- i) Swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me. Genesis 21:23.
- ii) Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another. Leviticus 19:11.
- iii) The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death. Proverbs 21:6. What you sow, you will reap. If you cheat people, then people will cheat you, and your children will become cheats, suffering the consequences also.
- iv) That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform. Deuteronomy 23:23.

151. CHRISTIAN DUTY.

- i) What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. Micah 6:8.
- ii) Now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to **fear** the Lord thy God, to **walk** in all his ways, and to **love** him, and to **serve** the Lord thy God with all thy heart and all thy soul, to **keep** the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes. Deuteronomy 10:12,13.
- iii) Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. The second is..Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Matthew 22:37-39.

- iv) True worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. John 4:23.
- v) Seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. I Corinthians 14:12

152. CONSCIENCE

Having always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. Acts 24:16.

153. DRESS to HONOUR the LORD.

- 1) The woman shall not wear that which pertains to a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord. Deuteronomy 22:5.
- 2) Women.....adorn themselves with modest apparel, with shamefacedness (reverence) and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array. I Timothy 2:9.

154. DON'T BACKSLIDE.

- i) I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast LEFT thy first love. Revelation 2:4.
- ii) Then Jesus said unto the twelve, will ye also go away? John 6:67.
- iii) The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways. Proverbs 14:14.
- iv) No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62.
- v) Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal thy backslidings. Jeremiah 3:22.

155. DON'T BE A FOOL. 40 Foolish Philosophies:

- 1) Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the Lord thy God...thou hast done foolishly. II Chronicles 16:7.
- 2) The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. Psalms 14:1.
- 3) Fools because of their transgression, and....iniquities are afflicted. Psalms 107:17.
- 4) Fools despise wisdom and instruction. Proverbs 1:7.
- 5) The prosperity of fools shall destroy them. Proverbs 1:32.
- 6) "A foolish woman...calleth passengers...her guests are in the depths of hell." Prov 9:13,15,18
Don't go to prostitutes. "He that goeth after her...as a fool to the correction of the stocks."
Proverbs 7:22.
- 7) He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and that utters a slander, is a fool. Proverbs 10:18.
- 8) It is as sport to a fool to do mischief. Proverbs 10:23.
- 9) The way of a fool is right in his own eyes. Proverbs 12:15.
- 10) The heart of fools proclaims foolishness. Proverbs 12:23.
Reject teachers who teach false doctrines against the Bible.
The mouth of fools poureth out foolishness. Proverbs 15:2. (JW's)
The mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness. Proverbs 15:14.
This refers to those who go to false churches to feed on false doctrine.
- 11) It is abomination to fools to depart from evil. Proverbs 13:19.
- 12) He that walketh with wise men shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.
Proverbs 13:20.
- 13) Go from the presence of a fool, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.
Proverbs 14:7.
- 14) Fools make a mock at sin. Proverbs 14:9.
- 15) A wise man feareth and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth and is confident. Prov. 14:16.
- 16) He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly. Proverbs 14:17.
- 17) He that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly. Proverbs 14:29.
- 18) A fool despises his father's instruction. Proverbs 15:5.
- 19) The eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth. Proverbs 17:24.
- 20) A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself. Proverbs 18:2
- 21) A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul. Proverbs 18:7.
- 22) He that answers a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him. Proverbs 18:13.

- 23) Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. Proverbs 22:15.
- 24) A foolish man spendeth it up. Proverbs 21:20.
Don't spend all your money, but save some for later and for God's work of teaching others.
- 25) Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him. Proverbs 26:4.
- 26) As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returns to his folly. Proverbs 26:11.
- 27) Though thou should bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him. Proverbs 27:22.
- 28) He that trusts in his own heart, is a fool. Proverbs 28:26.
- 29) A fool utters all his mind. Proverbs 29:11.
- 30) The heart of fools is in the house of mirth (laughter). Fools seek only entertainment. Ecclesiastes 7:4.
- 31) It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools. Eccles7:5
This means that it is better to go to church to hear wise rebuking of sin, than to stay at home or go to a rock concert to listen to rock music.
- 32) As the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool. Ecclesiastes 7:6.
- 33) Anger resteth in the bosom of fools. Ecclesiastes 7:9.
- 34) A fool also is full of words. Ecclesiastes 10:14.
- 35) Every one that hears these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand. Matthew 7:26.
- 36) God said unto him, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?
So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. Luke 12:20,21.
- 37) Oh fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Luke 24:25.
- 38) Wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. eg. evolution, false ideas, etc. I Cor. 3:19.
- 39) Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish?
Foolish people say that salvation is by works of the law. Galatians 3:2-3.
- 40) Walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise. Redeeming the time for the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15,16.

156. DO UNTO OTHERS.

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets. Matthew 7:12.

157. DON'T BE A GOSSIP.

- i) He that repeats a matter separates very friends. Proverbs 17:9.
- ii) A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter. (11:13)
- iii) The words of a talebearer are as wounds..... Proverbs 18:8.
- iv) Where there is no talebearer the strife ceaseth. Proverbs 26:20.
- v) Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. Matthew 12:36.
- vi) He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction. Proverbs 18:3.
- vii) Curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter. Ecclesiastes 10:20.

158. DON'T BE GREEDY.

- i) He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house. Proverbs 15:27.
- ii) He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase. Ecclesiastes 5:10.
- iii) They are greedy dogs which can never have enough. Isaiah 56:11.
- iv) What is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul. Matthew 16:26.
- v) The love of money is the root of all evil. I Timothy 6:10.

159. HOW TO BE HAPPY.

- i) Happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty. Job 5:17.
- ii) As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them. Psalm 127:4,5.
- iii) Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord: that walketh in his ways....happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Psalm 128:1,2.
- iv) Happy is that people whose God is the Lord. Psalm 144:15.
- v) Happy is the man that finds wisdom, and..that gets understanding. Proverbs 3:13.
- vi) He that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he. Proverbs 14:21.
- vii) Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he. Proverbs 16:20.
- viii) Happy is the man that feareth alway. Proverbs 28:14.
- ix) Where there is no vision the people perish, but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. Proverbs 29:18.
- x) If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. John 13:17.
- xi) Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. Romans 14:22.
- xii) Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord: that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. James 5:11
- xiii) If ye suffer for righteousness sake, happy are ye. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye. I Peter 3:14; I Peter 4:14.

160. LEARN TO HATE SIN.

Sin destroys people's lives, bringing untold misery to millions. We must hate sin, but love the sinner. Let us rebuke sin.

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil. Psalm 97:10.

I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: (eg: Television)

I hate the work of them that turn aside..... Psalm 101:3.

Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Psalm 119:104.

I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love. Psalm 119:113.

I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love. Psalm 119:163.

These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination to him:

1. a proud look
2. a lying tongue
3. hands that shed innocent blood, eg: abortion.
4. a heart that devises wicked imaginations, eg: bad movies.
5. feet that be swift in running to mischief, eg: drug sellers.
6. a false witness that speaks lies, eg: gossips, slanderers.
7. he that soweth discord among the brethren. Proverbs 6:16-19.

God hates people who bear false witness and sow discord. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, arrogancy, the evil way, and the foward (wicked) mouth, do I hate. Proverbs 8:13.

So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate. Rev. 2:15. Nicolaitanes is "conquering the laity", a priestly hierarchy as in the Roman Catholic church.

161. THE HEART.

The heart is the central part of man where his affections lie. So much is said about the heart that the reader should study it from Strong's Concordance.

- i) Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart. Deuteronomy 6:5.
- ii) The Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart. I Samuel 13:14.
- iii) Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart. I Samuel 16:7.
- iv) Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. Proverbs 4:23.
- v) As he thinketh in his heart, so is he. Proverbs 23:7.

- vi) He that **hardeneth** his heart shall fall into mischief. Proverbs 28:14.
- vii) The heart is **deceitful** above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? Jerem7:9
- viii) For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies; these are the things which defile a man. Matthew 15:19,20.
- ix) For with the heart man **believeth** unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:10.
- x) Let us draw near with a **true** heart. Hebrews 10:22.
- xi) See that ye love one another with a **pure** heart fervently. 1 Peter 1:22.

162. USE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD in your CHURCH.

- i) Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. John 4:35.
- ii) As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10.
- iii) Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. Ecclesiastes 11:1.
Give a portion to seven, and also to eight: for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth. Ecclesiastes 11:2.
He that observeth the wind will not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap. Ecclesiastes 11:4.
In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not which shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good. Ecclesiastes 11:6.
- iv) Now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation. II Corinthians 6:2.
We only get 70 or 80 years to serve God. Let us use every day as an opportunity to lay up treasures in heaven.
Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Matthew 25:21.

163. STAY AT ONE CHURCH.

In the United States, the largest and most effective churches have Pastors and Pastoral team workers who have been in the one church for an average of 25 years. In the last 2 centuries, 79% of U.S. Pastors would stay in the one church all their life. Those who changed churches were frowned upon.

Many pastors and people leave their church because they disagree with something the Pastor said or does. The Pastor is mostly right, more so than young Christians.

Yet many young Christians think that they know more than their Pastor. When they go to another church they often have a problem in that church, so they leave and go elsewhere. They have taken their problems with them.

They make a habit of running away from problems, rather than working through them. Consider these reasons to commit yourself to one church all your life:

1. Strong, stable churches have strong, stable and committed Pastors and people.
2. Staff turnover in a business is costly in lost production, so it is with people changing churches.
3. If you change churches for no good reason you encourage other people to leave the church. It is a domino effect as other people leave, following your example. You serve Satan's purposes by weakening your church.
4. Things are rarely as good elsewhere. When you join another church, you don't always see all the problems in the new church. You discover them after 6 months. Then what will you do? Will you leave again?
5. It will take you 12 months to get to know everybody in the second church as well as you know everybody in the first church.
6. If you want to change churches to have a better ministry, look at the ministry opportunities in the first church. There are often greater ministry opportunities here that you haven't yet recognized. There are many new people in the first church for you to follow up.

7. The temptation to change churches mostly happens to people in the 20 to 30 year age group. These people have been saved, grown and learned enough to be zealous, but haven't learned enough to appreciate the value of their first church, Pastor and people.
8. If you leave, **you lose your support group**. You have to build trust again in the second church.
9. Your wife and children have established **friendships in your first church**, so why uproot and destabilize them by going elsewhere.
10. If you leave church number 2, the first Pastor won't know, so he won't be in a position to help you. You are then likely to backslide into deep sin, and to drop out of church altogether.
11. Satan wants to get you out of the first church's protection, and **away from the protection** of your Pastor/Shepherd. You may be like a wandering sheep who thinks he knows better than the shepherd.
12. If you leave the first church, you **throw more weight on other church members** as you drop your responsibilities and go elsewhere.
eg: If you let go of the rope in a tug-of war, the rest of your team has to pull harder, and may lose. You leaving a church, often tilts the scale against God's work in a spiritual war.
13. There are at the time of writing no really big Independent Baptist churches in Australia, because people keep leaving them to go elsewhere.
14. **Disloyalty and lack of commitment** in society spills over into the churches. Most churches have a very big turnover rate of uncommitted people. eg: 40% of church attenders leave every 2 years. Is it any wonder that churches fold up, Pastor's give up, and our country is going to the devil. Don't quit, but be loyal to your Church.

164. DON'T LISTEN TO ROCK MUSIC.

Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord. Ephesians 5:19. Watch the video: "Rock and Roll: a search for God".

Rock music is not **melody**. Rock music is not praise to the Lord.

5 main themes of rock music are: sex, drugs, rebellion, false religions, devils.

"The Lord **JEHOVAH** is my strength and my song." Isaiah 12:2.

"It is better to hear the **rebuke of the wise**, than for a man to hear the **song of fools**." Eccles. 7:5.

165. INSTRUCTIONS FOR GOVERNMENT.

What does the Bible teach about how to govern a country? The world's most stable countries have a constitution full of Bible principles. Rulers must ask: "What does God think of this law?"

1. He that ruleth over man must be **just, ruling in the fear of God**. II Samuel 23:3.
 2. Rulers must **not** be a terror to good works. Rulers must be a **terror to evil works**. Rom. 13:3.
 3. Thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, hundreds, fifties, tens. Ex 18:21
 4. Rulers should **praise** those who do **good**. "...do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same." Romans 13:3.
 5. Rulers are the ministers or **servants of God**.
 6. Rulers must **promote that which is good**, not evil.
"he is the minister of God to thee for good." Romans 13:4.
 7. Rulers **must execute criminals guilty of murder**.
"...whosoever sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." Genesis 9:6.
"If I be an offender, or have committed anything worthy of death, I refuse not to die" Act25:11
"For blood defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it." Numbers 35:33.
 8. Rulers must **suitably punish evildoers**.
"he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." Rom. 13:4.
 9. Rulers must charge **taxes, tribute, custom** and duty. "For this cause pay ye tribute also.....render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear for whom fear; honour for whom honour." Romans 13:6,7.
- The people must pay taxes, and show fear and honour to politicians, judges, policemen, etc.

10. Be **kind** to the people, **please** them, and **speak good words** to them.
“If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants forever.” II Chronicles 10:7.
11. Rulers must show **mercy** and **truth**. Proverbs 16:6.
“Let not mercy and truth forsake thee,so shalt thou find **favour** and **good understanding** in the sight of God and man.” Proverbs 3:3,4.
If a ruler shows mercy to people, upholds truth, shuns and fights corruption, God and man will favour him and show good understanding to him.
12. Rulers must **raise the people’s living standards**. “In the multitude of people is the king’s honour: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.” Proverbs 14:28.
13. Rulers must **not oppress the poor**, but **help the poor**. Daniel 4:27.
“He that oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker.” Proverbs 14:31.
14. Rulers must **promote righteousness**, by passing godly laws, not sinful laws. Proverbs 16:12.
“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.” Proverbs 14:34.
Governments must not pass laws favouring abortion, homosexuality or occult activities.
“Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind: it is an abomination....the land itself vomits out her inhabitants.” Leviticus 18:22,25.
15. A King, President or Prime Minister must **write a copy** of the Law, **read** it, **learn** it, and **keep it all his days**. He must **not be lifted up in his pride**.” Deuteronomy 17:18-20.
16. Rulers must have **good, godly advisers**. “Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.” Proverbs 15:22.
17. Rulers must first of all **please the Lord**, then peace comes. “When a man’s ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.” Proverbs 16:7.
18. Rulers must give **righteous, right speeches**.
“Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they **love him that speaketh right**.” Prov 16:13.
19. Rulers must be **strong, wise and godly**.
“Be thou strong, and show thyself a man, and keep the charge of the Lord thy God to walk in His ways....that thou may **prosper in all** that thou do.” I Kings 2:2,3.
20. Rulers must **pray to God** for a **wise** and **understanding** heart to discern and judge between good and bad. I Kings 3:9.

166. PRECIOUS THINGS.

What should we really give our life to that is precious to God?

1. “The **redemption of their soul** is precious.” Psalm 49:8. Soul-winning.
2. “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the **death of his saints**.” Psalm 116:15. Martyrs.
3. “He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious **seed**.” Psalm 126:6. Sowing the gospel.
4. “How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in **unity!** It is like the precious ointment....blessing.” Psalm 133:1,2,3. Believers who are united in the truth.
5. “She (**wisdom**) is more precious than rubies.” Proverbs 3:15. Wisdom.
6. “The **lips of knowledge** are a precious jewel.” Proverbs 20:15. Knowledge.
7. “A **good name** is better than precious ointment.” Ecclesiastes 7:1. A good name.
8. “Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones (**souls won to Christ**).” I Corinthians 3:12.
9. “That the **trial of your faith**, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire.” I Peter 1:7. Trials and suffering.
10. “Redeemed...with the precious **blood of Christ**.” I Peter 1:18, 19. Christ’s blood.
11. “Behold, I lay in Zion a **chief cornerstone**, elect and precious.” I Peter 2:6.
12. “Unto you therefore which believe **he** is precious.” I Peter 2:7. Jesus Christ.
13. “To them that have obtained like precious **faith**.” II Peter 1:1. Doctrine.
14. “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious **promises**.” II Peter 1:4.

63. WHAT IT MEANS TO SURRENDER 100% TO JESUS CHRIST

Bible Reading: "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:1,2.

If we are to have a great impact on the world for Christ, we must be seriously committed to studying God's Word, learning soul winning by doing it, working hard following up new converts and thinking hard how to serve God more effectively. Apply these principles of surrender to your own life:

1. Pray daily, using a prayer list (confess, thank, other's needs, my needs).
2. Read, study, and memorize the Bible daily.
3. Tell someone that you have surrendered 100% to Jesus Christ.
4. Ask God to fill you with his Holy Spirit daily.
5. Take opportunities to hand out tracts and ask people, If you were to die tonight, would you be 100% sure of going to heaven?
6. Take opportunities to teach or preach.
7. Ask God to open doors for greater service.
8. Take opportunities to have Bible studies with others.
9. Pray 1 Chronicles 4:10, Matthew 9:38, Isaiah 6:8.
10. Decide on a time to come to a fundamental, soul-winning, Independent Baptist Bible college.
11. Challenge people to be saved and fully surrendered to God.
12. Love and choose the most Godly people to be your close friends.
13. Learn as much as you can about serving God as fast as you can.
14. Keep saying "Yes" to God and opportunities to serve God.
15. Ask God for someone to lead to Christ and teach the Bible to each week.
16. Ask God for the courage and boldness to do God's will.
17. Give me a hatred for sin, and a love for holiness and righteousness.
18. Give me eternal values.
19. Give out tracts to as many people as possible.
20. Ask God to make me a powerful, Spirit-filled, Bible teacher and soul-winner.
21. Ask God for more ideas to win souls and to serve God better.
22. Make me loyal to this church.
23. Keep me humble and make me wise. Give me wisdom.

Lord Jesus Christ, I _____ completely surrender myself to Your perfect will - body, soul and spirit - for now and all eternity for You to do whatever you choose with my life. I am no longer my own property, but Jesus Christ's. I now choose to make only those decisions that will fully glorify God Almighty and that will bring people to Christ, and will teach Your Word. I yield myself to daily prayer and to the serious study of Your Word, and to the winning of souls to Christ, and to planting churches here and anywhere in the world that You may choose. Equip me and prepare me now for Your perfect plan for my life. Make me a hard worker for You. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit daily. Give me a hatred for sin and a love for Jesus Christ and true holiness. Make me a bold servant of Yours. Help me to hear and obey Your voice always. I totally renounce the Devil and all his works. Give me a great love for God, the Bible, and people, and to have eternal values, now and always.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed by: _____



Jesus Christ, the Good Samaritan, came to bind up the sinner's wounds. (Luke 10:25-37). Jesus Christ tells believers to help new Christians grow. "Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee." (v.35). This book helps you do this.

THE WAY TO GOD and HEAVEN

1. We have sinned by breaking God's laws, the 10 commandments. We have been selfish, putting ourselves first, taking God's good gifts of creation without thanking Him as Provider. We have broken the chief commandment of not loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We have not loved others as we love ourselves. This is sin. We are all big sinners compared to God.
2. God's Law demands that we receive the penalty for our sin in hell forever. This is bad news. God loves us and is offering everybody the free gift of eternal life which we get through Jesus Christ.
3. Jesus Christ, who is God the Son, came to earth, lived a sinless life, and at the age of 33 died on the cross to take the full punishment due for everybody's past, present and future sins. Having received the full penalty for our sins, He died, was buried and rose from the dead three days later. He is now available to be our Saviour from sin if we want Him to be.
4. If you believe that Jesus Christ is:
 - a) God the Son.
 - b) Died for your sins in your place; and
 - c) Rose again bodily from the dead, then

Receive or ask Jesus Christ to be your Saviour from sin,
then God will forgive all your sins and give you eternal life immediately.

Question: Will you receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour? If Yes, then tell this to God right now:

"Almighty God. I know that I have sinned against you. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins to be my Saviour. I now receive you, Lord Jesus Christ, as my Saviour and my God. I now call on you, Lord Jesus, to save me from my sins, take me to heaven when I die, and give me the gift of eternal life right now. I now open the door of my heart and life for You, Lord Jesus, to come in to be my Saviour, my Friend and my God forever. In Jesus Christ's name, I pray. Amen."