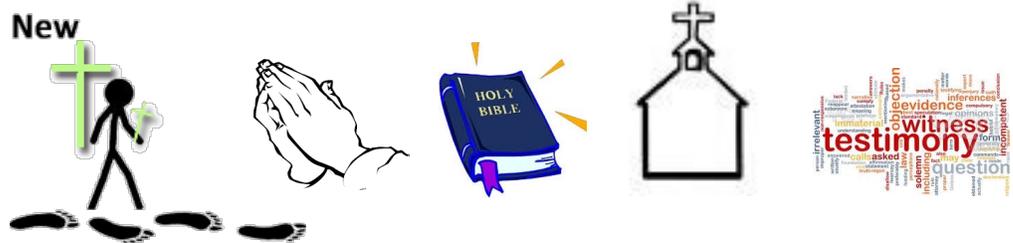


## BASIC STEPS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE



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# Are you Maturing in Christ?

True or False:

For Salvation, you only need to believe that God exists.

Sin causes separation between God and humans.

If I work for the church and do good things I will be saved.

## FOR DECISION

If you have accepted Christ, when did you do so? Give a date and location.

If you have not accepted Christ, do you desire to do so?

How has sin affected your life? Has it affected your home, loved ones, relationships.

## FOR REFLECTION

Think about your future. What do you envision will happen as you stand before a just God at Judgment? Read Revelation 20: 11-15 and think about God's great love with gratitude.

Now that you are in Christ and are a new creation, how have your actions changed? Take notice of what things have ended and what things have changed. What are some specifics you can point to during the last week that demonstrate being a new creation.

## THE OLD LIFE

# STEP 1: SAVED!

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

According to Ephesians 2:1 what was our condition before receiving eternal life from Christ?

According to Romans 3:23, every person has sinned. Then what was our condition before Christ saved us?

The bible says we were convicted, why? John 3:18.

## THE WORK OF GOD

How does Ephesians 2:4-5 describe God?

According to this passage, what has God done for us?

According to Romans 5:8, in what way did God show his love?

Read Ephesians 2:8-9, God has decided we are not saved by works. What works do people put their trust in, believing they would be saved by them?

We are saved by \_\_\_\_\_ which comes through \_\_\_\_\_. (8)

Grace is an "undeserved gift," here it applies to the free gift of salvation even though we do not deserve it.

Read Galatians 3:26. In whom should we have faith in order to become children of God?

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

## New Life

With what Intention did Christ come? (John 10:10)

What does God offer whoever accepts Christ? (John 1:12)

According to John 5:24, what happens when we accept Christ?

According to Ephesians 2:10, what are we created for in Christ?

Notice we are not saved by good works, but we are created for good works.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. To be “in Christ” means we have accepted his Salvation. So if someone is in Christ, what do they become?

Explain in your own words the phrase, “the old things have passed away and he makes all things new.”

### **Wrapping It UP!**

IN YOUR OWN WORDS, SUM UP THIS STUDY.

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

## STRENGTH TRAINING

What is your life like without Christ?

What did Christ do for you?

How can you demonstrate, in your daily life, the new life God has given to you?

What does it mean to have faith in Christ?

## Who do you say that I am?

Bible

Joshua 1:8

Prayer

Philippians 4:6-7

Christ Gal. 2:20

Church Hebrews 10: 24-25

Testimony Matt. 4:19

It is important to form positive habits that strengthen your life in Christ!

Just as you are disciplined in training your body, it is important to take part in Spiritual disciplines as well.

Some of the disciplines include: Reading your bible, praying, memorizing scripture.

In addition to working through these lessons it is important to read a portion of scripture and spend time praying to God.

This week read the first 7 chapters of John, one chapter per day. Before you read, pray that your heart would be prepared to receive the words of God.

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

After you read your chapter pray again and talk about the reading with God.  
With God's help I commit to reading one chapter a day from my bible

## **Memorize Ephesians 2:8-9**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

New Life in Christ

TRUE OR FALSE

I am assured that I am saved. T / F

God wanted me to sin so he can show me more love. T / F

If I sin and die before confessing, I'm still saved. T / F

## **GOD GIVES ME SECURITY**

Read Romans 8:38-39. Once we have accepted Christ, is there a way for us to be separated from God's love?

Read John 10: 27-29 and respond to the questions.

What is it that is offered to us? (v 28)

Who gives eternal life? (v 28)

Can something end that is eternal?

The present tense is used for the verb "give." This indicates that we already have eternal life. The eternal life does not start when we die, instead it begins the moment we accept Christ as our personal savior.

When will we die? (v 28)

Is there a possibility that we will be snatched from the hand of Christ? (v 28)

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

Can someone snatch us from the hand of our Father? (v 29)

Now read Ephesians 1:13-14 and respond to the questions.

What is the work that God did in us? (v 13)

When were we sealed? (v 13)

God gave us the Holy Spirit as a guarantee that we belonged to him until the return of Christ.

Read 1 John 5 11-12.

Do you have eternal life?

How can we know if we have eternal life or not?

## **GOD GIVES ME A WARNING**

We saw in Romans 8:38-39 that God sees us with eyes of love. Now that we are saved, why should we not play with sin. Read Romans 6:1-2.

Read Hebrews 12 5-10 and respond to questions 12-13.

As a Son of God he disciplines me. Why does he do it? (v 6)

For what does God discipline me? (v 10)

## **STEP 2: SAFE!**

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

## STRENGTH TRAINING

This week, pray to God for a relative or friend of yours that hasn't accepted Christ. Ask for their salvation.

Write down the name of this person: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorize in order, and correctly the first ten books of the New Testament:

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians,  
Galatians, & Ephesians.

### TO GROW

Read John 8-14 this week. (one chapter per day)

Memorize John 10:27-28.

With God's help I commit to reading one chapter a day from my bible and memory work.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## GOD GIVES ME AN ALTERNATIVE

It is not the desire of God that we sin, but seeing that we are the humans that we are we are subject to temptation. This means that we still struggle against sin.

What happens if you sin? You do not lose your salvation, but you do lose your communion with God. He, as the loving Father that he is, has provided an exit from temptation as well as a way for us to draw close if we sin. We will study this in detail in step 3.

### Digging Deeper

Read 1 Corinthians 3:11-15. Every Christian will have a judgment. It won't be to figure out if you are saved or not, instead it will be to test your works.

If they are pleasant to God you will receive a prize. If this is not the case, you will lose special prizes. (these prizes are not salvation, since you already have this according to verse 15)

# **Are you Maturing in Christ?**

Will you have prizes? Or will you barely be saved?

## **THERE IS A STRUGGLE**

The Bible says that God is not the one that tempts. (James 1:13) If that is the case, who are our spiritual enemies?

According to James 4:4

According to Galatians 5:17

According to 1 Peter 5:8

How should we respond to each enemy?

The world (Romans 12:2)

The flesh (Galatians 5:16)

The devil (James 4:7)

## **THERE IS VICTORY**

Who is greater than Satan? (1 John 4:4)

Who lives inside the believer? (1 Corinthians 3:10,11)

Who gives us victory? (1 Corinthians 15:57)

God, who is inside the believer, gives us the resources to overcome in this struggle.  
Therefore, to avoid falling into temptation what should we do?

According to Psalm 119:11

According to Matthew 26:41

According to Proverbs 4:14-15

According to 2 Timothy 2:22

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

## THERE IS FORGIVENESS

According to 1 John 1:8, which believer is capable of not sinning?

When sinning, the communion between God and the believer is broken. God is not content, and even though he loves us he will not listen to our prayers until we confess our sin.

What should we do to be forgiven? (1 John 1:9)

According to 1 John 1:9, what happens when we confess our sins?

- a.
- b.

## IN SUMMARY

Who are our spiritual enemies?

What resources do we have to overcome them?

If I sin, what do I need to do to be forgiven?

## STEP 3 VICTORY!

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

## DIGGING DEEPER

All of us are tempted, but that does not mean we have to fall into sin. There are 3 truths in 1 Corinthians 10:13:

The temptations are human, it is possible to overcome.

God puts a limit on temptations, we can resist them.

In every temptation, God provides an exit.

### New Life in Christ

#### TO DO

This week, ask God for one friend, co-worker, or neighbor of yours that needs to know Jesus Christ.

This week I will pray for: \_\_\_\_\_

Now memorize the following ten books of the new testament, reviewing the first ten:

Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James

#### TO GROW

Read John 15-21 this week (one chapter per day). Memorize 1 John 1:9.

#### TO CORRECT

The person you should confess your sin to is God Psalm 32:5. There are times when that is not enough.

If with my sin I have affected another person, I should look for them and ask their forgiveness as well. James 5:16; Matthew 5:23,24.

Paraphrasing the apostle John, how can you be good with God, who you cannot see, if you are bad with your neighbor who you can see?

## To Reaffirm

The Christian can overcome the temptations of their spiritual enemies. Can you remember a recent time when you were tempted and you overcame with the help of God?

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

## TRUE OR FALSE

\_\_\_\_\_ I have the right of controlling my own life.

\_\_\_\_\_ If I yield control of my life to Christ, he will take away all of my fun.

\_\_\_\_\_ I know how to manage my life, no one else has a right to tell me what to do.

## WHO IS MY OWNER?

One of the titles that is most used for referring to Christ is, "Lord." Even though the world lives in rebellion against God, one day every knee will bow before Christ and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Phil. 2: 10-11)

What significance does the expression: "Jesus Christ is Lord of my life" have?

What right does Christ have over my life?

Colossians 1:16:

2 Corinthians 5:15:

To whom does my life belong now?

## MY RESPONSE

If God is my owner, how should I respond to him according to 2 Corinthians 5:15?

Read Galatians 2:20. This is a summary of the essentials of a Christian life. Explain the following phrases:

"I no longer live, now Christ lives in me."

Being crucified in Christ implies that my own life has died, or is left behind. I now have a new life in Christ with power to overcome sin.

How should I live this new life in Christ? See the second part in Galatians 2:20.

What is a good way to figure out if Christ is Lord of my life? (Luke 6:45)

Why is it so important for me to yield control of my life to Christ?

You cannot serve two masters. You have to decide whether you are going to serve God, or the world. You can't be content with both. (Luke 16:13)

Without Christ being at the steering wheel of my life, I'm a slave to sin. (Romans 6:16)

One day I will have to present myself before the court of Christ to give account. (2 Corinthians 5:10)

Who is the most apt to drive my life?

## **Are you Maturing in Christ?**

Who always wishes the best for my life?	Jesus	Me
Who knows what is best for my life?	Jesus	Me
Who can do the best for my life?	Jesus	Me

### **WHAT SHOULD I GIVE TO CHRIST?**

A couple areas of my life that I should give him are:

Romans 12:1

Isaiah 26:3

Ephesians 5:15-16

2 Corinthians 9: 6-7

## **STEP 4: LORD OF ALL**

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

## TO EXAMINE YOURSELF

There are many things that are not bad in themselves, but that can grow to take the place that only Christ should occupy in our lives.

Mark in the following list, the things that are an obstacle to the world of Christ in your life:

- Belongings
- Ambitions
- Fun
- Your personality
- Friends
- Work
- Habits
- Family
- Other

## New Life in Christ

Now finish memorizing the next books in the New Testament, reviewing the ones you have already learned.

1, 2 Peter

1, 2, 3 John

Jude

Revelation

Read Acts 1-7, one chapter per day, and memorize Galatians 2:20.

## OVERCOMING THE FEAR

Does it scare you to give your whole life to Christ?

Here are a couple reasons for why people fear giving their lives to Christ. Mark the reasons that resonate with you.

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

- \_\_\_\_\_ I fear that Jesus really doesn't understand my problems.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I fear that Christ will ask me something that I can't accomplish
- \_\_\_\_\_ I fear that Christ will not let me marry the person that will make me happy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I fear that Christ will take away my friends and fun.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I fear not being able to be fulfilled.

Now read 1 Peter 5:6-7. In light of this passage, do you believe that these fears have a foundation?

## STRENGTH TRAINING

### TO THINK

What specific areas do you still have to give control to Christ

## A DAILY PRAYER TO CHRIST

Romans 12:1 exhorts us to give our bodies to Christ. The following prayer can serve as a model for this daily act.

Lord, I give myself to you.  
Take my mind and my thoughts  
Take my eyes and what I see  
Take my ears and what I hear  
Take my lips and what I speak  
Take my heart, what I feel and my attitudes.  
Take my hands, and my actions  
Take my feet and where I go  
Take my body, it's your temple.  
Fill me with your Holy Spirit.  
I want to obey you  
I want to do your will.

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

## TRUE OR FALSE

\_\_\_\_\_ If we are tempted, we will always sin because we are weak.

\_\_\_\_\_ If we sin and confess to God, he will forgive us.

\_\_\_\_\_ We have spiritual enemies that tempt us.

## STRENGTH TRAINING

New Life in Christ

## TO THINK

According to 1 Corinthians 6:11, who is the Holy Spirit?

Also look at Acts 5:3-4.

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# Are you Maturing in Christ?

## STRENGTH TRAINING

### How to be Filled With the Spirit

When realizing that you have sinned, confess to God. Don't wait for sin to accumulate. (1 John 1:9) It is also necessary to accept with faith the forgiveness that God offers.

Present yourself to God. Permit that he control you life, submitting yourself to His will. (Romans 6:13) Look at the prayer at the end of the previous lesson.

By faith, appropriate of the fullness of the Holy Spirit, in other words, believe that he is controlling you. Begin to act and live according to this faith.

### A Summary of the Work of the Holy Spirit in the Believer

Teach the believer

Intercede for the believer

Guide the believer

Fill the believer

Glorify Christ (John 16:13-14)

### TRUE OR FALSE

\_\_\_\_\_ The Holy Spirit is a "Force of God."

\_\_\_\_\_ The Holy Spirit gives us knowledge of sin.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Holy Spirit lives in all the children of God.

### THE INITIAL WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

While ascending to The Father in heaven, Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit (Spirit of Truth) to give us testimony of him (John 15:26).

According to John 16:8-9, what is the job that the Holy Spirit realizes in the non-believers?

The Spirit allows a person to be born again when they accept Christ (John 3:3-8). For you, what does "born again" mean?

The Holy Spirit also does other things in the person who accepts Christ.

According the 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, "we were \_\_\_\_\_ into one body" by the Spirit.

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

The baptism of a spirit, does not refer to the baptism of water. Instead the act of the Holy Spirit makes us members of the body of Christ. This is the church. In other words, the group of true believers in all the world.

According the Ephesians 1:13, we were “\_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit of the promise.” Being “sealed” with the Spirit is saying that the new Son of God is the secure possession of God from the moment that you believe.

According the 1 Corinthians 3:16, the Christian is the temple of God and the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ in you. This signifies that the Spirit lives real and permanently in the Christian.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CONTINUES:

What did Christ promise regarding the spiritual knowledge according the John 14:26?

What a joy to know that the same Spirit of Christ teaches us!

The Holy Spirit knows us intimately. What other thing does he do for the believer, according to Romans 8:26,27?

Romans 8:14 says that the Spirit guides the Christian. To be guided by the Holy Spirit, the Christian should:

According the Ephesians 5:18 \_\_\_\_\_

According the Galatians 5:16 \_\_\_\_\_

Being filled with the Spirit, or walking in the Spirit means that the Christian is controlled and guided by Him. This is demonstrated by the fruit mentioned in Galatians 5:22-23.

## New Life in Christ

### TO EXAMINE YOURSELF

Ephesians 1:13 says that the Holy Spirit himself is the guarantee of our salvation. How does this truth make you feel?

Knowing that our body is a temple of the Spirit of God, how should we take care of our body? Look at 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

## STEP 5: LIVING IN THE SPIRIT

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

This week, share your personal testimony with one person. (How you came to know Christ)

Perhaps it could be with the person you have been praying for.

Read Jude 20. What does “praying in the Holy Spirit” mean? Look at the last question.

Read Acts 8-14, one chapter per day. Memorize 1 Corinthians 12:13.

## A SUMMARY OF THE INITIAL WORK OF THE SPIRIT:

Convinces of sin

Being born again

Baptizing the body of Christ

Sealed forever

Lives in our body

### TO THINK

Is the Bible the final authority in your life? Read Acts 17:11. What custom do the believers from Berea have that is worthy of imitating?

### TO MEDITATE

Joshua 1:8 commands us to meditate in the Bible day and night. In other words, all the time. We suggest the following way to meditate continually in the Bible:

From your daily Bible reading, copy a verse on a piece of paper or notebook. Put it in your pocket or put it in a visible place where you can review the verse many times throughout the day.

When meditating on the verse, ask yourself, what does God want to teach me?

How should I put this verse in practice in my life?

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

## STRENGTH TRAINING

How are you doing with the Bible readings that are assigned each lesson? Are you reading a chapter a day? Have you felt that your heart is touched while reading the Bible? Tell somebody about what you are learning in your readings. If you have not started reading your Bible regularly, why not start today?

With the help of God, I commit to reading a chapter a day in my Bible

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorize in order the first 14 books of the old testament:

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2, Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles

Read Acts 14-21, one chapter per day. Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

### TRUE OR FALSE

\_\_\_ Almost the whole bible is from divine origin.

\_\_\_ Every person that asks for help from God is capable of understanding the Bible.

\_\_\_ To achieve the maximum wisdom from the Bible, it is necessary to meditate on it.

### WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

What does 2 Timothy 3:16 say in regards to the origin of the Bible?

In your opinion, what does "God Breathed" mean?

This verse says that "\_\_\_\_\_ scripture is inspired by God." Is it possible that an error exists?

What is the difference between the Bible and other books?

Explain how the Bible can serve as a sword in your life. (Hebrews 4:12)

### THE PURPOSE OF THE BIBLE

The Bible provides spiritual nourishment (1 Peter 2:2)

With what is the Bible compared to?

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

What will happen to the Christian who does not read the Bible?

The Bible guides you in your daily life. (Psalm 119:105)

What is the Bible compared to?

What purpose does a lamp serve?

We live in a time of confusion. There are many “teachers”, churches and friends that give us advice. How are we going to know which one contains the truth? God gave us the Bible precisely for this. To shed light and to help us evaluate the counsel that others give us.

The Bible helps you not sin. (Psalm 119:11) What does “I have hidden your word in my heart” mean?

The Bible helps you grow in the Christian life. According to 2 Timothy 3:16-17, the Bible serves us for:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

The people who let themselves be guided by the Bible “will be completely prepared for all good work.” Be careful with those who say the Bible is not sufficient and they exhort you to look for dreams and additional revelations to the Bible. The Bible is sufficient!!

Does it cost you to have faith sometimes? According to Romans 10:17, what is one way to add to our faith?

## THE CONTENT OF THE BIBLE

The Bible is a collection of 66 books that is divided into 2 parts.

The Old Testament: 39 books

The New Testament: 27 books

The Law: Genesis to Deuteronomy

The life of Christ: The four gospels

History of Israel: Joshua to Esther

Growth of the Church: Acts

Poetry: Job to Song of Solomon

Teaching: The Epistles

Prophecy: Isaiah to Malachi

Prophecy: Revelation

What did Ezra do with the scriptures (Ezra 7:10)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

## New Life in Christ

### HOW TO GLEAN WISDOM FROM THE BIBLE

Listen: Congregate in a church where the word of God is taught faithfully (Revelation 1:3)

Study: are you reading the Bible daily? Take notes about what you learn in your daily readings. A good place to start is with the books of John, Acts, 1 John, and Romans.

Meditate: Look at "TO MEDITATE"

Memorize: There is a verse to memorize for each lesson. It is very important to fulfill this homework, because once you have the verse memorize it is kept in your mind to use it in the future.

Obey: Read James 1:22. Summarize in your own words the thought of this verse:

## STEP 6: GOD TALKS TO ME

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

## TO THINK

With what attitude can we draw near to God according to Hebrews 4:16?

In your opinion, what leads to this level of confidence that we can have in God?

“We should pray when we have the desire to pray, because it would be a sin to not take advantage of such a good opportunity. We should pray when we do not have a desire to pray, because it would be dangerous to be in such an unhealthy condition.”

~ Charles H. Spurgeon

## STRENGTH TRAINING

Memorize in order the books of the old testament and review the previous:

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2, Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel & Daniel

Read Acts 22-28, one chapter a day.

Memorize Philippians 4:6-7.

Date:

### TRUE OR FALSE

- It is important to pray while kneeling in a church.
- I can pray with confidence that God can hear me and promise a reply.
- It is sufficient to pray only before eating and going to bed.

### WHAT IS PRAYER?

Prayer is communicating with God. It is as easy and natural as talking with a friend. You can talk to God with confidence about any subject or need. Prayer is an intimate communication with Him.

What great offer does God make in Jeremiah 33:3?

Praying is a means of expressing with frankness everything that is in your heart to a friend that will listen to you with great interest.

How does God promise to respond to your prayer?

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

Will there be times when God is too busy to hear your clamor?

Prayer is a means of protecting us. What was the advice that Jesus gave his disciples so that they would not fall into temptation? (Matthew 26:41)

What dangers should we avoid with prayer?

Matthew 6:5:

Matthew 6:7:

What is your understanding of the phrase “do not keep on babbling?”

HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?

The Psalms give us many reasons to praise God. For example: what motives does Psalms 106:1 give you to praise God?

Instead of living preoccupied, what should you do? (Philippians 4:6)

According to Philippians 4:6, with what attitude should you ask of God?

When praying with an “act of thanksgiving” you are expressing faith in God to answer your petition. This is why in verse 7 the Christian can experience \_\_\_\_\_ in their heart after allowing the burden to be left in the hands of someone who is completely capable of helping you in your problem.

What does “pray without ceasing” mean? (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

If you should pray at all times, does that mean that you can pray in whatever place? For example: at work, traveling on the bus, etc.

Pray and Acts prayer:

Adoring God for who he is.

Confessing our sins so that they don't distort our communication with God.

Thank God for what He has done for you. Express your gratitude to God.

Specific requests for our personal needs and intercession for others.

According to John 14:14, we should ask \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of

\_\_\_\_\_

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

What else do we learn about how we pray in these next passages?

Psalm 66:18:

1 John 5:14-15:

Matthew 21:22:

What does Ephesians 3:20 tell us about feeding our faith in God?

New Life in Christ

## Prayer Power

1 Timothy 2:1 commands us to make “prayers, petitions, and acts of thanks for all people.”

Do you have a list of prayerful petitions that you remember to pray for?

Make a prayer list on a sheet of paper or notebook.

You list possibly could include the following categories:

Family

Friends

Brothers of the faith

Servants of God (your pastor)

Politicians in your country and community

People that have hurt you

People that you want to win for Christ

Your goals and spiritual growth

# STEP 7: I TALK WITH GOD

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

## TO THINK

Hebrews 4:12 compares the Bible to a “two-edged sword” Sometimes the reading makes us uncomfortable, because it penetrates our lives to show us who we are and what we have to correct. Have you ever given thanks to God for this characteristic of the sacred scriptures?

## PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

Take the time that is necessary to do your devotions. Don't try to speed up.

Give priority to your daily appointment with God. Don't miss the appointment. If you miss a day, don't be discouraged, but don't miss the next day.

Try to read a chapter a day. Sometimes it is better to read less to be able to study it well.

Mark your Bible, underlining key verses so you can find them later.

Try to put the key verses in your own words so you can understand them better.

If it is hard for you to concentrate, read or pray with a loud voice or standing up. Don't have your devotional time in bed, you may fall asleep. Ask for the power of God to help you concentrate.

Find a notebook to write down your results from your Bible study. Prayer, Petitions, etc.

## STRENGTH TRAINING

### TRUE OR FALSE

\_\_\_ It is very important to read the Bible and pray every day.

\_\_\_ One should try to read many chapters of the Bible every day.

\_\_\_ God wants to transform me day by day through His word.

### WHAT IS DEVOTIONAL TIME ?

It is a daily appointment with God. It should be daily, because it requires time to develop a relationship with Him. The maturity does not come “automatically” instead it is cultivated day after day. Psalm 5:3 Some people call it the quiet time, because it is the time to wait in front of God so he can speak to us through His word and then we respond in prayer.

### THE IMPORTANCE

What importance does a devotional time have?

Joshua 1:8

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Psalm 63:1

Matthew 4:4

Would you say that a daily appointment is a necessity or only a good idea if you have time left over?

## WHERE AND WHEN TO HAVE YOUR DEVOTIONAL TIME

Maybe the best time is in the morning. This allows you to start the day with God. Men like David and Christ set apart a special time in the morning (Psalm 5:3; Mark 1:35) obviously, this implies that you will have to get up earlier than you are used to. However, it will be worth the while. You should look for a peaceful setting where you can pass the time without interruptions. Sometimes to find this privacy you have to get up before others, close the door of your room, or go to the porch. Set apart a time and place to do your devotional:

Time I will get up at:

Place:

## WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN YOUR DEVOTIONAL TIME?

Preparation of your heart: With what attitude should you present yourself before God?

Psalm 139:23-24

Psalm 119:18

Psalm 5:3

Hebrews 4:16

Studying the word of God. John 5:39 commands us to search the scriptures. This implies that we should not only read, but also study the passage with the purpose of finding the significance that God wants to communicate. To start with, study short passages (no more than a chapter). It is better to read a short passage many times, than reading many chapters. This way you can analyze it well.

## PRAYER

Pray referring to the Biblical passage just studied. Reply to God, commenting on your reaction to the passage.

Confession: after realizing all the impurity in your life

Adoration: for what God is (the Psalms can help enrich your praise)

Praise: to God for what he has done

Acts of Thanksgiving: for what God has given you

Pray for your petitions that are on your prayer list

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## SING TO THE LORD

Music lifts up your spirit and helps create an atmosphere of adoration in your devotional time. Sing choruses or hymns regularly, not only in your devotional, but throughout the whole day. Ephesians 5:19 If you prefer, you can whistle or hum the choruses

## PUT INTO PRACTICE WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED.

James 1:22 warns us of being “doers of the word and not only hearers.” Reading the Bible without applying it to your life is like looking at your face in the mirror and going out without cleaning the stains that the mirror showed you. It will not make sense to read the Bible if you are not willing to submit yourself to what it says.

## TO DO

Memorize in the following order the books from the Old Testament, reviewing the ones previously learned: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

## PLAN FOR BIBLE READINGS

It is suggested to begin your reading in the New Testament. Read daily from one book until you finish it. We suggest that you begin reading the books of the Bible in the following order:

John, Acts, 1 John, Romans, James, & Philippians

After finishing reading one book, before reading another one, read a Psalm or a chapter from Proverbs.

## TO GROW

Read 1 John 1-5 and Psalm 1 & 5, one chapter per day. Memorize Joshua 1:8

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# STEP 8: IN DAILY COMMUNION

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## TO DISCOVER

God has given each believer a spiritual gift. Romans 12, Ephesians 4:11, 1 Corinthians 12 speak about these gifts. For example, some of the gifts mentioned there are:

Serve

Exhort

Faith

Wisdom

Showing compassion

Presiding/Administrating

Teaching

Giving

Evangelizing

Pastoring

Do you know which ones are your gifts? If your answer is “no” then you can find out through prayer, serving in the church, and asking the brothers to tell you what abilities they observe in you.

## STRENGTH TRAINING

### TO DO

To deepen your communion with the brothers of your church, begin the week by inviting one of them to your house.

### TO THINK

Make a list of excuses that people make to not go to church.

What is the real reason that some people do not go to church? Hebrews 10:24-26

### TO INTERCEDE

Make a list of all the leaders in your church, and pray each day this week for one of them.

### TO GROW

Read Romans 1-4 Read each chapter for 2 straight days to be able to understand it better. Memorize Hebrews 10: 24-25

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## TRUE OR FALSE

\_\_\_ THE CHURCH is a material building.

\_\_\_ THE CHURCH is the community of all believers.

\_\_\_ I can stop congregating when I continue to read the Bible in my house and listen to Christian programs by the way of the radio or television.

## WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

The Lord Jesus Christ said in Matthew 16:18 “.... I will build my church....” Christ spoke in the future (I will build) and he spoke about the church as something that was His (my church). This church of Christ that was going to be built already exists and continues to grow. This is the visible manifestation of Christ in the world today.

In one sense, the church is universal but it also has a local manifestation. (Matthew 16:18; Acts 13:1)

## THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

The universal church is the supernatural organism that Christ is the head of and is formed by all the people that have been born again from Pentecost until the rapture of the church.

With what is the church compared to? (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Who is part of the body (the church)? The church is made up of all the believers in Jesus Christ, the people who have been regenerated by the Spirit of God. (1 Corinthians 12:13)

What has God given to the members of the church? (Romans 12 4-8)

Who is the head of the church? (Ephesians 4:15)

According to Ephesians 1:12, why does the church exist?

What is the mission of the church? (Matthew 28:18-20)

## THE LOCAL CHURCH

The local church is a group of born-again persons baptized and organized to glorify God. Exhorting each other and proclaiming the gospel.

Read Hebrews 10:24-25. Does the Bible teach that the believer in Christ should be a member of a local church? Why or Why not? (What does the phrase “spur one another to love and good deeds” mean?)

What other things did the church do together in Jerusalem? (Acts 2:42)

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By being a member of the church, you should help it. In what ways could you help your church?

Galatians 6:1-2

Galatians 6:10

1 Peter 4:10

2 Corinthians 9:7

In 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9, the Bible establishes requirements for the leaders who govern the church. Read these passages. Even though you are not thinking about being a leader right now, every Christian should strive to have the characteristics that are mentioned in these verses.

Understanding that the leaders are appointed by God, what is the correct attitude to have toward them?

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Hebrews 13:17

What is one of the responsibilities of the church towards its members, according to Galatians 6:1-2?

In correcting a brother that has gone off course, with what attitude should this be done?

The church being a family has the responsibility to watch after the good health of its members. There are moments when discipline is necessary to preserve the testimony and the purity of the church. It is an act of love preoccupation toward the members of the church. The discipline is one of the things that God uses "to stir us on to love and good deeds."

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## STEP 9: MY CHURCH

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

## TO THINK

Is it embarrassing for you to talk to others about Christ? Read Romans 1:16

Why was Paul not ashamed of the gospel?

## TO WRITE

For which persons do you feel responsible for sharing the gospel with? Write these names below:

Relatives:

Friends/Co-workers:

Other people:

Pray regularly for these people, and speak to them about Christ.

## STRENGTH TRAINING

### Memorize

Do you feel insecure because you don't know what to say to those that you want to evangelize? It is very common to feel like this. To gain more confidence:

### TO DO

When can you begin to testify? This week, share the plan with a person that is on your list. Do not wait any longer! If you don't have the plan memorized, you can share John 3:16.

If you want to learn how to give a personal testimony affectively, the appendix number 6 contains some practical suggestions to help you share to others what Christ has done in your life.

### TO GROW

Read Romans 5-8. Each chapter for two consecutive days to understand it better.

# Are you Maturing in Christ?

## TRUE OR FALSE

It is important to evangelize others, because the majority of them are headed to hell.

I can evangelize my relatives and my friends with success.

To be able to share my faith, it is better for me to wait and take a course.

One of the privileges of being a believer is testifying of your faith in Christ. Testifying or evangelizing means to share with another person the plan of salvation so that this person can reach the point of accepting Christ.

## THE NECESSITY OF WITNESSING

As we saw in the first lesson, humanity is trapped in the claws of sin. Romans 3: 10,23 Matthew 7:13 speaks of two doors that represent two different destinies in life. According to this verse, what destiny is waiting for the majority of people?

What does John 3:18 say in regard to those who have not confided in Christ?

(2 Corinthians 5:17) In contrast, the believer is ...

Being a new person in Christ, God has given you a special mission appointing you as his ambassador. As ambassador what is the mission that God has given you according to 2 Corinthians 5:20?

Read Matthew 5:14-16. Besides being ambassador, Christ calls you (vs 14)

For you, what does it mean to say that we are the "light of the world?"

On the contrary, what does it mean to put your light "under a bushel?" (vs 15)

How bright is your light? Understanding that you are the light of the world, mark with an "X" the statements that best describe your life:

I like to talk about Christ, because he has changed me

Sometimes I shine, but sometimes my light is covered

I don't know how to testify about Christ

It is somewhat embarrassing for me to talk about Christ

Until now, my light has shined very little

Matthew 28:19-20 contains what we call the great commission. What does Christ command us to do in this commission?

HOW TO TESTIFY:

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## PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

Allow Christ to change your life. Remember that your words mean nothing if your behavior does not reflect them. Matthew 5:16

Use the Bible. It is the word of God. It is a powerful weapon that will help clarify the confused mind of the sinner. Hebrews 4:12

Trust in the Holy Spirit to help you testify. He convinces the world of sin, preparing them to be able to hear the plan of salvation. John 16:18. You can't force anyone. God himself will do the work in that person.

Pray constantly for your friends who have not accepted Christ. Look for opportunities to share with them.

Look at the unconverted with compassion. Understanding that they live enslaved by sin. The unconverted is not your enemy, instead they are a victim of the enemy (Satan).

Testify with an attitude of humility (1 Peter 3:15). Understand that if it were not for the grace of God, you would be in the same position.

Be polite. Make sure that the unconverted feels that you are being genuine: do not condemn them.

Be natural. The best contacts that you have are your relatives and friends. Don't be afraid of sharing with them. Take advantage of these opportunities.

Get a hold of some helpful information, and keep it close if someone asks questions or is looking for more information. Ask your pastor about how to get a hold of some.

Be brave. Even though everyone will not accept your message, remember that you are the bearer of the good news that brings eternal life. Romans 1:16 Also, the majority of people are more open than you think.

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## HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

What impressed you about the passage?

What does this mean for your life?

Take into account the following questions. These will be able to help you receive the most nourishment from the passage.

What is the principle idea?

Is there a mandate to obey?

Is there an example to follow?

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Is there a sin to avoid?

Is there a promise to make yours?

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## **STEP 10: TO WITNESS**

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## TO WORK AT THIS WEEK

Read one chapter per day (Start in any Gospel)

Memorize: Romans 6:3-4

### TRUE OR FALSE

- I need to be baptized to go to heaven.
- You can be a member of the church without being baptized
- Baptism is the end of the Christian Journey and the final ticket to Heaven
- Baptism and communion will help me be more holy.
- The elements of communion symbolize the body and the blood of Christ.
- Communion is connected to the Jewish Passover

### BAPTISM:

Before ascending to the Father in Heaven, Jesus commanded us to make disciples of all nations. According to Matthew 28:19-20, when somebody becomes a disciple of Christ, what is the first step that they should take?

Baptism is not a requirement to be saved. Instead, it is the result of already being saved. We see this is the case of the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8:26-40. Read the passage. According to verses 36 and 37, what is the only requirement for being baptized?

Having believed in Christ, the eunuch wanted to give testimony of his new faith, how did he do this?

We see that baptism is a way of giving public testimony that we are saved.

According to Acts 2:41, after receiving The Word (the gospel) “Those who accepted his message \_\_\_\_\_ and about \_\_\_\_\_ people were added that day.

By getting baptized they identified themselves with the church in Jerusalem! (Not a popular group!) In the same way, we identify ourselves publicly with the local church when baptized.

Some people have incorrect concepts about baptism. For this reason, it is important to know:

Baptism does not save us

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Baptism is not a step toward salvation

Baptism does not make us holier, even though it does motivate us to live in holiness

In accepting Christ, we identify ourselves with him in His death, in His burial, in His resurrection. That being the case, in Christ we are new persons. The baptism in water symbolizes a transformation that happens in the moment of our salvation. The going down into the water symbolizes our identification with His death and burial. Our coming out of the water symbolizes our resurrection to a new life. Read Romans 6:1-3

THE LORD'S SUPPER:

The Lords Supper was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ on the night he was handed over. It is something that is sacred and very special, but it is not a sacrament or something magic.

Please read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. According to verse 26, what do we announce?

Until when?

I Cor. 11: 23-26 teaches us the significance of The Lords Supper. It reminds us of the sacrifice of Christ for us on the cross and it is a remembrance of his second coming.

What does it mean to do this "in memory of me?"

According to verses 24 and 25, what do the bread and the cup symbolize?

Bread:

Cup:

Now read 1 Corinthians 11:27-31. Verse 28 says that before you participate in communion each one should examine themselves. For you, what does this mean?

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 emphasizes another aspect of the Lords supper which is the communion. What does it mean to have communion?

IN SUMMARY

The Lords Supper is the remembrance of the sacrifice of Christ until he comes.

It is an act of obedience and a moment of communion with Christ and with our brothers and sisters in faith.

REMEMBER

According to Hebrews 10:10-12, how many times does Christ offer His body in sacrifice to sin?

“ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ ”

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## CONNECTING

Read Luke 22:7-23 (19-20), why is Baptism and Communion centered on a Covenant?

What other covenants do as Christians Make?

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## **STEP 11: IT'S ABOUT COVENANT!**

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## TO REFLECT

- ★ Some people have incorrect concepts. For this reason it is important to know:
- ★ The Lords Supper is not a sacrament or something magical.
- ★ It does not make us holier, although it does motivate us to holiness.
- ★ The cup does not convert into the blood and the bread into the body of Christ, instead they symbolize this.
- ★ Ask your parents about a communion they remember most. Why was it so special?

## TO THINK

What does it mean to make a covenant relationship? How do we uphold our end?

Why does Jesus connect making disciples, teaching and baptism? How can you connect teaching and discipleship with baptism?

## TO REFLECT

Read Romans 6:1-4. At first glance, this passage seems to talk about baptism and water. Notwithstanding, the word “baptism” is really used to speak of our identification with Christ.

Taking part in this class is one way to demonstrate my covenant commitment to Christ and His Church, what are others?

## HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

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most nourishment from the passage.

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Is there an example to follow?

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## To Do

☆- One of the things that can threaten family unity is the little time that we dedicate to the members of our family. Even though we love them, there are times when they do not feel our love.

☆- What will you do today to show your love in a concrete manner to your family?

☆- During this week, what activity can you do with your family so that they will feel your love?

## TO REFLECT

☆- The Bible speaks of the wife submitting to the husband. Do you believe that this gives the right to the man to be a chauvinist? Why?

☆- There are a lot of things that can bring unity to the home. Write down a couple:

## TO WORK AT THIS WEEK

### TO STUDY

Love is central to the Christian home. In 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Paul defines true love. Write down on a piece of paper the characteristics of love according to this passage, or underline in your Bible the words that catch your attention.

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## TO GROW

Read Philippians 1-4; Psalm 37, 51 and 139 (one chapter per day)

Memorize Philippians 2:3-4

## TRUE OR FALSE

- \_\_\_\_\_ The primary responsibility of the husband is to love his wife
- \_\_\_\_\_ The respectful conduct of the wife can win the husband to Christ
- \_\_\_\_\_ Even if your parents aren't believers, you should always respect them

## THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

The Christian home is the center of support, protection, and mutual encouragement. By means of the home, material needs are taken care of and the kids are taught what they need to know to confront life. On the other hand, if Christ does not reign in the home, instead of being a refuge it will become a camp of battle and frustration.

## THE PLAN OF GOD FOR THE FAMILY IN GENESIS

Genesis 2:18:

It was God that created Eve as well as Adam, this means the idea of forming the home came from God himself

The wife is described as a help-meet, or in other words an adequate help. The wife, as well as the husband, are mutually complementary. United they are better than separated.

Genesis 2:24-25

Independence from parents has to be reached to be able to form your own self. Only this way can you learn to depend on one another.

Only one flesh implies living in union, it is not a competition, as best friends sharing your intimate thoughts.

Sex inside of marriage is not the cause of embarrassment, instead it is a gift of God to the couple for the good. The kids that might come are a blessing to God.

## YOUR RESPONSIBILITY IN THE HOME

What mandates does God give to husbands in the following passages?

Ephesians 5:22-23

Colossians 3:19

1 Peter 3:7

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Husband, consider whether you fulfill this. If not, in what areas should you change?  
What type of love does Christ have for His church? This love is a model to follow in your relationship with your spouse.

What mandate does God give to wives?

Ephesians 5:23

1 Peter 3: 1-2

What does God demand from fathers and mothers in Ephesians 6:4? (what you should not do)

For example, what do fathers do that frustrates or angers their kids? (what you should do)

According to Deuteronomy 6:6-7 in what situations and places should you instruct your kids?

What does God command to kids in Ephesians 6:1-2?

There are a couple rules that promote harmony in the home. They apply to the husband, the wife, and the kids. What are they?

Ephesians 5:21

Philippians 2:3-4

Read Luke 22:7-23 (19-20), why is Baptism and Communion Centered on a Covenant?  
What other covenants do Christians make?

## SPECIAL SITUATIONS

Your family is not Christian

Love them. It is important to appreciate family members who are not converted. They sin because they still do not know Christ. You used to live this way as well.

Remember that "still being sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 Show your love for them with concrete acts.

Win them for Christ through your good testimony. 1 Peter 3:1-2

Even though these words are directed to women, they can be applied to any Christian that has relatives that are not converted. The testimony that you give is vital to the conversion of your family. Instead of criticizing and pressuring them, show your faith by your acts. (Matthew 5:15)

You are single

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The challenge of being single is maintaining high standards, avoiding any sexual relationship outside of marriage. Keep yourself pure for your future wife or husband. God wants the best for you.

If you have not maintained yourself pure, confess your sin to God and ask him to help you live in holiness. Your situation might require you look for council from a mature Christian or your pastor.

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## **STEP 12: THE FAMILY**

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## TO DEEPEN

★- Read John 15:6. The desire of Jesus is that His loved ones produce much fruit and fruit that remains. There are two types of fruit.

★- What are these types of fruits, according to Galatians 5:22-23

★- What are these types of fruits, according to Matthew 28:18-20?

## TO WORK AT THIS WEEK

### TO DO

Keep reading the Bible using the plan from lesson 8. Are you using the plan for a devotional time presented in lesson 8?

### TO GROW

Read 1 Thessalonians 1-5 and 2 Thessalonians 1-3 (one chapter per day).

Memorize Proverbs 3:5-6

### TRUE OR FALSE

\_\_\_\_\_ The Christian has a strong influence on their own spiritual growth.

\_\_\_\_\_ The communion with the body of Christ is not important.

\_\_\_\_\_ It is possible to enjoy constant communication with God.

### PRIORITIES IN YOUR LIFE

In the previous lessons, you have taken significant steps to firmly establish your walk with Christ. Identify some of the basic habits of the Christian life:

These habits are absolutely necessary for growth. Do not stop practicing them. It is important to establish correct priorities. In other words, determine how God wants us to live and use our time. In John 17:1-26, Jesus talks about three priorities for the Christian life.

Grow in the consecration to Jesus Christ.

Grow in the consecration to the body of Christ (the other Christians).

Grow in the consecration to the work of Christ in the world.

What type of relationship does Jesus Christ want to have with you? John 17:1-26

v. 3:

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v.13:

v.23:

Describe the relationship that Jesus wants Christians to have between each other (v. 11):

What impact should the unity and love between Christians have on those who do not know Christ?

## WALKING BY FAITH

Colossians 2:6-7 commands us to live in Christ by the same way that we received Him; we received Him by faith. How is faith described in Hebrews 11: 1 & 6?

v.1:

v.6:

In your opinion, what does it mean to walk by faith?

Faith is not only a blind hope, instead it is the certainty that God is faithful and will fulfill everything that he has said. Having faith in God implies not relying on our own resources so that we can rest in the resources of God.

Walking by faith is putting into practice what the Lord is teaching us. That is why it is so important to maintain and to guard the intimate communion with Him.

How does Jesus describe his relationship with his loved ones in John 15:4-5?

Our relationship with Christ is compared to a grape vine (vineyard), Christ being the plant and us being the branches.

Why is it vital to maintain this relationship with Christ?

What do you think Jesus wanted to say with the phrase "remain in me" (v.4)

According to John 15:10, how can you remain in His love?

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## SUMMARY

Keep moving forward with the patterns and habits that you have learned. Put into practice every day what the Lord shows you. Watch over with jealousy your intimate relationship with God.

## TO PLAN

At what hour each day will I find time to spend alone with Christ?

How are you going to develop your relationship with other Christians? When?

How will you demonstrate to the world that Christ lives in you?

## TO COMMIT

Read the words of Jesus in Luke 9:23. Do you want to come in Jesus' name?

Are you willing to shun your own desires and joys to follow the will of God in your life each day?

\_\_\_\_\_ (sign/date)

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## STEP 13: IN JESUS' NAME

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## HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Memory Verse

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

## TO BE THANKFUL FOR

According to John 10: 28-29, you are in the hand of Jesus Christ and at the same time in the hand of the Father. Imagine how protected your life is in these hands. With reason it tells us twice that no one can snatch us from there.

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## TO MEDITATE AND DEFINE

Sinning is doing, saying, or thinking contrary to the word of God. Even though God loves me, he hates my sin. Think and write down 2 reasons why a Christian should avoid sin:

- 1.
- 2.

### Memory Verse

John 10: 27-28

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

### Memory Verse

1 John 1:9

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

### Memory Verse

Galatians 2:20

20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 12:13

For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

### Memory Verse

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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## Memory Verse

Philippians 4: 6-7

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## Memory Verse

Joshua 1:8

8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

## Memory Verse

Hebrews 10: 24-25

24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## Memory Verse

Romans 1:16

16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

## Memory Verse

Romans 6:3-4 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

## Memory Verse

Philippians 2:3-4

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

## Memory Verse

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.