



## **Bible Study Priorities Based on Level of Spiritual Growth**

The following are suggested priority doctrines or categories that the believer should know well as an indicator of their level of spiritual growth. Understand that knowing these doctrines academically is not an indicator of your spiritual growth. The Bible doctrine must be believed and applied under the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Priorities for the Babe or New Believer**

Essence of God including the Trinity.

Essence of Man - Body, Soul, Spirit. Old Sin Nature - human good, sin, trends, lust patterns.

Salvation – Barrier, Redemption Col. 1:14, Sin, Unlimited atonement, Expiation Col. 2:14, Penalty, Regeneration John 3:3, Birth, Propitiation 1 John 2:2, Character of God, Justification Rom. 3:24, Righteousness of man, Imputation Rom. 3:22, Positional Truth 1 John 5:11-12, Life, 40 things God does for man at the point of salvation.

Relationship and Fellowship - Retroactive positional truth, Current Positional Truth, Baptisms, Spirituality, Confession of sin, old sin nature, Lord's Supper.

Use of Techniques - Confession of sin, Claiming promises, Faith-rest, Grace apparatus for perception, Living in the Word (Bible Study Systems), Spirituality, Occupation with Christ.

Dispensations - Time line (Broad), Chronology (Detailed), Prophecy

Concept of Grace, Legalism.

Four Divine Institutions.

Judgment (Hell) - Divine discipline for the Believer, Resultant scar tissue, Punishment for the Unbeliever, Hell, Lake of Fire.

Resurrection - Lord Jesus Christ, Church, Old Testament and Tribulation, Millennium

Doctrines pertaining to the dangers of spiritual babyhood.

### **Priorities for the Adolescent or Growing Believer**

#### Angelic Conflict

Angels are divided into two categories: Unfallen: Holy and Elect: 1 Tim. 5:21; Mark 8:38, Fallen: Headed by Satan.

Operational (demons) 1 Tim. 4:1, Imprisoned 2 Peter 2:4, those of Genesis 6.

Fallen angels, plus Satan, are sentenced to the Lake of Fire. Matt 25:41. This sentence took place in the past.

Satan objected to the judgment and, in objecting, he charged the character of God. "How can a loving God Cast His creatures into the Lake of Fire?" No specific Scripture worded in this way rather a Scriptural deduction from many, many passages.

Satan's negative volition being the pattern for man's negative volition. Isaiah 14:12-14.

To resolve the Angelic Conflict, an inferior creature was created and placed on one planet - Earth. Heb.



2:7.

Man's volition is tested under two systems: Before the fall: in innocence he was ignorant of sin, he had no sin nature. Man had volition (free will). After the fall: in sinfulness he had an old sin nature and volition (free will) and a new tree - the Cross. Man could exercise positive volition--non-meritorious faith.

Man's faith in Christ resolves the Angelic Conflict. Issue: Will mankind (inferior to angels by birth) choose the work of Christ? If so, this resolves the Angelic Conflict. Heb. 1 and Heb. 2.

Jesus Christ became a man through physical birth (virgin birth). By birth, Jesus Christ was lower than the angels. Humanity of Christ is now higher than angels as He sits at the right hand of God. In Christ we are positionally at the right hand of God; therefore, we are positionally higher than angels: therefore, we have a servant - a guardian angel. Heb. 1:4.

Mankind is under angelic observation. The angels learn divine judgment of God by watching the human race. Luke 15:7; Luke 15:10; Eph. 3:10, 1 Tim. 5:21; 1 Peter 1:12; 1 Cor. 4:9; 1 Cor.6:3; 1 Cor.11:10.

Through the fall of man, Satan gained control of this planet. Faith in Jesus Christ frees man from Satan's domination. 2 Cor. 4:4; John 12:31; John 14:30; John 16:11; Eph. 2:2.

#### Military Commitment, Doctrine of Leadership

War will always exist in history in spite of man's efforts for peace. Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:3; Eccl. 3:8; Matt. 24: 6-7.

But war is for adults (over 20 years old). Num. 1:3; Num. 26:2.

The objective of justified war is the annihilation of the enemy and thus his decisive defeat. This brings peace. Joshua 11:23; Joshua 14:15; Psalms 46:8-11.

Justified war is from God. 1 Chron. 5:19-22.

There comes a time when it is sinful not to go to war. Num. 32:5ff.

However, going to war demands training: Num. 31:3-5.

But warfare demands a mental attitude of moral courage and battle courage. Deut. 20:1-20.

The believer in war. Psalms 27:3-4.

It is important that military leaders have divine viewpoint minus the mental attitude sins. Prov. 24:1-10.

God prepares believers for training. 2 Sam. 22:35; Psalms 18:34; Psalms 144:1.

Believers are protected in war by God. Job 5:20.

There are always those who plot warfare. Psalms 55:20-23; Psalms 68:30; Psalms 120:6-7; Psalms 140:1-2.

Peace propaganda is used as a weapon of warfare. Micah 3:5-7.

War is used as a national discipline. Judges 5:8; 2 Chron. 16:9; Isaiah 16:3-26; Jer. 4:19-31.

War is used as personal discipline. Job 10:1; Job 10:17.

The misnomer of war. Matt. 26:52.

Spiritual Gifts – Source, Definition, List, Temporary, Permanent, Use.



The Church – Definition, Day of Pentecost, Intercalation (Great Gap) Church, Members (Jew, Gentile), Doctrine of the Mystery, Team Concept (detail), Team Concept (principle), “Upon this rock” (construction), Consummation.

Evangelism - Doctrines you must know to witness, Principles of witnessing: Holy Spirit's work, Place of the Bible, Place of the believer, Make the issue clear, Don't be pushy, Don't argue, Don't get side-tracked, Deal on a one, on one principle or through mass meetings, Use common vocabulary--not flowery theological language or 1611 King James English.

Techniques of witnessing: (No canned stuff) - The pattern for personal witnessing: 1 Thess. 2:1-12, The response, The reward.

Giving - You should know 24 principles from 2 Cor. 8-9.

Verbal Inspiration (Including Hebrew and Greek), 2 Tim. 3:16-17, Definition, Modus Operandi: Inhale, exhale.

Mental Attitudes (Control of thought life) and Application, Thought life Control, Communications, Negative communication: Gossip, maligning, badmouthing.

Emotional Revolt

Suffering - Six circumstances under which the human race suffers: Health, People, Privation, Weather, Mental, Justice.

Categories of suffering in time: The Person of Jesus Christ: suffering on the Cross. The unbeliever: to awaken to his need of the Lord Jesus. The believer: (19 reasons why he suffers).

#### Nineteen reasons why Believers suffer

Suffering caused by the details of life: Ecclesiastes. With scar tissue on the soul, everything you touch turns to, misery.

Suffering from guilt reaction to sin and the suppression of the sin in the self-conscious. 1 Tim. 1:5-6; 1 Tim. 1:19-20; 1 Tim. 3:9.

Suffering from failure to isolate sin. Heb. 12:15. The doctrine of chain-sinning. Lighting a new sin off of a confessed sin.

Suffering from scar tissue of the soul. Eph. 4:17-19.

Suffering from the rejection of authority. Judges 19-21; Matt. 7:29 - Matt. 8:13; Jer. 7; Prov. 30.

Suffering from the rapid and accelerated construction of the edification complex of the soul. James 1:1-6.

Suffering from interrelationship with those who suffer. 1 Cor. 12: 26; Rom. 14:7; 1 Chron. 21.

Suffering from the rejection of the right man or right woman. Ezekiel 16; Ezekiel 23.

Suffering from divine discipline: Heb. 12:6.

Suffering from the rejection of the Word, therefore, rejection of the Lord as the right man. Jer. 13.

Suffering directly related to the Angelic Conflict. 1 Peter 1:12; 1 Peter 3:17; Eph. 3:9-13.

Suffering to demonstrate the power and provision of grace. 2 Cor. 12:1-10.



Suffering to learn the value of doctrine. Psalm 119, especially note verse 67, 68, 71.

Suffering from national disaster. Isaiah 59:15-21.

Suffering from temporary loss of norms (right lobe). Jer. 2:24-25.

Suffering from war. Deut. 21; Deut. 24; Matt. 24:6-7.

Suffering from emotional short-circuit in time of tragedy or disaster. John 20:9-18.

Suffering in the process of dying. Job 5:20ff.

Suffering because of a specific spiritual gift (as Paul suffered in many passages).

Doctrine of erecting the Edification Complex of the Soul.

Advanced Grace Apparatus For Perception.

Utilization of time.

Doctrine of Communication – Positive, Negative--Gossip, Maligning.

Doctrine of False Teachers and Content.

Doctrine of Right Man-Right Woman - Basic (Song of Solomon).

Doctrines pertaining to the dangers of adolescence! (Preventative Doctrine).

### **Priorities for the Mature Believer**

Priesthood of the Believer.

How to maintain the Edification Complex of the Soul.

The Doctrine of Prosperity.

Ascension of Christ.

Divine Decrees (Predestination, Foreknowledge, Foreordination, Election).

Divine Guidance (Major decisions should be made after 20).

Doctrine of Right Man and Right Woman applied.

Doctrine of Prime of Life Production (like woman winning husband--1 Peter 3).

Doctrine of Thorn in the Flesh. 2 Cor. 12.

Doctrine of Inheritance.

Incarnation of Christ (The Gospels).

Doctrine of Dangers in Maturity.