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GOOD
and
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SERVANT

Teacher's Guide



Teacher's Guide for GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOK

1. READ EPH. 4:13

A. Does becoming mature in Christ sound good to you? _____

B. To what state of spiritual maturity would God like you to attain to? (to all the fullness of Christ)

2. What is better than having a head full of leadership truths? (total Intimacy with God)

3. READ DANIEL 12:3

A. A spiritual leader should lead many to what? (righteousness)

B. Would you like to be used of God to lead many to righteousness? (Get students to respond.)

C. What is a simple but accurate definition of a spiritual leader? (Spiritual leaders lead many to righteousness.)

4. What keeps Christians as little spiritual babies who never mature? (from Page 2) (If they are never given or never accept a responsibility in the family of God they'll remain immature.)

5. DISCUSSION

Picture in your mind a crowded theater where people are mere spectators and then picture a coach in a locker room motivating his team before they go out to win a big trophy.

A. Does "church" remind you more of one than the other? _____

B. Which one? _____

C. Why? _____

D. Are you part of a team being motivated or are you more like someone in a theater audience who watches but is not involved? _____

6. FROM TOP OF PAGE 4

A truly successful church is one where _____ *(God's power is manifested and people become Christlike)* _____

7. Can a lukewarm carnal leader build up mere church attendance numbers? _____ *(yes)* _____

8. If the leader is lukewarm, carnal and lacks anointing, that leader won't be effective in leading people to _____ *(righteousness)* _____.

9. READ MATT. 28:18-20

In your own words, write what you believe Jesus is telling you to do. _____

10. True spiritual leaders are actually great _____ *(followers)* _____ of the real leader of the Church, the Holy Spirit.

11. You won't need a title or position to be _____ *(led)* _____ by the Holy Spirit.

12. DISCUSSION

How can we improve on the common prayer, "Lord, make me more like Jesus." _____ *(We can pray,*

"Lord, make me JUST like Jesus.") _____

13. READ ROM. 8:29 AND EPH. 4:15

From these verses, write out God's goal for you, personally. _____

Chapter 1

1. READ LUKE 12:16-21

A. The rich farmer was considered to be a (success) in the eyes of the world.

B. In the eyes of God he was a (fool).

C. Why? (He was not rich toward God.)

2. Secularized leadership training will teach you how to (build)

your barns and then to build (bigger) barns, so to speak.

3. Spiritual leadership training will teach you how to be (rich) toward God.

4. FROM PAGE 7

What is the main thing that a “seeker” needs to see in church? (God’s power in demonstration)

5. Satan would (corrupt) something good rather than to oppose it.

6. FROM PAGE 7

What is the process Satan uses to take something good and eventually get it to work for his evil purposes?

(Satan makes slight changes until it eventually becomes something that works for him.)

7. Secularized leadership means “influence with people” but spiritual leadership is first of all influence with (God).

8. DISCUSSION

The greatest leaders in both the Old and New Testament were all people who were powerful in prayer. They led people because they had influence with God. Name some examples you can think of. (Luke 22:32 is one example.)

9. Who did Jesus designate to be the “Leader” of the church? _____ *(the Holy Spirit)*

10. READ MATT. 15:14

How should we measure successful leadership? (Check one)

_____ A. By the number of followers?

_____ **(X)** B. By where the followers are effectively led to?

11. READ MATT. 22:29

The “leaders” Jesus disapproved of were in error for two reasons. What are those two reasons? _____

_____ *(They didn’t know the scriptures or the power of God.)*

12. FROM PAGE 12

Our lives, ministries and churches must be plugged into what? _____ *(into the power of God)*

13. FROM TOP OF PAGE 13

How do we do that? _____ *(We must have a true life of prayer and intimacy with God.)*

14. There is nothing wrong with a big fancy church unless it’s _____ *(unplugged from God’s power)*

15. A. Nothing counts unless we are plugged into _____ *(God’s power)*

B. Nothing counts unless we are led by _____ *(the Holy Spirit)*

16. READ JER. 23:22

What does God want spiritual leaders to do?

A. _____ *(Stand in God’s counsel and hear His words.)*

B. _____ *(Then to tell those words to his people to turn them from their evil ways.)*

17. FROM BOTTOM OF PAGE 13

We must train spiritual leaders to pursue _____ *(intimacy with God)*

and _____ *(total obedience to him)*

Chapter 2

The Heart Motive of Jesus

READ JN. 17:1-5

1. Why couldn't Jesus bring God more glory on earth? (He had finished the work God gave him to do.)

2. Jesus was in effect saying, "Give me a higher heavenly platform so that from there I can bring You even more (glory)."

3. DISCUSSION

If we are not purely motivated to bring glory to God, what could our other motivations be? (What were the Pharisees motivated by? Love of money and the praise of men.)

4. DISCUSSION

Why would the Holy Spirit want to purify the motive of your heart? (to make you like Jesus)

5. Which of these words needs to come first when it comes to fulfilling God's will for your life? (D. Why)

A. How B. Where C. What D. Why E. When

6. READ JN. 12:27-28

What was the heart motive that helped Jesus be obedient to even death on a cross? (He wanted the Father's name to be glorified.)

7. READ JN. 8:54 AND MT. 25:23

If you will seek to glorify God, what will God eventually do for you? (He will glorify you with Jesus.)
(He will put you in charge of many things, giving you a big promotion.)

8. READ JN. 14:13-14

Why does Jesus want you to ask in His name? (so that the Father may be glorified in the Son)

9. Read John 16:13-15 Who will the Holy Spirit glorify? (Jesus)

10. FROM PAGE 22

If a spiritual leader loses their motivation to bring God glory, what else will they lose? (their anointing)

11. FROM PAGE 22

When your heart is strongly motivated to bring glory to God you'll be teamed up with whom? (the Holy Spirit)

12. FROM PAGE 22

People motivate others with what (motivates) them.

READ 1 SAMUEL 17:8-10

13. What three things did King Saul use to motivate someone to fight Goliath? (the gold, the girl, and the glory: great riches, his daughter in marriage, his family tax free, meaning royal position and status)

14. Those three motivations were not enough to motivate anyone to fight Goliath. These motivations could not overcome the (fear).

15. Because David's motive was pure, he was (fearless) in battle.

16. What three things will the devil tempt male ministers with? (the same things Saul used: the gold, the girl, and the glory.)

FROM PAGE 24

17. God warned the author that he must not turn from sincere love for God and embrace the (praises of men)

or he would be committing (spiritual adultery).

God gave King Hezekiah victory over Assyria when his prayer was answered and one angel killed 185,000 enemy troops. Then the rotation of the earth was reversed as a sign that God would heal King Hezekiah. These miracles got the attention of the whole world.

18. NOW READ 2 CHRON. 32:31

What did God do then? (He withdrew from King Hezekiah to see what was in his heart.)

19. What did Hezekiah show the messengers from Babylon? (He showed them all his treasures, meaning, how great he was.)

20. What did King Hezekiah not show the messengers from Babylon? (He didn't show them the temple, the Holy Scrolls, and did not introduce them to the prophet Isaiah who had prophesied all those things. In other words, he didn't show them God.)

21. FROM PAGE 25-26

How do we know if the church people are just playing church? (If the church is not going anywhere and has no forward movement.)

22. The motivation to glorify God will cause gifts of the Spirit to (bond) to you.

23. SEE PAGES 26-27

If the motivation to glorify God dries up the gifts of the Spirit will (fall off).

24. DISCUSSION

The Bible says to "earnestly desire spiritual gifts" (1 Cor. 14:1).

A. Would it be possible to want spiritual gifts from a wrong heart motive? (yes)

B. What are some reasons, both good and bad, as to why people would want to receive powerful spiritual gifts?

(adventuresome, desire for power, desire to be the greatest—all bad)
(the desire to help people, the desire to glorify God, the desire to destroy the works of the devil with spiritual weapons—all good.)

25. READ JOHN 15:7-8

What word did Jesus use to describe the quantity of spiritual fruit that is possible for each believer to bear?

(much)

26. The author believes that God has a unique way for every believer to bring “massive” glory to God. On page 28 you can read the amazing story of how four different people did something that was key in saving an estimated two billion people from starvation.

A. Name the four: (Norman Borlaug) (Henry Wallace)
(George Washington Carver) (Farmer Carver)

B. Now give a short description of what each individual did. _____

(Norman Borlaug developed wheat and corn that could produce more crops with less water.)

(Henry Wallace hired Norman Borlaug and got funding for the laboratory.)

(George Washington Carver inspired Henry Wallace with the vision to help people through botany.)

(Farmer Carver adopted the baby of a slave mother who was killed and gave him his last name.)

27. DISCUSSION

Can you think of similar examples where God gave an individual a unique way to be a great blessing to others and bring massive glory to God?

28. SEE PAGE 29

A. If you asked God to use you to bring massive glory to his name, who would immediately mock you?

(Satan)

B. Who would smile with delight? (Jesus)

29. DISCUSSION

A. Do you believe God could use your little life to bring massive glory to His name? _____

B. Have you started asking God to do that? _____

C. Why is this a life-long daily prayer?_____

(This is the heart motive of Jesus Christ and must be living in us constantly so that it is like beating of our hearts—constant, strong and life-giving.)

D. Why would some Christians avoid praying this prayer? (no interest in it, unbelief, other desires that are greater)

30. FROM PAGE 30

God spoke to the author, “The desire to bring me massive glory is actually a call to (prayer)_____.

31. You must keep your spirit (sweet)_____so that you can (open)_____a door for God.

He will come through the door and do the massive things that you could (never)_____do by yourself in your own power.

32. FROM PAGE 30-31

How can we bring God “basic glory?” (Bring basic glory by living a life of kindness and consideration for others and by compassionate deeds and manifesting spiritual fruits of character.)

33. How can we bring God “added glory?” (by winning others to Christ)

34. How can we bring God multiplied glory? (by training leaders, becoming a leader or encouraging existing leaders)

35. How can we bring God “great glory?” (by prayer where we open a door for God)

36. How can we bring God “compound interest glory?” (by living a life of continual faithfulness)

37. FROM PAGE 31

What was the simple prayer, repeated many times by the medic that rescued approximately one hundred wounded soldiers in WWII?

(“Lord, help me get just one more.”)

38. DISCUSSION

Do you realize that you are very significant and that your part in God's plan is important? _____

39. READ EPH. 2:10

A. What are you? _____ (*God's workmanship or masterpiece*) _____

B. What has God prepared in advance for you to do? _____ (*good works especially designed for you to do*) _____

Chapter 3

Vision

FROM PAGE 33

1. Every leadership book, secular or spiritual has a chapter on _____ (*vision*).

2. DISCUSSION

Why is that true? _____ (*No leadership is possible without a vision because a leader must be leading toward a vision or there is no leadership.*)

3. FROM PAGE 33

God's vision for your life

A. will first be _____ (*general*)

B. then it will become _____ (*specific*).

4. READ JOHN 17:4

Write out the definition of success we can find in these words from Jesus. _____ (*I brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.*)

5. DISCUSSION

If you achieve great things in the eyes of people but it is not the work God gave you to do, will God count that as success? _____ (*no*).

6. READ GENESIS 11:4

What was the "vision" of those who led the people to construct the Tower of Babel? _____ (*They wanted to build a tower to the heavens, make a name for themselves, and not be scattered over the whole Earth.*)

7. Did that vision come from God? (no)

8. READ PSALM 127:1

If the vision doesn't come from God, He will consider it as (opposition) to His will.

9. READ 1 COR. 3:12-14

Your vision will be tested by what? (fire)

10. If your vision is not God's vision for you, what will happen to your vision and achievements? (They will be burned up.)

11. FROM PAGE 35

The "let's make a name for ourselves" is a vision of (self-) glorification.

12. READ MATT. 7:21

What would be an even more serious consequence than having your self-glorifying achievements burned up? (not getting into heaven)

13. FROM THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 35

What does the vision of a spiritual leader begin with? (complete surrender to God's will)

14. FROM PAGE 35, BOTTOM

What are two common mistakes that spiritual leaders can make in regard to their "vision" and its fulfillment?

1. (making it bigger than God said)
2. (running ahead of God and missing steps)

15. FROM PAGE 36-37

DISCUSSION

If you enlarge the vision beyond what God tells you, you are acting as if you are (God).

16. DISCUSSION

Running full speed ahead with a fuzzy vision of God's will where you try to fill in the blanks yourself is (not God's best and is frustrating and futile)

17. DISCUSSION

What would your answer be if God asked you, "Are you leading to or just getting through?" _____

18. FROM THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 37

If you are just trying to get through another day, you've stopped being a (leader).

19. If you are going to get through it, whatever it is, you've got to be going (to it, the vision).

20. DISCUSSION

Why can a lack of vision make difficulties seem so great that we would be tempted to give up? _____
(We can't get through it unless we are going to it.)

21. DISCUSSION

Are you going to something? _____

Write down your vision briefly and share it. _____

22. READ HEBREWS 12:2

What was the vision Jesus was going to that helped him get through the cross experience? (The joy of a
redeemed church from every tribe, tongue and culture on earth and completing the Father's will.)

23. The vision that helped Jesus get through it originated in the heart of the Father. What key words in Heb. 12:2 prove that?

(The vision was "set before Him.")

24. FROM PAGE 38

After you get the general idea of the vision God will set before you, it will be necessary to ask God for _____
(increasing clarity)

25. DISCUSSION

A leader can use people to obtain a vision or see each person as his or her vision. _____

A. READ 1 THES. 2:20

How does this verse indicate that the people were Paul's vision? (They were his glory and joy.)

B. READ COL. 1:28-29

What was Paul struggling to do? (Present everyone fully mature in Christ.)

26. FROM PAGE 39

A mother's vision is typically (her children's development)

27. Paul loved people like a (mother)

28. Paul wasn't using people to fulfill his vision. Rather they (were) his vision.

29. SEE THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 39.

We must never use (people) just to fulfill a vision for (things)

30. READ PHIL. 4:17

DISCUSSION

Why is this statement of Paul proof of the purity of his vision? (He didn't want money to build some big vision—but he wanted their gifts to fill their heavenly accounts. His vision was that their accounts would be full to God's glory.)

31. DISCUSSION

Why would memorizing Phil. 4:7a be a safeguard for you as a spiritual leader? (It will help you keep the success of the people as your vision so that you would never just use them to obtain a vision for things.)

32. FROM PAGE 40

If we can sincerely say to people what Paul said to the Philippians in Phil. 4:7, it will help us (avoid) using people to fulfill our vision, and together we will do great things for God's glory.

33. FROM THE TOP OF PAGE 41

When the author asked God, "What will be my greatest achievement?"—what was God's answer? _____

("It will probably be someone you encourage who will do greater things than you will ever do.")

34. READ JOHN 14:12

Jesus wasn't saying, "You will help me do greater things. He was saying, "I will help (you) do greater things by my Spirit.

35. EXTRA STUDY - READ ECC. 2:4-11

Solomon undertook great projects (project visions). But who were they for? (See verse 4) (for himself)

READ 1 KINGS 11:1-7

36. Some of Solomon's project visions became evil.

These project visions actually honored (the devil).

37. READ 1 KINGS 12:4

True or false: Solomon ruthlessly used people to fulfill his many project visions. (true)

38. READ 1 THES. 2:6-8, COL. 1:28-29 AND PHIL. 4:17

DISCUSSION

Discuss the difference between the "vision" of the Apostle Paul and the project visions of King Solomon.

READ 1 KINGS 12:4

39. The spiritual leader must be thinking about how the "vision" will develop people or be an avenue for them to do something significant that will bring great heavenly rewards. We must guard our "vision" from becoming a

(heavy yoke and hard service).

40. FROM PAGE 43, SECOND PARAGRAPH.

What are the two basic types of visions? A. Visions to (do). B. Visions to (become).

41. READ PHIL. 3:10-11

What kind of “vision” is this? (B)

- A. A “to do” vision? B. A “To become” vision?

42. FROM PAGE 43

If intimacy with God is not our main “to become” vision, we are in danger of having some project vision become (our idol).

43. DISCUSSION

God spoke to the author, “When you win the crown, don’t bow down and worship your image in it.”

What does this mean to you? (Don’t take the glory for your crowning achievement and go into self-worship.)

44. READ REV. 4:10 IN DIFFERENT TRANSLATIONS.

What are we to do with crowns? (Cast them at the feet of Jesus.)

45. DISCUSSION

How do we apply this NOW before we have received a tangible crown from God? (Give God the glory and don’t take the praise of men, or your own self-praise.)

46. Examine the three types of vision on page 45. Then write your own visions.

- A. To people _____
- B. To yourself—what you feel God wants you to become. _____
- C. To God _____

FROM PAGE 46

47. Of all visions, your vision for intimacy with God is the most important. Why? (If you have it you can lead people there. If you don’t have it, you can’t even successfully point them there.)

48. The leader who does not have a vision for intimacy with God cannot lead anyone to (intimacy with God)

49. READ PHIL. 2:13

If the bigger visions are in place, God will put (project) visions into our hearts.

50. We get (strength) from achievable project visions.

51. We can get through (the present difficulties)

if we are going to (an achievable project vision)

52. READ HEB. 12:2

Jesus could endure the cross because of the (joy) set before him.

DISCUSSION

53. What "joy" has God set before you? What vision has God given to you? _____

54. If we have no God given vision to go to, it will be very difficult for us to (get through) the hardships of life.

55. DISCUSSION

Consider the illustration on page 47. Would you like to have an unselfish vision from God? _____

56. *Prayer Time:*

Ask God to give you His vision for what you are to become and what you are to do, who you are to help and how. Briefly write out your prayer.

Chapter 4

Order and Organization

FROM PAGE 49, TOP

1. A secular leader is focused on _____ (*organization*) _____ and knows very little about divine _____ (*order*) _____.
2. You cannot go higher spiritually without _____ (*divine order*) _____.
3. Order deals with first things first. Write out these examples of divine order. What should be first?

Matt. 6:33 _____ (*First seek the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness.*) _____

Prov. 3:9 _____ (*Honor God with your financial offerings before paying bills.*) _____

Matt. 7:5 _____ (*First take the log out of your own eye before trying to remove a speck from your brother's eye.*) _____

Prov. 24:27 _____ (*Put your outdoor work in order and get your fields ready; after that, build your house.*) _____

(For Teacher: A pioneer would sleep on the ground while he planted his crops and while they were growing he'd build a sod house or log cabin. If he built his house first, by the time he planted crops it would be too late for them to mature and he'd starve in the winter.)

4. There are two kinds of problems—internal and external. Divine order deals with which kind of problems? _____ (*internal problems*) _____
5. Organization deals with which kind of problems? _____ (*external problems*) _____
6. Leaders must be _____ (*problem*) _____ solvers.

FROM BOTTOM OF PAGE 50.

7. Organization means: every person with _____ (*his or her own responsibility*) _____ every activity with _____ (*its own time*) _____ everything in its _____ (*place*) _____.

FROM PAGE 51

8. If you want your ministry to get bigger and be more effective, you'll want to increase your understanding and practice of (organization).

9. If you want your ministry to be more anointed with spiritual power, love and wisdom, you'll have to increase in (divine order).

10. We increase in order when we do what? (We increase in order when we put first things first.)

11. DISCUSSION

A. Can a spiritual leader be strong in order and weak in organization? (yes, many are)

B. Can a leader be strong in organization but be weak in divine order?

(Yes, but the weaker they are in order, the less of a spiritual leader they are.)

FROM EXODUS 18

12. Moses was very strong in (divine order)

but weak in (organization).

FROM PAGE 52

13. Discussion Why are many leaders in the Body of Christ at a standstill, as if stuck in the mud? _____

(They are weak in divine order and not growing spiritually and many are very disorganized and are not growing in organization.)

14. FROM PAGE 52

We must be careful to avoid the type of leadership training that is focused only on (organizational techniques) to the neglect of (growing in divine order.)

READ MATT. 10:28

15. Why is a physical problem bad? (It can kill your body.)

16. Why is an internal problem of rebellion or idolatry even more dangerous? (That could cause the loss of your eternal soul.)

FROM PAGE 52

17. If leadership training only focuses on increasing in organization, what kinds of problems will multiply?

(spiritual problems: sin and carnality)

18. The mission of the church is first and foremost to solve what kinds of problems—physical or spiritual? Internal or external?

(spiritual problems, the internal kind)

READ. MATT. 6:33

19. What is the first order of business for a spiritual leader? (Seek God to know Him and have His will fleshed out in our lives.)

READ MATT. 23:27-28

20. The Pharisees had internal problems. What were they full of? (hypocrisy and lawlessness)

READ MATT. 23:25-26

21. Jesus called them to divine order by saying what? (First clean the inside of the cup and plate.)

22. Discussion: Was Jesus trying to teach them how to do dishes? (No, he was saying to clean themselves up as they would a dish—we start washing dishes from the inside where the worst stuff is.)

23. What is the “cup and plate” Jesus referred to, allegorically? (the heart and the mind)

FROM PAGE 24

24. First change the burned out light bulb in your (heart)

and then change the burned out light bulb in your (house or church).

FROM PAGE 54.

25. Prideful leaders neglect or disdain (divine order).

26. A. A ministry cannot get big without (organization).

B. A ministry cannot be spiritually powerful without (divine order).

27. DISCUSSION

- A. Are you stronger in order or in organization? _____
- B. What do you need to do to improve in both areas? _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

FROM PAGE 56

28. What three things are an absolute MUST to teach to young ministers?

- A. How to (seek God)_____.
- B. How to (hear from God)_____.
- C. How to (be intimate with the Holy Spirit)_____.

28. DISCUSSION

- A. Is there anything wrong with having a big church? (No, big churches can also be spiritually powerful.)_____
- _____
- B. Is a small church probably more spiritual than a big church? (No, size doesn't determine spiritual power.)_____
- _____
- C. If we get first things first, God will also teach us how to be (organized)_____.

READ THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 56.

29. Describe a "jelly fish" ministry. (That's where the pastor is trying to do everything.)_____
- _____
30. An organized leader will give each person (their own responsibility)_____.
31. Do not give responsibility to an (irresponsible)_____ person.
32. Describe a "whale of a ministry." (It has a "great big skeleton" so that the weight of responsibility can be partly carried by many different people who each know their responsibilities.)_____
- _____
- _____

FROM PAGE 58 AND DANIEL 12:3

33. A spiritual leader always leads people to (righteousness)_____.

FROM PAGE 58

34. It's not what most leadership books say that is wrong. It's what is (left out—what they don't say).

35. Big error comes from what is left (unsaid).

FROM PAGES 58-60

36. What are the three ways the devil wants you to handle stress?

A. (Buck all the boxes off.)

B. (Jump off a cliff.)

C. (Don't change anything—just collapse under the load.)

FROM PAGE 61.

37. What are the first three ways God wants you to handle stress?

A. (Identify the boxes.)

B. (Selectively unload some of them.)

C. (Restack the boxes in the right order.)

FROM PAGE 62

38. What is the fourth way God wants you to handle stress? (Edify the horse. Take care of your health.)

39. We must take good care of our health because "A dead servant can't serve (anyone) !

40. PROJECT

A. Identify the boxes by writing down all the things that put pressure and stress on you. (Use more paper if necessary)

B. Which "boxes" could you unload with God's permission?

C. Now restack the boxes. How could you better rearrange your priorities?

41. DISCUSSION

42. PROJECT

- A. On another sheet of paper draw a pyramid of priorities (draw a big empty pyramid).
- B. Slice it in seven horizontal layers.
- C. Label the bottom layer “#1 Time with God.”
- D. Now going up, label
#2. Health #3. Mate #4. Children #5. Work #6. The brethren: church family, parents,
grandparents, extended family #7. The Lost.

43. PROJECT CONTINUED WITH DISCUSSION

Now draw a blank second pyramid.

Try to accurately label what your priorities look like.

- A. Are some out of place? (get responses)
- B. Are some too thick, meaning, too much time spent there? (get responses)
- C. Are some too thin, meaning, not enough time spent there? (get responses)
- D. What adjustments should you make? (This is most important. It's where the truth is applied to daily life. Be sure to get the students to acknowledge where changes are needed.)

44. Finish this sentence. When priorities are wrong, (relationships) are strained.

45. Which relationships in your life are strained? _____

46. Could you make a change in the way you spend your time that would help?_____

47. DISCUSSION

What could you do to improve your health that would enable you to bear your responsibilities better and serve people more effectively and for a longer time?

48. *Prayer Time:*

Ask God to give you wisdom for increasing in both order and organization.

EXTRA STUDY: READ JUDGES 11, THE STORY OF JEPHTHA

49. Jephtha promised to give God a _____ (*human sacrifice*) _____ if God would give him the victory on the battlefield.

50. Who ended up being sacrificed? _____ (*his only child, a beautiful young daughter*) _____

51. DISCUSSION

How do you suppose Jephtha's rash vow affected his relationship to his wife, the mother of the young sacrificed girl?

FROM THE TOP OF PAGE 64

52. For victory on God's battlefield under God's anointing, Jephtha sacrificed his family. Why did God put such a terrible story in the Bible?

_____ (*He put it in there for people like us, especially ministers, who for victory on God's battlefield,*
_____ *under God's anointing often sacrifice their families by giving all their time to ministry and very little*
_____ *to the family.*) _____

53. FROM TOP OF PAGE 64

Messed up priorities result in ministries that suddenly _____ (*implode*) _____.

54. DISCUSSION: AGREE OR DISAGREE

A common error spiritual leaders make is putting the church and the lost (priorities #6 and #7) in the place of family (priorities #3 and #4).

55. DISCUSSION

The Israelites of Moses' day were eating the ultimate health food, manna, but were still dying prematurely. Why are negative emotions and thoughts so destructive to our health?

(Just draw out responses. See what your class will say.)

FROM THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 64

56. Ministry takes a lot of time but must be in its place. If you do not put it in its place, what will it consume?

(Everything: It will consume your relationship with God, your family and your physical and mental health!)

READ COL. 3:15

57. We can realize if we're spending too much time in one priority area of life if God's peace (lifts).

READ PROV. 14:30

58. If you allow the peace of God to rule in your life and direct the way you spend your time, what effect will that have on your physical health?

(It will give life to your body.)

59. DISCUSSION

No human mind or system of organization could ever tell you how to rightly divide your time moment by moment. Why is this true?

(Needs, problems, opportunities and even responsibilities can be fluid. One day more time may be needed for health, one day a child may need more attention. Only God will know just what to do in each moment.)

FROM MIDDLE OF PAGE 67.

60. Do not blame others for your lack of church growth. Do not blame the carnality of your people on the culture. You can move the borders of your (life) and your (ministry).

61. EXTRA STUDY. READ OR REFER TO 1 KINGS 10

What impressed the Queen of Sheba? Choose only one. (B)

- A. Solomon's divine order?
- B. Solomon's amazing organization?

62. EXTRA STUDY. READ DEUT. 17:14-20

What did God warn Israel's king not to multiply to himself?

- A. (horses)
- B. (wives)
- C. (silver and gold)

63. EXTRA STUDY. READ 1 KINGS 11:1-7

What proved that Solomon's life got totally out of divine order even while he remained amazingly organized?

(He built temples to honor foreign gods—demon gods.)

READ ACTS 6:1

64. Choose only one answer: The rapid growth of the early church revealed a need for more (B. organization).

- A. divine order
- B. organization

65. EXTRA STUDY. SCAN 1 CHRON. 27.

Choose only one answer: This chapter is entirely about (A. organization).

- A. organization
- B. order

READ 1 CHRON. 27:30 AND PAGE 70.

62. DISCUSSION

Why do you need to know who was in charge of David's donkeys? (You don't! You need to know who's in charge of your own things. In a church—who's in charge of the nursery, ushers, etc.)

63. DISCUSSION

How can you move the boundary lines or borders in your life for advancement?

- A. (You can put first things first, and get in divine order.)
 - B. (You can get organized.)
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Chapter 5

There Is Nothing More Spiritual Than Love

1. Nothing is more spiritual than _____ (*love*) _____.

2. DISCUSSION

Can you think of Bible verses that support that statement?

_____ (*Matthew 22:35-40*) _____ (*1 John 4:8*) _____ (*1 Cor. 12:31*) _____

3. DISCUSSION: WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

The Fifteen minutes just before church services start are the best time to _____ (*The opinion of the author = B.* _____

_____ *Get your prayer done earlier and don't miss your opportunity to greet and love your people!* _____.

A. get the leaders together for prayer for the service in a back room.

B. have those leaders be out greeting and welcoming people.

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4. Complete this sentence:

Love always finds _____ (*a way*) _____.

5. DISCUSSION

Jesus told the author, "Love me like Mary who sat at my feet." What is the practical application of that? What does it mean to you?

_____ (*Love the Bible. She was listening to His words. Love God's Word.*) _____

6. FROM JOHN 13:25-26

Jesus told the author, "Love me like John who leaned on my breast." What is the practical application of that? What does this mean to you?

_____ (*Get alone with God in times of prayer and commune with God— speak to Him and let him speak to you.*) _____

7. FROM LUKE 10:25-37 AND SUPPORTING VERSES, MATT. 25:31-46

Jesus told the author "Love me like the Good Samaritan." What is the practical application of that? What does this mean to you?

(Help hurting suffering people as if they were Jesus Himself.)

(Help hurting suffering people and Jesus will take it personally, as if you did it to Him.)

8. FROM BOTTOM OF PAGE 75

Jesus told the author "Love me like the woman who anointed my feet (see John 12:3).

A. Pastors are the (feet) of the Body of Christ on earth.

B. They carry the weight of (responsibility) for the church as the feet carry the weight of the body.

C. Like the feet, they take the most (abuse).

D. We should pour our love on (pastors).

9. God told the author, "Love me like Abraham who always (obeyed) me.

READ JOHN 14:21-23

10. How does God know if we really love him?

A. (if we obey His commands)

B. (if we obey Jesus' teachings)

READ GEN. 6:6

11. In Noah's day people were very evil. What did that do to God's heart? (It filled His heart with pain.)

12. DISCUSSION

Would you like to fill God's heart with pleasure instead of pain? If so, how might you do that?

13. READ ROMANS 16:20

When we spend time with God in His word and prayer, we enter into what the author calls "the arena of peace."

What are you able to do to Satan if you fight him in the arena of peace? (defeat him, crush him.)

14. Choose one: We should (B. Get into God's peace and then fight our battles.).

A. fight our battles to get peace

B. get God's peace and then fight our battles

15. DISCUSSION

What is your opinion? Most people try to _____.

A. fight their battles to get peace

B. get God's peace and then fight their battles

(Just get their opinion. The author's opinion is A. Most do it the wrong way and therefore have a hard time winning their battles.)

16. DISCUSSION

How about you? Do you get God's peace first so you can win your battles or do you start fighting first in hope of finding some peace?

(Just see what they say; hopefully, many will see their mistake.)

17. FROM THE MIDDLE OF PAGE 78

What could be even better than seeing Jesus? (Hearing Jesus say, "Well done, good and faithful servant.")

18. READ PHIL. 1:9-11

When our love abounds more and more, what does God add to it? (knowledge, insight and discernment)

19. FROM PAGE 79

Read the story of the pastor who hadn't spoken to his son in three years. The author discerned the root cause of the offense and gave the pastor an insight that healed the relationship.

What was that advice? (Ask forgiveness for being insensitive to his needs and feelings.)

20. FROM PAGE 79

Read the story of the woman who could not forgive her husband. What was the special knowledge or insight that brought reconciliation and forgiveness?

(The author asked if she wanted her husband to burn forever in hell because of what he did to her. When she said, "No, I don't want him to burn forever in hell," the author asked her to "Tell that to God right now.")

21. READ PHIL. 1:9-11 AGAIN.

Pray that God will make your love abound so that knowledge, insight and discernment will manifest to help people.

DISCUSSION

22. Why pray for love? Why not just pray for knowledge, insight and discernment? _____

(It takes love to be able to handle supernatural knowledge, insight and wisdom.)

FROM THE TOP OF PAGE 81

23. True spiritual leaders have love for

A. *(their people)*

B. *(their enemies)*

C. *(their neighbor)*

D. *(God)*

E. *(their mate)*

DISCUSSION

24. Is there anyone else we should love? *(We should love our children, the lost & see what else your class will say.)*

25. The first way God taught the author to say "I love you" to his wife was with *(his time)*.

READ. EPH. 4:29

26. We say "I love you" when we *(stop)* the flow of condemning words.

READ PHIL. 2:1-2 IN VARIOUS TRANSLATIONS

There are five emotional needs supplied by God's love for us. We need:

A. Encouragement B. Comfort C. Fellowship D. Tenderness E. Compassion

27. What are these emotional needs called in other translations? _____

(ESV: encouragement, comfort, participation in the Spirit, affection, sympathy)

(NKJV: consolation in Christ, comfort of love, fellowship of the Spirit, affection, mercy)

28. FROM PAGE 82

What are two good ways to encourage your mate? (by saying "thank you" and giving compliments)

29. DISCUSSION

How might a husband comfort his wife? _____

How might a wife comfort her husband? _____

30. Fellowship is time together pursuing the same (interest).

31. READ PHIL. 2:4 AND WRITE IT OUT.

32. DISCUSSION

A. If someone is interested in what you are interested in, how does that make you feel? _____

B. If no one is interested in your interests, how does that make you feel? _____

C. Do you make an effort to sow interest in the interests of others as a way to put value on them? _____

33. What was the first thing God taught the author about being tender?

Stop trying to force (decisions) on your wife.

34. Trying to manipulate people to do what we want is not (tender).

35. FROM PAGE 82

God taught the author to treat family interruptions as (opportunities) to put value on them.

36. DISCUSSION

Are you “tender” when family members interrupt you? _____

37. Discussion: Are you wasting opportunities to put value on family members by expressing irritation when they interrupt you?

38. Discussion: What would be an example of some project where you announce beforehand that you’ll need total concentration and that you won’t be able to respond to an interruption?

READ PAGES 82 AND 83

39. The author believes men and women talk differently. Women generally talk to other women to “bond.” Men talk to other men about problems and how to solve them.

DISCUSSION

When a wife wants to talk to her husband, she hopes to bond but the man usually thinks the talk will be about some problem and how to solve it.

A great way for a husband to show tenderness is by going on a (scenic trip) conversation.

40. DISCUSSION

Wives often want to tell husbands how they feel without being told how to solve the problem. Is that true, generally speaking? _____

41. DISCUSSION

Would it show tenderness to a wife for the husband to carefully listen with ears and eyes and not be in a hurry to end the conversation?

NOTE TO TEACHERS: Men and women DO talk differently. Have some fun with this one as you discuss how to show tenderness to each other.

FROM PAGE 83

42. Compassion is the fifth “miracle seed” and is defined as love using its (power) to help.

43. How might you show compassion to your mate? How might you use your power to help them? _____

FROM PAGE 83

44. Where was the author and what was he doing when God gave him a fiery tangible anointing? _____

(He was in the laundry room doing the family laundry.)

FROM PAGE 84

45. A secret to spiritual power is to try to fill every day with little acts of (kindness)

FROM THE MIDDLE OF PAGE 84

46. A life of love is expressed in constant and continuous (consideration) of and for others.

47. DISCUSSION

What are some little ways you show consideration for others? _____

(Take your dishes to the sink, put your dirty clothes in the hamper, let people into traffic from a side

driveway, etc.)

READ MATT. 7:12

48. The author writes, “I try to live in habitual consideration for the feelings and well-being of others so that I actually live the command of Jesus.

Write out that command: (Do to others what you would have them do for you.)

READ PAGES 84 & 85

49. What does God want to hear us say in worship more than anything else? (He wants us to promise Him

that we’ll love each other.)

READ MATT. 25:31-46

50. What you do for the least of the believers you do for (Jesus, Himself).

51. Christ feels the pain of others as if it was (His own) pain.

52. WRITE OUT 1 COR. 14:1 _____

53. DISCUSSION

Here's a faithful saying, "Love always comes bearing a gift." How is this true? Explain.

READ JOHN 21:15-17

54. For Peter to really love Jesus he would have to love God's (sheep, God's people).

55. DISCUSSION

What did you learn in this chapter that you want to immediately apply to your life? _____

Chapter 6

Be A Door Opener For God

FROM TOP OF PAGE 89

1. What is one major difference between secular leadership and spiritual leadership? (Secular leaders have influence with people but spiritual leaders have influence with Almighty God.)
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READ DEUT. 9:17-19

2. Moses was able to save the nation of Israel from being destroyed by God's wrath. Did he do this simply through influence with people?

(No, the nation was saved because of his influence with God.)

READ 1 SAM. 7:8-10

3. How did Samuel, a spiritual leader, save the day? (He cried out to the Lord on Israel's behalf and God answered him and thundered so loud it threw the enemy into a panic.)
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READ GALATIANS 4:19

4. Paul wrote to the Galatians to influence them but what did he also do? (He travailed in prayer for them.)
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READ 2 KINGS 19:20,35

5. How did King Hezekiah save the nation? (He prayed and God sent an angel who killed 185,000 enemy troops.)
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FROM PAGE 90

6. What does the author call leaders who can influence God? (door openers for God)
7. You don't need a leadership title to be a spiritual leader. But you must be a person of (prayer).

FROM PAGES 90-91

8. Who provided the week of clear weather so that General Patton's tanks and troops could win the battle of Bastogne in World War II?

(God)

9. What influenced God to change the weather to clear days that favored the Allies? (Two hundred and fifty thousand troops prayed with General Patton.)

FROM PAGE 91

10. Why is the desire to bring God massive glory actually a call to prayer? (You can never bring God massive glory unless you keep your spirit sweet so you can open a door for Him in prayer. He'll come through the door and do the great and massive things you could never do.)

READ ACTS 6:2-4

11. The apostles were true spiritual leaders. What was their first and main order of business? (prayer and the ministry of the word)

FROM PAGE 91

12. Anointing follows responsibility. When the apostles left the higher responsibility of prayer and the ministry of the word, this would have either wasted or (diminished) their anointing.

SEE ACTS 6:8

13. When the deacons accepted responsibility to feed widows and their responsibility went up, what also went up? (their anointing)

READ LUKE 11:1

14. Jesus' example inspired others to want to (pray) like Him.

15. God doesn't just call us to pray. He calls us to become (intercessors).

READ JOHN 15:7-8

16. What are the two qualifications for getting dynamic answers to prayer? (You must abide in Jesus)
and (Jesus' words must abide in you.)

READ JOHN 11:41-42

17. Why was Jesus so confident as He stood before the tomb of Lazarus? (He knew the Father always heard His prayers.)

READ 1 JOHN 3:21-22

18. What is the qualification in this verse for answered prayer? (Our hearts must not condemn us.)

19. If we don't keep God's commands and do what pleases Him, the only kind of prayer God would want to hear from us would be a prayer of (repentance).

READ MARK 11:25

20. What is a common hindrance to answered prayer? (unforgiveness)

READ 1 PETER 3:7

21. What is another common hindrance to answered prayer? (harshness and inconsideration to family members)

READ ZECHARIAH 7:10-11, 13

22. These people didn't get their prayer answered because God had told them to stop (oppressing orphans and widows) and to stop (plotting or planning evil things against each other).

23. Because they refused to listen to God when he called to them what happened when they called to God? (Nothing; God would not hear!)

READ ROM. 13:10

24. What does love avoid doing? (Love avoids doing harm to its neighbor.)

READ 1 JOHN 5:14-15

25. The second kind of confidence in prayer comes from (praying the kind of prayer God wants to hear, one according to His will; asking, praying according to God's will)

FROM THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 94 AND THE TOP OF PAGE 95

26. How would you know what kind of prayer God wants to hear? (You must get to know God and you'll know what He likes.)

FROM PAGE 95

27. If we are mean to people, our prayer can be according to God's will yet still be put on hold until (we repent and make it right with the people we wronged)

BASED ON 1 JN. 3:21-22 AND 1 JN. 5:14

28. Our confidence in prayer is based on two things.

A. We must (be) the kind of person God always hears.

B. We must pray the kinds of (prayers) God wants to hear.

READ REV. 3:20, MATT. 6:10 AND PAGE 95

29. Jesus can knock on the door of a human heart. He can also knock on the door of a (situation) because He wants to come in and fix it with an applications of heaven's (will).

READ LUKE 11:2 AND BOTTOM OF PAGE 95

30. Why does Jesus knock instead of just kicking the door down? (God gave dominion on earth to mankind so we have to invite Him into our affairs to bring heaven's will to pass. It's not forced on us.)

FROM PAGE 97

31. We desperately need to train spiritual leaders who will be (door openers for God).

READ LUKE 12:35-38 AND BOTTOM OF PAGE 97

32. Jesus did not say "Be dressed and ready for (evacuation)."

33. Jesus said to be dressed ready for (service).

The author believes Luke 12:35-38 is primarily about being a door opener for Jesus in prayer.

READ COL. 3:12

34. What five things are we to be clothed with or dressed in?

(compassion) (kindness) (humility)
(gentleness) (patience)

READ 1 COR. 4:19-20

35. Spiritual leaders must manifest spiritual (power).

FROM PAGE 99

36. Much prayer = (much) power.

Little prayer = (little) power.

No prayer = (no) power.

37. DISCUSSION

A. Have you read books on leadership that do not even mention the necessity of having a powerful prayer life?

B. What leadership books have you read that do emphasize the need for a powerful prayer life?

38. READ MATT. 6:10

If you open a door for Jesus in prayer, He will come through the door and cause what to happen? _____

(He'll cause heaven's will to be manifested in the earth, now.)

READ REV. 3:20 AND JN. 4:34

39. When heaven's will is manifested into the situation by your prayers, you and Jesus will feast on His special food. Describe that special food.

(We'll feast together on the joy of seeing God's will done on earth.)

40. DISCUSSION

What are some “situations” that you sense Jesus would like to come in to in order to manifest heaven’s will on earth?

(Explain that this “sensing” is actually hearing the knock of Jesus.)

READ LUKE 12:35-38 AGAIN.

41. To have your lamp burning means that your heart should always be on fire with a burning passion to

(Bring massive glory to God.)

READ JAMES 4:2-3

42. What happens when you pray with wrong heart motives? (Nothing happens; your prayer doesn’t get

answered.)

43. If we are dressed in the virtues of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience and the lamps of our hearts are burning with the pure motive to bring glory to God, what is the next thing we need to do?

(We just need to hear or perceive that Jesus is knocking, wanting to come into the situation.)

44. Finally, we need to open the door for Jesus. How do we do that? (We pray, asking Him to come into the

situation.)

45. READ MATTHEW 13:22

DISCUSSION

What are some reasons we might fail to hear His knock? _____

(We might be completely unaware of our importance as door openers.)

(We might not be listening or even be thinking about Him knocking.)

(We might be totally distracted with other things.)

46. SEE MATT. 18:19

DISCUSSION

Do you think some “doors” are bigger than others and might need more than one person to get them open?

(National and International revival might be BIG DOORS.)

47. If something is a big door, then should we: (B. Do pray about really great big things!)

A. Figure it's too big for us to get open and forget it.

B. Figure that others are working to get it open and join our prayers with theirs as we expect BIG THINGS from our miracle working God.

48. Since you can open doors for Jesus all over the world through prayer, you are very important and significant. Opening doors for God is a really big deal!

Does this give you a new sense of significance and importance? (It does if you believe it.)

49. FROM PAGE 103

I R S for door openers means:

"I" stands for (identity)

"R" stands for (responsibility)

"S" stands for (security)

50. READ MATT. 26:53 AND JOHN 15:7-8

Do we have this same security? (If we abide in Jesus and His words abide in us, we can ask whatever we wish and that includes asking for angels to help us!)

51. Will you accept this new identity and think of yourself as a very important "door opener for God?"

52. Will you accept the responsibility of a door opener for God? (This means you must stay dressed spiritually, be motivated to glorify God and be perceptive to hear His knock.)

53. Will you reject worry and fear and choose to live in the security that only door openers for God experience?

READ COL. 4:2

54. Will you devote yourself to prayer, to being a door opener for God?_____

(NOTE TO TEACHER: Lead the class in prayer as they devote themselves to being door openers for God. When you dismiss the class, ask them to say to someone else, "I had no idea you are such an important person!" People laugh and smile at that—and it's good to remind them that this really does mean that we are very important people.)

Chapter 7

Leading From Humility

READ NUMBERS 12:3 AND MATT. 11:29

1. Great spiritual leaders are (humble) people.

READ JAMES 4:6

2. Grace is best defined as “God’s activated power.”

A. To what kind of person does God give this grace to, this activated power? (to the humble)

B. Not only does God withhold grace from the proud, He actually (opposes) them.

READ 2 CHRON. 7:14

3. What is the first condition for God to send revival and healing in the land? (If my people shall humble themselves.)

READ BOTTOM OF PAGE 105 THROUGH PAGE 106

4. How did the author end up getting his very first sermon, one that came from God and resulted in many rededicating their lives to Christ?

(He humbled himself and told God he couldn’t get one by himself and said, “If you want me to have one, you’ll have to give it to me.”)

READ PROV. 1:23 IN SEVERAL TRANSLATIONS

5. What two things does God promise to do if you will turn at His rebuke or correction?

A. (He promises to pour out His Spirit on you.)

B. (He promises to make His words known to you, to communicate with you.)

FROM PAGE 107

6. If you are (teachable) you can become a (teacher).

FROM PAGE 107

7. A lightning rod attracts lightning and a humble appeal for God's correction attracts (God's communication and revelation of Scripture).

8. We often have a choice between (anger) and humility.

READ LUKE 14:9-11 AND PAGES 107 AND 108

9. How does the author's story of the bigger desk relate to this scripture passage? (The Holy Spirit counseled the author to also act humbly in order to be positioned for advancement.)

10. DISCUSSION

What might not have happened if the author had responded in anger instead of following the counsel of the Holy Spirit?

(He might not have been promoted to full time employment. He might not have been given the bigger desk.)

FROM BOTTOM OF PAGE 109

11. "Humility has a lot to do with resisting the urge to blow up in anger. It has a lot to do with resisting a victim mentality and not wallowing in self-pity at some injustice you suffer.

A. Have you ever humbled yourself and had it work out well? _____

B. Have you ever chosen anger and self-pity instead of humility and had it work out badly? _____

(NOTE: Familiarize yourself with the story of Joseph in Genesis Chapters 37-47 because the truths in Joseph's story will be key in your own spiritual development.)

FROM GENESIS 37

12. Describe the two spiritual dreams God gave to Joseph to reveal God's plan for his life.

A. (His sheaf of grain stood upright but his brothers' sheaves of grain bowed down to his.)

B. (The sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to him.)

13. To fulfill this destiny, Joseph would need a lot of God's grace, God's activated power. What are the various ways God allowed Joseph to be humbled?

(God allowed Joseph to be beaten, stripped, thrown in a pit, sold as a slave, framed for a sex crime, thrown into prison, and then forgotten for two years by Pharaoh's cup bearer after Joseph interpreted his dream.)

READ PAGES 110 AND 111

14. Describe the evidence that shows that for each level down in humility Joseph went up a level in grace.

(As a slave he was given the oversight and administration of a household or estate.)

(As a prisoner he was given administrative oversight of the prison.)

(Then he began to move in supernatural gifts of the Spirit.)

(Finally, God exalted him to administrate all of Egypt.)

READ GENESIS 41:57

15. Joseph ended up with more than a national ministry. He had an (international) ministry.

READ GEN. 41:43 AND GEN. 50:4-5

16. Why didn't Joseph directly ask Pharaoh for permission to bury his father, Jacob in Canaan? Why did he ask people lower in authority than himself to talk to Pharaoh for him?

(This shows he maintained his humility even in the height of his ministry and anointing.)

READ 2 CHRON. 26:16

17. DISCUSSION

Do all spiritual leaders remain humble at the height of their ministries? Can you name some who didn't?

(King Uzziah, King Saul, and King Hezekiah are a few examples.)

18. As the elevator of humility goes down, the elevator of God's grace goes (up).

19. As the elevator of humility goes back up, the elevator of God's grace goes (back down).

20. Are there any exceptions to this? (no)

21. DISCUSSION

Why should you, as a spiritual leader, keep this constantly in mind? _____

(It's easy to go back to pride, anger, self-pity and self-exaltation and quickly get in spiritual trouble.)

READ GAL. 5:24 AND COL. 3:3

22. What does the author call the lowest level of humility? *(dead man walking level)*

23. Where on the elevator of humility are you now, in your estimate? _____

24. Does our carnal nature, the flesh, like it on dead man walking level? *(No; that's why we are supposed to crucify it!)*

SEE JAMES 4:6 AGAIN

25. "Anointing hunters" want a shortcut to great anointing. They want someone to impart a "double-portion" anointing to them without riding down Joseph's elevator. Why does this always turn out futile?

(God only gives this kind of grace to the humble.)

(If they want anointing to be the greatest because of prideful motives, God will actually oppose them!)

26. Can you get a double portion of grace, God's activated power, without humility and only through zeal?

(No, it can't be done!)

27. READ 2 KINGS 2:8-10

Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's anointing.

A. What did Elijah say? *(You've asked a hard thing.)*

B. Why did he say that? Is it hard for God to give it or hard to walk humbly in order to maintain it?

(It's hard to constantly deny self.)

READ MARK 8:34

28. DISCUSSION

How does this admonition from Jesus correspond to Joseph's elevator? *(He's calling us all to follow His example of humble obedience.)*

READ PHIL. 2:8-9

29. Did Jesus Himself ride down the elevator of humility and up the elevator of divine grace?

(He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross. God highly exalted Him and gave Him a name above every other name.)

READ HEB. 13:7 AND HEB. 13:17

30. Humility respects authority. If we are truly humble, we'll be humbled to someone, such as Joseph was humble to Pharaoh and Jesus was humble to the Father. If you are in training to be a spiritual leader, who should you be humbled to?

(your spiritual leaders)

FROM THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 112

31. If there is no submission to authority there is no (humility).

FROM PAGE 112 AND 113

32. When you pass a humility test there is always a (reward) of some kind.

FROM TOP OF PAGE 113

33. Humility tests are opportunities for (spiritual advancement).

READ EX. 18:17-23 AND PAGE 113

34. A. What was the humility test God gave to Moses? (God spoke to him through someone who didn't know as much as he did.)

B. Did Moses pass this test? (yes)

C. What was the reward Moses received? (He got relief from being burdened as the only judge.)

READ 2 CHRON. 35:31-32

35. God gave King Josiah this same humility test.

A. Through whom did God speak to King Josiah?

(God spoke through Pharaoh, a heathen who thought he was the Sun God.)

B. Was Josiah humble enough to discern the voice of God speaking through someone who worshiped idols?

(no)

C. Instead of getting a reward Josiah got _____ *(killed in battle)* _____.

EXTRA STUDY. READ 2 CHRON. 32, ISAIAH 37, ISA. 38:7-8, AND ISA 39.

36. In these scriptures King Hezekiah receives several really big miracles. What were they?

_____ *(One hundred eighty-five thousand enemy troops killed by one angel.)* _____

_____ *(The shadow of the sun went backwards ten steps.)* _____

_____ *(He received a supernatural healing.)* _____

READ 2 CHRON. 32:25

37. Did Hezekiah pass the Big Miracle test? _____ *(no)* _____

READ ISAIAH 39 AND 2 CHRON. 32:31

38. Instead of showing the messengers from Babylon the Temple, the Holy Scrolls or introducing them to Isaiah the prophet, what did Hezekiah show them?

_____ *(He showed them all his treasures, that is, how rich he was. He did not introduce them to the Lord or show how great his God was.)* _____

39. There was a negative consequence because of flunking this humility test. What was it? _____ *(The messengers determined to come take all those treasures and Hezekiah's descendants suffered captivity in Babylon.)* _____

FROM PAGE 114 AND 115 PLUS EZ. CHAPTER 4

40. A. What kind of humility test did God give to Ezekiel? The _____ *(obedience)* _____ test.

B. What did God require Ezekiel to do? _____ *(He had to lie on his right side 390 days tied up with ropes and then lie on his left side 40 days tied up with ropes.)* _____

41. FROM PAGE 115

A. What was the obedience test God gave to Noah (Gen. 6:14-16)? _____ *(Build a huge boat on dry ground.)* _____

B. What was the obedience test God gave to Isaiah (Isa. 20:3): _____ *(Walk naked and barefoot for three years as a sign against Egypt and Cush.)* _____

C. What was the obedience test God gave to Jeremiah (Jer. 16:1-2)? (Don't get married or have children.)

READ 1 SAM. 10:8, 1 SAM. 13:13-14

42. A. Did King Saul pass the "Wait on God" test? (no)

B. What would the reward have been if he had passed this test? (His kingdom would have been established forever.)

43. King Saul was to wait seven days until Samuel came and gave him a word from the Lord as to what to do next. Because of his disobedience this word was never given. When there is a "lost word from God" something else is always lost. In this case, besides the loss of this prophetic word, what else was lost to Saul?

(the kingdom)

READ 2 SAM. 16:5-14

44. King David was given the "Offense Test."

A. Did he pass it? (yes)

B. What was the reward? (He was re-established as the King of Israel.)

READ PROV. 27:21 AND JN 5:44

45. When praised, the author likes to say, "Thank you. I'll receive the (encouragement) but we'll give the (glory) to God."

FROM PAGE 117

46. DISCUSSION

A. How do you respond to people when they say, "God bless you"? _____

B. How does the author respond? (Thank you; I receive your blessing and I'm going to rub it in!)

SEE 1 SAM. 14

47. When Jonathan attacked the Philistines with only his armor bearer the Lord sent a great victory.

A. Did King Saul credit Jonathan with the victory? (no)

B. What did King Saul want to do to Jonathan? (He tried to kill him.)

48. DISCUSSION

Why is giving credit to others so hard for a proud person to do?

(They want the praise of men. They might be jealous.)

49. FROM PAGE 118 AND 1 CHRON. 29:2-3

God tests the humility of leaders by seeing how effectively they provide the needed resources to the leaders they are raising up.

King David did *(everything possible)* so that Solomon, his successor would succeed.

50. READ JN. 14:12 AND JN. 16:7

How did Jesus fully resource the leaders He was raising up? *(He sent the Holy Spirit to indwell, anoint and lead them.)*

FROM PAGE 119, LUKE 18:9-14, 1 KINGS 21:29, 2 CHRON. 33:11-13 AND OTHERS.

51. The author states, "God respects even beginner level humility."

A. What did the man Jesus referred to do? (Luke 18:9-14) *(He showed remorse for sin, admitted he was a sinner and asked for mercy.)*

B. What did wicked King Ahab do? *(He humbled himself in fasting, tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and went around meekly.)*

C. What did wicked King Manasseh do? *(In captivity he humbled himself greatly.)*

52. Each of these three men received a reward for their humility.

A. The praying man Jesus spoke of received *(forgiveness, justification from God)*.

B. Wicked King Ahab received *(a postponement of judgment)*.

C. Wicked King Manasseh received *(release from captivity and received his kingdom back)*.

53. READ 2 KINGS 3:11

Why was Elisha positioned to be able to receive a double portion of Elijah's anointing? *(He had been a humble servant to Elijah for many years.)*

FROM PAGE 120

54. Pride is as (terrible) as humility is (wonderful).

55. READ MATT. 23 AND ESPECIALLY VERSE 5.

Pride cannot do anything right because it does everything from the wrong motive. List some of the things the Pharisees had completely wrong and backwards.

(Everything they did was done for people to see.)

(They strained out gnats, but swallowed camels.)

(They cleaned the outside, but were filthy on the inside.)

(They tithed on garden herbs but neglected justice, mercy and faithfulness.)

(See what else your students can find here.)

READ MATT. 12:24

56. What was the ultimate thing the Pharisees got wrong because of their pride? (They thought Christ was of the devil and thought the power of the Holy Spirit was the power of Satan at work.)

FROM PAGES 120-121

57. What always rides in on the back of pride? (Deception; they always come together!)

FROM PAGE 121

58. Humility and (faith) are not enemies.

READ 1 COR. 13:9

59. Humility admits (what it doesn't know).

READ 2 COR. 7:6-7

60. Humility admits that it needs (others).

READ PHIL. 4:6-7 AND PHIL. 2:27-28

61. Humility admits to emotional (ups and downs).

FROM TOP OF 122

62. A true spiritual leader is transparent and real, someone people can (relate) to.

READ 1 THES. 2:18

63. Humility admits to (setbacks).

64. Humility admits to mistakes and personal failures.

If you share the lessons you learned the hard way people will get wisdom wholesale. If they have to learn the hard way, by making their own mistakes, they will pay (retail) prices for wisdom.

65. DISCUSSION

What are some of the stupid mistakes you have done whereby you learned something wise but paid dearly for the lesson?

66. Will you be humble enough to admit these examples in order to help others avoid similar costly mistakes?

READ THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 123

67. The author writes, "I never try to be cute in my meetings." He talks about sanctified laughter that is pure that comes from wisdom, humility and honesty.

A. How can you tell when speakers are just being "cute"? (Things are said to get a laugh so that the people will think the speaker is a great entertainer. They draw attention to themselves instead of to a truth.)

B. Thunderous, jarring, convicting truth can be administered with what looks like (humor) but is actually the joy of (humility).

READ GAL. 4:13 AND 2 TIM. 4:20

68. DISCUSSION

A. Would some "faith people" be ashamed to admit personal weaknesses? _____

B. If "faith people" are too ashamed to admit personal weaknesses, it's not real faith but is actually (pride) cross-dressing as faith.

READ PHIL. 2:3

69. Humility admits when others are more (worthy).

70. Why will God never be impressed with your anointing? (It's His anointing!)

FROM PAGE 125

71. What is the key word in being a great achiever? (dependency).

72. Why is dependency a greater word than perseverance when it comes to godly success? _____

(We persevere with the power we get from humbly depending upon God.)

73. Humility depends on (God), not (self).

74. The whole world desperately needs spiritual leaders who are truly humble. Count the cost.

A. Will you ride down Joseph's elevator? _____

B. Will you drink the cup of obedience unto death, death to self? _____

C. Will you cycle in success with God but avoid labeling yourself as a success? _____

Chapter 8

The Way Back To Spiritual Power

1. Spiritual leadership must have the power of the Holy Spirit. If there is no spiritual power manifested it's only _____ *(secularized)* _____ leadership.

FROM TOP OF PAGE 129

2. Why would the devil be pleased with leadership training that leaves out how to be anointed, stay anointed and have that anointing increase?

_____ *(That kind of leadership is no threat to him. It's the power of God he fears.)* _____

FROM PAGE 129

3. All secular leadership training books will tell you that "leadership is influence." True. But nothing influences like _____ *(the power of God)* _____.

READ 1 KINGS 18:38-39

4. How did Elijah influence the people of Israel to forsake Baal and come back to the Lord? *(He prayed and fire from God consumed the sacrifice and altar!)* _____
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FROM PAGES 129-130 AND MATT. 11:21

5. If the people of Sodom and the Canaanite cities of Tyre and Sidon would have seen the miracles of Jesus, what would they have done?

_____ *(They would have repented in sackcloth and ashes.)* _____

FROM TOP OF PAGE 130

6. Our cities are a lot like Sodom. They really need to see _____ *(God's power)* _____ in demonstration.

READ 2 TIM. 3:5

7. We can claim we believe in God's power but deny Him an opportunity to (display)
His power if we end our services by merely dismissing people and failing to pray for them.

READ 2 TIM. 3:5

8. Discussion. If the American Christians turned away from powerless ministries would they be able to find a spiritually powerful church?

(Perhaps, but they are a rarity at this time in America.)

9. The mission of the church is to (B. make Christ-like disciples).

A. make people comfortable and build a big crowd

B. make Christ-like disciples

FROM THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 130

10. Our churches should grow (because) of God's power
not because it's (filtered) out.

READ JER. 5:31

11. Discussion: Why do many people love powerless ministries? (Powerless ministries make them comfortable living in sin.)

12. READ MICAH 2:11 AND ISA 28:7-8

What did Jeremiah, Micah and Isaiah all have in common? (They were preaching in the last days of their nation.)

13. OBSERVE THE THREE DRAWINGS ON PAGES 131-132

A. Who wants a smart phone without a sim card (a dumb phone)? (No one wants a dumb phone!)

B. Who wants a motorless car? (No one wants a motorless car!)

C. Who wants a powerless church? (Satan and people who don't want to repent want a powerless church.)

READ ROM. 15:18-19

14. DISCUSSION

If America's preachers could only speak about what the Holy Spirit's power had used them to do, would very many have anything to say?

(some would, many would not)

15. DISCUSSION: WHAT ABOUT YOU?

A. Would you earnestly desire God's Holy Spirit to empower you so that you could heal the sick and cast out demons?

B. Would you like to be loving and humble enough to handle the power, that is, to not turn to the praises of men but to direct their praise to God?

READ 2 CHRON. 16:9

16. DISCUSSION

Do you suppose God is searching the whole world over for hearts who want Him to be glorified by true displays of Holy Spirit power?

FROM THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 133

17. Why would the devil leave spiritually powerless churches alone or even cause them to prosper in the flesh?

(He knows he can destroy them at any time.)

18. FROM PAGES 134-135

Conviction is a (pull towards God).

19. Condemnation is a (push away from God).

20. READ 1 COR. 4:18-20

The kingdom of God is not a matter of (talk) but of (power).

21. READ 2 COR. 4:7 AND PAGE 136

Spiritual power is our (treasure).

It's what makes us (rich) towards God.

22. DISCUSSION

What do many churches measure "treasure" in? (Money and things money can buy.)

23. READ REV. 3:17

How does God view churches that have a lot of money but no spiritual power? (He views them as terribly poverty stricken.)

READ REV. 2:9

24. How does God view churches that have Holy Spirit power but aren't loaded with money?

(He views them as rich.)

25. We should not point fingers and blame. Rather, we should tell God that we ourselves are desperately in _____ (need) _____ of his power and desperately _____ (want) _____ him to be glorified by the display of the Holy Spirit's power.

READ MATT. 22:29

26. What happens to a church that doesn't experientially know the power of God?

A. It goes into _____ (error) _____.

B. Next, it goes into _____ (sin) _____.

27. READ 2 TIM. 3:1-5

DISCUSSION

Eighteen different sins are listed here before Paul says these people have only a form of godliness but deny its power? What are these sins?

(Love of self, love of money, boasting, pride, abuse, disobedience to parents, ingratitude, unholy, loveless, unforgiveness, slander, no self-control, brutality, not lovers of good, treachery, rashness, conceit, love of pleasure.)

READ EPH. 6:10,13

28. How are we to be strong in the Lord? (We are strong in His mighty power!)

READ EPH. 5:10,13

29. A complacent church isn't able to _____ (stand) _____ when the devil finally attacks.

30. A powerless church _____ (fails) _____ in its mission.

READ MATT. 13:20-21

31. Roots of a plant seek water, spiritual roots seek after God. A disciple that isn't trained to earnestly seek God on their own will (fall away) when persecution comes.

32. DISCUSSION

A. What are some of your spiritual roots? That is, in what ways do you seek after God? _____

B. Are your "roots" deep or shallow? _____

C. How can you improve your spiritual root system? _____

READ 1 JN. 4:17

33. We can be confidently ready for Christ's coming if we are (like Christ) in this world.

34. DISCUSSION

A. Do we need more spiritual power to be like Jesus in this world so that we'll be confidently ready for His return?

(yes)

B. Why is being content while spiritually powerless such a bad thing? (It means we wouldn't be confident

at Christ's appearing.)

READ REV. 5:12

35. What are seven things ascribed to God in worship? _____

(power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and praise)

READ REV. 7:12

36. In this verse, what seven things are ascribed to God in worship? _____

(praise, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power and strength)

READ 1 CHRON. 29:11

37. In this verse, what are the five things ascribed to God in worship? (greatness, power, glory, majesty and splendor)

38. READ JUDE 1:25

In this verse, what are the four things ascribed to God in worship? (glory, majesty, power and authority)

READ REV. 3:15

39. In this verse, what are the four things ascribed to God in worship? (praise, honor, glory and power)

READ REV. 4:11

40. In this verse, what are the three things ascribed to God in worship? (glory, honor and power)

READ MATT. 6:13 KJV

41. In this verse, what are the three things ascribed to God in worship? (Yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever.)

READ. REV. 19:11

42. READ DANIEL 2:20

In this verse, what two things does Daniel ascribe to the Lord in worship? (wisdom and power)

READ REV. 1:6

43. In this verse what two things are ascribed to God in worship? (glory and power)

READ PS. 62:11

44. A. In this verse, what does the Psalmist ascribe to the Lord in worship? (power)

B. In all these verses, what one thing is never left out when things are ascribed to God in worship?
(power)

RE-READ REV. 5:12 AND REV. 4:11

45. Notice in both verses God is worthy to receive power. He already has all power. He's omnipotent! So what does this mean?

(It means God is worthy to receive Holy Spirit empowered worship, Holy Spirit empowered prayer and Holy Spirit empowered service!)

DISCUSSION

Have you come to realize that God is worthy of you being empowered? _____

46. Since God is so worthy to receive power, wouldn't God have to give us the power to give back to Him?

(obviously)

READ ACTS 1:8

47. What one thing did Jesus promise to give believers so that we could be His witnesses in all the world?

(spiritual power through the Holy Spirit)

48. READ LUKE 11:13

A. Do parents like to give good gifts to their children? (Of course they do!)

B. What is the best gift of all that God really wants to give you? (the Holy Spirit)

49. Nothing influences like the (power) of God in (manifestation).

50. We should (long) for the power of God to be manifested in our lives and ministries and (pray) that God will empower us.

FROM PAGE 139

51. Like Job in Job 42:6, the author was brokenhearted at his failure to deliver a demon-oppressed man.

A. What did the author promise God? (that he'd be faithful with new power)

B. What happened then? (God gave him a new fiery tangible anointing.)

FROM BOTTOM OF PAGE 139

52. Anointing and _____ (*wisdom*) _____ are not the same.

53. FROM BOTTOM OF PAGE 139

You can make _____ (*very bad mistakes*) _____ under a true anointing of spiritual power.

54. The author learned these important rules:

A. Major on _____ (*worship*) _____

And minor on _____ (*warfare*) _____

B. Major on revealing _____ (*Christ*) _____

And minor on exposing the _____ (*devil*) _____

FROM PAGE 140 AND ROMANS CHAPTER 1

55. If an individual has chosen a sin and wants to live in it, the demon that specializes in that sin has a _____ (*legal*) _____ right to oppress that person.

56. Repentance _____ (*removes*) _____ the legal right of an evil spirit to oppress a person.

REFER TO ROMANS 1

57. In this chapter it says that God “gave them over to immorality and perversion. This means that evil spirits have a legal right to oppress those people. When people repent, God revokes this “giving over” which was the demon’s “legal right” to oppress.

DISCUSSION: DOES THIS MAKE SENSE TO YOU?

NOW READ MATT. 3:2 AND MATT. 4:17

58. John the Baptist and Jesus both commanded people to do what? _____ (*Repent and reject the sins they formerly embraced!*) _____

READ ACTS 2:38

59. Repentance also precedes being filled with what? _____ (*the Holy Spirit*) _____

60. In the modern church, what are two consequences that result from leaders who back off from calling people to repent of sin?

_____ (*More people are oppressed by demon spirits.*) _____

_____ (*Less people are filled with the Holy Spirit.*) _____

READ PAGES 141 AND 142

61. A demon was actually speaking out of a woman in a deep male voice but the author did not attempt to cast it out right away. He did two things first. What were they?

A. (He bound the demon, commanding it to be silent in Jesus name.)

B. (He led the woman to repent and to renounce her sins.)

FROM PAGE 141 AND 142

62. The third demon had gained control not because she wanted a sin, but because she had believed a lie. Another demon spoke out of her, "She's so stupid. She's so stupid." The Holy Spirit showed the author that it was a spirit of self-condemnation. He also showed the author what to do. What three things did he do before casting it out?

A. (He bound it in Jesus name so that it could not speak.)

B. (He led her in repentance for believing the lie that she was stupid.)

C. (He led her in confessing the truth that she recognized Jesus as Lord.)

READ JN. 8:32

63. DISCUSSION

Do you see how believing the truth is a big factor in deliverance just like repentance?

FROM PAGE 142

64. A policeman has a badge and a gun.

A. The badge gives (authority).

B. The gun gives (power to enforce authority).

READ MARK 16:17

65. We have authority in whose name? (We have authority in the name of Jesus.)

READ ACTS 1:8 AGAIN AND ACTS 2:4

66. We have power to enforce that authority when (we receive the Holy Spirit in baptism)

67. DISCUSSION

Have you ever read a leadership book that said a spiritual leader must have both authority and power over demons?

(maybe, but probably not)

READ MARK 3:13-15

68. When Jesus trained spiritual leaders, what did he start with? (He gave them power to heal and cast out demons.)

FROM PAGE 142

69. Our culture is full of people who are really oppressed. You cannot organize the devil out of them. You cannot influence the devil out of them. You won't be able to lead the devil out of them. You'll have to

(drive) the devil (demons) out of them by the

(power) of the Holy Spirit.

70. DISCUSSION

The power of God is wonderful in physical healing. What are some of the wonderful healing stories you have heard or personally experienced?

READ ACTS CHAPTERS 3 AND 4

71. This is the story of Peter and John being used of God to heal a lame man. Then they were threatened with death if they continued to preach.

NOW READ ACTS 4:29-30

What did they pray for? (They prayed for boldness and for God to stretch out His hand to heal and perform signs and wonders in Jesus name.)

FROM PAGE 144

72. Peter and John had received the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 and were among the first 120 filled on the day of Pentecost. They had just performed a notable healing miracle. Yet in Acts 4:31 they are again filled with the Holy Spirit and given a new boldness. Why did they need more power?

(They were under the threat of death so they needed more boldness and they wanted Jesus to be massively glorified.)

READ MATT. 10:9

73. Almost all leadership books will have a chapter on communication. Who is the master communicator?

(the Holy Spirit)

FROM PAGES 144 AND 145

74. Before speaking in India the author sat quietly and prayed in his heart. What was his prayer?

(Take me over, God. Take me over.)

FROM THE MIDDLE OF PAGE 145

75. Divine power gives us power to do things like (healings) and (deliverances)
and even the working of (miracles).

FROM PAGE 146

76. There is absolutely no real spiritual leadership without (God's power).

77. When leadership training is given to pastors in a secularized way, meaning, there is no emphasis on the Holy Spirit's divine enablement, that kind of leadership training is actually a (hindrance) to the kingdom of God.

78. Leadership without God's power is only unplugged secularized leadership which is actually (no threat) to the devil.

FROM PAGE 146

79. To receive and continue to operate in great spiritual power requires a pure heart motive that wants to see Jesus be (massively glorified).

80. READ PS 71:18

What should older Christians be praying for? (We should pray to be used of God to win another generation to Christ.)

FROM PAGE 146

81. Never just dismiss a service until you have given God an (opportunity) to display His (power).

82. DISCUSSION

Quick, well-timed Sunday morning services do not provide much of an opportunity for God's power to move. If we can't fit that in on Sunday mornings, how can we fit it in?

(special evening services, retreats, camps, revivals)

FROM TOP OF PAGE 147

83. You should assume that God wants to do (wonderful things for people) with His power.

READ 1 COR. 2:4 AND PAGE 147

84. How should we describe a life well-lived? (A life spent operating in the power of God, faithfully yielding to Him, and always giving Him the glory.)

READ COL. 1:11 AND EPH. 1:19

85. True spiritual leaders aren't just satisfied by having spiritual power in their own ministries. What do they pray for and desire? (Pray that those they lead would also be empowered by the Holy Spirit.)

FROM PAGE 147

86. As a leader, never act like you are the only one with (spiritual power).

87. Get people to (believe) that God desires to anoint and use them.

88. Give people (opportunities) to pray with and for people.

89. The definition of spiritual leadership, its hallmark and signature is (spiritual power)
in demonstration for the glory of the name of Jesus.

90. *Prayer Time:*

Devote yourself to being a living prayer for spiritual power to be restored to the church.

Chapter 9

What Spiritual Leaders Don't Do

READ EPH. 4:30

1. We must not _____ (*grieve*) _____ the Holy Spirit.

READ MT. 7:23, EZE. 3:20 AND PAGES 149-150

2. Manipulation for money is a _____ (*work of iniquity*) _____.

READ ACTS 19:11-17

3. Many think the preachers in hell never actually knew the Lord. But unsaved preachers have no authority to _____ (*cast out demons*) _____.

READ 2 COR. 11:20

4. The Corinthians were putting up with ministers who were not pure in finances. How did these ministers treat people?

(*They exploit you, take advantage of you, act superior, treat you very badly — slap you in the face.*)

READ 2 COR. 11:9 AND 2 COR. 12:14

5. Paul was very careful not to be a financial _____ (*burden*) _____ on people.

READ ACTS 20:33

6. Paul was careful not to _____ (*covet*) _____ anyone's silver, gold or clothing.

7. DISCUSSION

The author writes, "I believe more ministers end up in hell because of deceit in finances than from all other sins combined." That's an opinion, and is meant to be a huge CAUTION sign for you as a spiritual leader. Would you agree we need to constantly guard our hearts so that we raise, receive and disperse money with great integrity of the heart? On the next page, write your thoughts.

READ JAMES 5:13 AND PAGES 151-152

8. What is the advantage of singing and listening to spiritual songs as opposed to secular songs?

If you sing spiritual songs your (joy) grows and lasts.

READ EPH. 5:18-19

9. Songs from the Lord make you (strong) while songs from the world tend to (weaken you).

FROM PAGE 152

10. The author writes, "You will never get any more spiritual than the songs you listen to." What you sing is what you (meditate) on. What you meditate on (controls your life).

READ 2 TIM. 2:20-21 IN DIFFERENT TRANSLATIONS

11. A. What is a vessel of honor in your home? (a pitcher used to mix up iced tea, etc.)

B. What is a vessel of dishonor in your home? (the toilet is the main one)

FROM 2 TIM. 2:20-21

12. What must spiritual leaders do in order to be holy, useful to the master and prepared to do any good work? (They must cleanse themselves from dishonorable, ignoble things.)

FROM PAGES 153-154

13. You choose whether you are a toilet bowl for the devil or a pitcher for the Holy Spirit by (what you choose to put into your life).

FROM THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 155

14. When we turn from evil entertainment, God gives us a different kind of entertainment.

Describe God's kind of entertainment: _____ (*Being used by the Holy Spirit in supernatural gifts of the Spirit.*)

_____ (*Being used to get people saved, healed, delivered and filled with the Holy Spirit.*)

_____ (*Being used by God to spiritually feed and encourage people.*)

15. DISCUSSION

Do you want God's entertainment enough to let the Holy Spirit guide you away from the entertainment He doesn't like?

16. DISCUSSION

Do you agree that many Christians miss being entertained by God's Spirit because they are reading, watching and listening to things that the Holy Spirit would consider the devil's entertainment?

FROM THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 156

17. We don't need to abstain from all television, for instance, but we must be _____ (*selective*)

and avoid whatever has a _____ (*demonic*) _____ edge.

FROM THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 156

18. Spiritual leaders will experience rejection. If you are humble and anointed, prideful people will do one of two things to you if they don't get right with God. What are they?

A. _____ (*leave you*)

B. _____ (*attack you*)

FROM PAGE 157

19. Rejection is like a _____ (*very big knife*) _____ laid on the table in front of a leader.

20. Rejection (the big knives) won't hurt leaders unless they pick them up and stab themselves by repeatedly asking themselves what question?

_____ (*What's wrong with me? What's wrong with me?*)

21. DISCUSSION

Name from memory some example from the Bible of spiritual leaders who suffered rejection. (Hints: Num. 16, 2 Sam. 15, Isa 55:3)

(Moses, David, Jesus, and many others)

FROM PAGE 159

22. The devil wants you to think you are a good person if people love you. But God wants you to know you are a good person if

(you love people; 1 Jn. 3:14 proves this statement)

FROM PAGE 159

23. Knowing how to properly handle rejection promotes (longevity) in ministry.

24. DISCUSSION

Evaluate yourself. Which statement best describes your thinking? _____

A. I'm a good person if people love me.

B. I'm a good person if I love them and they'll never be able to escape my loving prayers for them.

READ 1 JOHN 4:18

25. Fear of rejection will be forced out of our lives by sincere (love) for people.

READ PS. 31:20 AND BOTTOM HALF OF PAGE 159

26. God will hide you in His shelter from the strife of tongues on the condition that you do not

(participate) in it.

READ JN. 14:26

27. Who did Jesus assign to be your teacher? (the Holy Spirit)

28. Who and only who is allowed to grade the report cards of students? (only their teacher)

29. DISCUSSION

Why must you learn to never let the devil grade your report card? (He will tell you that you are flunking when you are doing great and he'll tell you that you're doing great when you are flunking!)

30. DISCUSSION

What percentage of Christians are close to or in depression because they are letting the devil grade their report cards, so to speak?

(The author's guess is about 1/3 of every Christian congregation.)

31. The devil will also try to grade your situations. What are some examples? _____

(impossible, worst ever, no way out, end of the world, too bad to continue, etc)

32. Prayer Time:

Tell the Holy Spirit that you want His evaluation and viewpoints and then ask for discernment so you can avoid letting the devil grade you or your situation.

FROM PAGE 161

33. The author got his first lesson in leadership when his dad taught him *(don't work like a boy, work like a man; look around and see what needs to be done and do it before you are told)*

READ COL. 3:23

34. How should a spiritual leader work? *(Work wholeheartedly as working for the Lord, not for man.)*

READ 1 COR. 15:10

35. Paul's ministry included a lot of *(hard work)*

READ 1 COR. 15:10

36. What was giving power to Paul to help him work so hard? *(God's grace, God's activated power)*

READ MATT. 25:26

37. When the master rebukes the wicked servant, what does he call him besides wicked? *(lazy)*

READ PROV. 18:9

38. Who is a brother to a terrorist? *(One who is slack in his work.)*

READ JOHN 15:7-8 AND THE TOP OF PAGE 162

39. God's word must abide in us. How does the author get full of God's word? _____
(He slowly reads the Bible 60 to 90 minutes a day, listens to it while he drives his car and studies with a computerized concordance.)

40. DISCUSSION

How do you get filled with God's word?

FROM TOP OF PAGE 163

41. Rev. Dr. Colton Wickramaratne, a true apostle to the world, taught the author, "Your future is (now) .
Do what God has given you with all your heart because that's what (qualifies) you for future things."

READ MATT. 5:27-28 AND HEB. 12:14

42. Spiritual leaders do not put themselves into (tempting) situations.

FROM PAGE 163

43. Demonic oppression starts small like a (thread wrapping around us)
when we are exposed to temptation.

FROM PAGE 163

44. How can we easily break this small beginning of oppression? (Turn the channel, click off the website, walk away, close the book, so that the thread is snapped!)

45. If we tolerate temptation, the oppression becomes like a (string) wrapping around us.

46. If we willfully meditate on a temptation, the oppression becomes more serious as if (twine)
is being wrapped around us.

READ PROV. 5:22

47. Willful sin allows a (chord) of iniquity to bind a person.

READ ISA. 28:22

48. If a person indulges in sin, giving themselves over to it, they are bound with demonic (chains) .

FROM PAGE 163

49. Train yourself to quickly turn away from accidental exposure to lustful things and thereby (snap) the thread of oppression before it gets more serious.

READ PROV. 20:1

50. Write this verse out. _____

READ LEV. 10:9

51. What were the priests supposed to avoid before coming into God's presence? (wine and strong drink)

READ PROV. 31:4

52. Why were kings admonished to stay away from alcohol? (So they wouldn't forget what is decreed and deprive the oppressed of justice.)

READ EXODUS 20:17

53. In order for you to win in gambling, many others have to (lose).

54. DISCUSSION

If you have to hope that ten or more other people lose so you can win, aren't you coveting their money?

(The author believes gambling is basically the sin of coveting.)

READ PROV. 1:19

55. What does unjust gain do?

It takes away the (life) of its possessors.

READ JAMES 4:4

56. As we pursue friendship with God, we avoid friendship with (the world).

READ MATT. 9:10-11

57. Jesus was friends with _____ (*sinners*)_____.

58. DISCUSSION

What is the difference between being a friend of the world and a friend of sinners? _____ (*We love sinners but not sinful ways.*)_____

READ 2 TIM. 2:4 AND MATT. 6:24

59. Our main focus as spiritual leaders must not be on _____ (*making money*)_____.

60. READ MATT. 28:19-20

Our main focus should be on making _____ (*Christ-like disciples*)_____.

Chapter 10

The Great Leadership Coach

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1. What is the most important leadership truth of all? (You are not the leader. The Holy Spirit is THE LEADER.)

READ ROMANS 8:14

2. Who are the mature children of God? (those who are led by the Holy Spirit)

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3. Why was the early church so successful? (They were anointed and led by the Holy Spirit.)

READ ACTS 8:29, ACTS 10:19-20 AND ACTS 13:2

4. What are some scriptural examples from the Book of Acts that show the Holy Spirit speaking to and leading His church? (The Holy Spirit told Philip to stay near a certain chariot. The Holy Spirit sent three men to Peter and told him to go with them. The Holy Spirit said to separate Barnabas and Saul for apostolic work.)

5. You must never use the knowledge that you learned from the Holy Spirit to act (independently) of his direction.

READ JOHN 14:26

6. What are two things the Holy Spirit will do for you?

A. (He will teach you all things.)

B. (He will remind you of everything Jesus has said.)

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7. If we are to hear God say, “Well done, good and faithful servant,” it will be because we

- A. We (listened) to the Holy Spirit.
- B. We (depended) on the Holy Spirit.
- C. We (followed) the Holy Spirit’s leading.
- D. We (delighted) in the Holy Spirit.

8. When the author told God, “So many people who used to love me now hate me”—what two things did the Holy Spirit say?

- A. (He asked, “Why did Joseph’s brothers hate him?”)
- B. (He impressed the author to think about the Father’s love for him.)

9. This helped the author to (think) right.

10. DISCUSSION

Our problems are certainly made worse by wrong thinking. Perhaps wrong thinking is actually our biggest problem. *(Lead the class in admitting they need God’s thoughts, then pray.)*

- A. Do you ask the Holy Spirit for His thoughts?

- B. Do you tend to suffer with wrong thinking and never ask the Holy Spirit for His thoughts?

- C. You have big problems right now. Why not pray and ask the Holy Spirit how you should be thinking?

RED ISA. 55:9

11. The Holy Spirit’s thoughts are (higher) than our thoughts.

12. DISCUSSION

Would the Holy Spirit like to share His thoughts with you or does He want to keep His way of thinking to Himself and let you wallow in wrong thinking?

(He gets no pleasure from seeing you tormented with wrong thinking and would love to help you by giving you His thoughts.)

13. A. Are you in the habit of asking the Holy Spirit to give you His thoughts? _____

B. Will you purpose to develop this habit? _____

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14. When the author pondered whether to ask God to whack a few people with divine judgment, what was the question the Holy Spirit asked him?

(“What if I had judged Joseph’s brothers?”)

15. DISCUSSION

Stop and imagine how different history would be if God had killed Joseph’s brothers in judgment.

(no Israel, no Moses, no book of the law, no Messiah through Judah’s line. etc., and certainly, no family reconciliation with Joseph.)

16. The author said, “You didn’t kill them. You gave them all back to Joseph in a miracle of family reconciliation.” What was the Holy Spirit’s next question?

(“Would you like a Joseph miracle?”)

17. DISCUSSION

Have you ever desired that God would whack someone in divine judgment? Be honest! _____

18. DISCUSSION

Are you in the habit of honestly confessing your desires to the Holy Spirit and then asking Him for coaching to get the very best desires?

READ PS. 37:4

19. Before God grants our desires, He may want to _____ (*improve or replace*) _____ those desires.

20. When the author wondered why the Holy Spirit kept bringing one particular deacon to his mind—what did the Holy Spirit say to do?

_____ (*“Do good to him.”*) _____

21. Think right, desire right and do right are three steps that lead to amazing victories. Will you earnestly ask the Holy Spirit to coach you in right thoughts, right desires, and right actions?

_____ (*Lead the class in prayer, asking for the Holy Spirit’s coaching.*) _____

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22. The Holy Spirit explained to the author how to “buy without money.” How do we do that? _____ (*We exchange our trash, our worthless things for His treasure, and His priceless things.*) _____

READ JER. 33:3

23. What should you do in order to be able to see and perceive great truths in God’s word? _____

_____ (*God said, “Call to me, and I will show you.”*) _____

READ 2 COR. 12:10

24. We often feel inadequate for ministry.

A. But we can turn our inadequacy into _____ (*dependency*) _____ on the Holy Spirit.

B. Then what happens? _____ (*We are made strong.*) _____

READ 2 CHRON. 16:9

25. The eyes of the Lord are searching the whole world over for anyone who would sincerely ask the Holy Spirit for His coaching! You could be that humble person. You could be a student of the Holy Spirit.

Write those two statements in first person:

“I _____ (*could be that humble person*) _____.”

“I _____ (*could be a student of the Holy Spirit*) _____.”

Now say, "By God's grace I will be (that humble person)_____.

And by God's grace I will be (a student of the Holy Spirit)_____."

(NOTE TO TEACHERS: Many in your class cannot conceive of themselves as being leaders. Do your best to get them to see that they could be led by the Holy Spirit. Those who are led will end up leading others to righteousness.)

READ PAGES 174-175

26. Will you exchange your trash for God's treasure?

A. What is your trash?_____

B. What "treasure" do you want from God?_____

27. *Prayer Time:*

Come to the waters. Come buy without money and without cost. Make the exchange, your trash for his treasure. Write out your prayer.

(Perhaps some would pray their prayer aloud and then another student could pray their prayer aloud, etc.)

READ JOHN 14:26 AND PAGE 175 (BOTTOM) THROUGH PAGE 176.

28. In this famous "seagull story," the Holy Spirit was reminding the author of the truth in Mark 11:25. What is that truth?

(We can and should forgive people before they ask for forgiveness.)

29. A. Do you need to forgive someone that hasn't yet asked for forgiveness?_____

B. Is bitterness showing on your face?_____

C. *Prayer Time:*

Tell God that you forgive that person and go through the motion of acting as if you are wiping the “bird stuff” off your nose.

(Lead the class in doing this, but don't have them name who they are forgiving. That's too private.)

FROM PAGE 177

30. If we obey the Holy Spirit and apply his truths to our lives then we can teach with

A. (power) and B. (authority)

C. Our words will (burn) sin right out of many people's lives!

31. Real power in preaching and teaching comes from the Holy Spirit

A. (teaching) you and

B. (sanctifying) you by His words.

READ JER. 23:29

32. The Holy Spirit can speak through you so that your words are His words.

A. His words are like a (fire) and

B. like a (hammer) that breaks the rock in pieces.

FROM PAGE 177

33. No leader's words can be words of holy fire or words of living water unless he or she is speaking by _____

(the power of the Holy Spirit).

READ JOHN 15:26-27

34. A. The Holy Spirit is going to (testify) about Jesus.

B. What must we do as well? (testify about Jesus)

READ JOHN 16:8 IN SEVERAL TRANSLATIONS AND READ PAGE 178

35. A. Conviction is a (pull) to God's love.

B. Conviction is the (adjustment) of the Holy Spirit.

FROM PAGE 178

36. How is a conviction of sin different from a conviction of righteousness?

- A. Conviction of sin is a (pull) back to God.
- B. Conviction of righteousness is an awareness that you are (right) with God.

FROM PAGE 179

37. Conviction of judgment makes people know that they are in danger (of hell) and helps us make powerful (altar calls).

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38. What does the author mean by “buffered sermons”?

A buffered sermon is worded so that no one can feel the (conviction) of the Holy Spirit.

READ 1 THESS. 1:5

39. What kind of conviction came with Paul’s preaching? (Deep) conviction.

FROM THE ILLUSTRATION ON PAGE 180

40. If our gospel doesn’t come with strong conviction it means we are unable to (pull) people from the pit of sin.

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41. God loves people even when they are sinners but he doesn't want to leave them suffering in (their sins)!

READ JOHN 16:13

42. “Teaching you all things” and “leading you into all truth” are two different things.

- A. Being led into all truth helps us stop (blaming) others
- B. and helps us see where we are (wrong) ourselves.

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43. What was the real reason the author was so upset? (B. He hadn’t cast his cares on the Lord.)

- A. Because of what a pastor was doing to him.
- B. Because he hadn’t cast his cares on the Lord.

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44. What did the Holy Spirit say was the only thing that could ruin your life? (your own hard heart)

FROM PAGE 181, BOTTOM HALF

45. An amber light can make the color red appear to be brown but in white light red will look red. If Satan's light is shining on your situation

A. Wrong will look (right) and B. right will look (wrong).

46. DISCUSSION

Will you start asking the Holy Spirit to shine His light on the situation rather than just trusting your own eyes and your own sense of discernment?

(See if you can get them to admit that they need to do this.)

47. DISCUSSION

A great prayer to pray is, "What does this look like to you, Holy Spirit?" Why is this a great prayer to pray?

(What we see as reality is often a deception. This prayer allows the Holy Spirit to show us actual reality and how He sees it.)

48. READ JOHN 16:13

Who is the only person who really knows the future? (the Holy Spirit)

49. Why is it wrong to seek knowledge of the future from occult sources or the "wisdom of man"?

(Other sources could fill you with fear, give you inaccurate information, or make you complacent when you should take action.)

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50. A. When the Holy Spirit shows us the future it can fill us with (faith).

B. That's a lot better than being filled with (fear).

READ JOHN 16:14-15 AND PAGE 183

51. A. The Holy Spirit will manifest _____ (*powerful spiritual*) _____ gifts through us and
B. nothing is as _____ (*entertaining*) _____ as that!

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52. DISCUSSION

What can the leadership of the Holy Spirit do that secular leadership training could never do? _____ (*Heal the sick, raise the dead, and cast out demons.*) _____

FROM PAGE 184

53. In order to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit you must know what? _____ (*You must know that it is God's will to fill you.*) _____

READ ACTS 2:4

54. When the 120 believers were filled with the Holy Spirit what did they do? _____ (*They glorified God in new languages as the Spirit enabled them.*) _____

READ ACTS 2:11

55. Even though the believers didn't know what they were speaking, people heard them speaking in their own languages and what was the main thing they were speaking about?

_____ (*They were declaring the wonderful things God had done.*) _____

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56. God is worthy of _____ (*supernaturally empowered*) _____ praise.

READ 1 COR. 14:2

57. DISCUSSION

Through the Holy Spirit's enabling us to pray in other tongues we can pray through to mysterious answers. Have you ever had such a problem that you didn't even know what to pray and ask God to do?

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58. This page describes how the author prayed through to a mysterious answer. It is an amazing story and all true. Would it be fair for God to give some believers the ability to pray in the Spirit (pray in tongues) and pray through to mysterious answers but leave other believers without that ability?

(No, that would not be fair.)

READ ACTS 2:4

59. Of the 120 present on the Day of Pentecost in that upper room, how many spoke in tongues when they were filled with the Holy Spirit?

(All 120 spoke in tongues.)

READ JUDE 1:20-21 AND EPH. 6:18

60. Does God want to give you the ability to pray in the Spirit? (Yes or He could not have commanded you to pray in the Spirit.)

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61. The new birth (Jn:3-5) gets us ready for heaven. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is God's power enabling us to get _____ (others) _____ to heaven.

READ GAL. 6:14

62. Why did God redeem you? (So that you could receive the promise of the Spirit by faith.)

63. READ LUKE 11:11-13

A. Believe it is _____ (God's will) _____ to fill you and

B. _____ (ask) _____ God to fill you.

64. READ MARK 11:24

Believe that you have _____ (received) _____ and you will _____ (have what you asked for) _____.

READ ACTS 2:4

65. Expect the Holy Spirit to enable you to describe God's glory in a new language from your heart.

A. You will do the _____ (speaking) _____.

B. The Holy Spirit will (enable) you to speak in a new language and will make sure it's real.

READ ACTS 10:44-46

66. A. Did God leave anyone out when the Holy Spirit fell on Cornelius' house full of people? (no)

B. Did they all worship God in tongues? (yes)

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67. What three little statements should we communicate to the Holy Spirit daily?

A. Holy Spirit, I (need) you.

B. Holy Spirit, I (want) you.

C Holy Spirit, I (delight) in you.

Chapter 11

Real Supernatural Faith

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1. Every leader needs to inspire people to believe that the vision (can be done).

2. READ GEN. 11:5-7

When people really believe they can achieve something (they probably can).

READ JOSHUA 10:12-13

3. The faith of a truly spiritual leader goes far beyond self-confidence. Could any kind of natural faith have stopped the rotation of the earth? (No way! Of course not!)

REFER TO JN. 11 AND READ VERSES 41-44.

4. Could any kind of natural faith have achieved this miracle? (No, not a chance!)

READ MATT. 19:26

5. With God all things are (possible).

READ MATT. 14:28

6. There is power in positive thinking but not enough power to enable someone to (walk on water).

FROM MATT. 14:28

7. What gave Peter the faith to walk on water? (The revealed will of God; Jesus said, "Come.")

READ MATT. 8:1-3

8. A. What gave the leper faith to be healed? (the revelation of God's will)

B. What did Jesus say that enabled the leper to believe in faith? ("I am willing. Be clean.")

FROM PAGE 191

9. God gives us vision and callings that are impossible to fulfill without the kind of faith that comes from Him. Therefore, spiritual leadership training must teach people how to get a (clear revelation) of God's will.

READ ACTS 23:11

10. A. Jesus gave Paul a revelation of God's will showing that it was God's will for him to testify of Jesus in (Rome) B. which meant that nothing could (kill) him before that.

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11. A spiritual leader must accept the faith that God serves and resist the (fear) that the devil serves.

READ ACTS 23:12-30

12. What was the first big event the devil used to try to get Paul into fear? (Forty men vowed to kill Paul in an ambush.)

13. Paul was kept in jail in Caesarea for two years because the governor wouldn't give him a fair trial.

A. What do you suppose the devil wanted Paul to fear? (He wanted him to fear that he would die in jail.)

B. What do you suppose Jesus wanted Paul to believe? (He would live and somehow go to Rome.)

14. When Paul did sail for Rome the ship encountered such a violent storm for two weeks that all the others on board gave up hope of being saved.

A. What did the devil want Paul to believe? (He would drown at sea.)

B. What did Jesus want Paul to believe? (Somehow God would keep him alive and get him to Rome.)

READ ACTS 27:21-26

15. Sometimes we need an additional revelation of God's will in terrible trials. How did God help Paul have additional faith?

(An angel of God gave Paul a more complete revelation of God's will.)

16. What were the additional details God gave Paul through the angel?

- A. That the ship would _____ (*shipwreck on an island*) _____.
- B. That all lives on board would be _____ (*saved*) _____.
- C. That Paul would go to Rome and speak to _____ (*Caesar himself*) _____.

17. This gave Paul faith to believe for what two things?

- A. _____ (*He would be saved from drowning.*) _____
- B. _____ (*All the men onboard would also be saved from drowning.*) _____

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18. We must always _____ (*claim*) _____ what God names!

READ ACTS 28:3-6

19. What gave Paul faith to shake off the poisonous snake that had fastened its fangs in his hand or wrist and continue as if nothing had happened?

- A. Jesus had said _____ (*that Paul must testify of Him in Rome*) _____.
- B. The angel had said _____ (*that Paul would testify to Caesar in Rome*) _____.

20. Paul knew it was not God's will that he should _____ (*die*) _____ on the island of Malta.

21. Paul still had to resist the _____ (*fear*) _____ and cling to the _____ (*revelation*) _____ of God's will.

22. Paul prayed for a sick man who had a high fever and dysentery with no fear of catching this disease. He then prayed for all the sick on the island and they were all healed, but he did not get sick.

Where did this fearless faith come from? _____ (*It came from the revelation of God's will that he must go to Rome.*) _____

23. What were the five different things that most likely would have killed Paul if he hadn't been filled with faith through the revelation of God's will?

- A. _____ (*assassination plot*) _____
- B. _____ (*two years in Caesarean jail*) _____
- C. _____ (*a storm of hurricane proportions storm at sea*) _____
- D. _____ (*the deadly snake bite*) _____
- E. _____ (*being exposed to many sick people*) _____

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24. Since supernatural faith only comes by a revelation of God's will, we must train spiritual leaders to _____
(*hear from God*)

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25. What are some of the ways God reveals His will?

- A. _____ (*through God's Word, the Bible*)
- B. _____ (*by The inner leading of the Holy Spirit*)
- C. _____ (*by Prophetic promises through the gift of prophecy*)
- D. _____ (*through angels*)
- E. _____ (*through spiritual dreams*)
- F. _____ (*through visions*)
- G. _____ (*through hearing God's voice*)
- H. _____ (*through Jesus appearing*)

26. EXTRA STUDY. READ JUDGES 6 & 7

Read the story of Gideon. How many ways did God reveal His will to Gideon until he was full of faith?

- A. _____ (*through an angel*)
- B. _____ (*through God's voice speaking to him*)
- C. _____ (*through a fleece, ground dry, fleece wet*)
- D. _____ (*through a fleece, ground wet, fleece dry*)
- E. _____ (*through a dream and interpretation given by God to the enemy*)

READ JUDGES 7:15

27. After Gideon was crystal clear on what God had named, it was time for him to _____ (*claim*) it.

28. He released faith two ways:

- A. By his _____ (*words*)
- B. By his _____ (*actions*)

READ PHIL. 2:13

29. God can give you a _____ (*desire*) that you sense would be very pleasing to him if you did it or achieved it.

READ ROM. 12:6-7

30. God reveals His will through Scriptures. It's His will for teacher to _____ (*teach*) _____.

READ JOHN 21:17

31. What was God's will for Peter? _____ (*to feed God's sheep*) _____

ACTS 21:10-12

32. In what way did God speak to Paul about his coming imprisonment? _____ (*He spoke through the gift of prophecy in many believers and through a real prophet.*) _____

FROM PAGE 196

33. A. Always keep a clear _____ (*conscience*) _____ and B. a tender _____ (*heart*) _____.

READ COL. 1:9-12

34. Paul did not pray that God would give the Colossians more faith. We need to pray for what produces faith. Paul prayed that God would fill these believers with

A. _____ (*the revelation of His will*) _____

B. through all _____ (*spiritual wisdom and understanding.*) _____

FROM COL. 1:9-12

35. What nine things would result from the Colossians (or you) being filled with the revelation of God's will?

A. _____ (*You'd live a life worthy of the Lord.*) _____

B. _____ (*You'd please God in every way.*) _____

C. _____ (*You'd bear fruit in every good work.*) _____

D. _____ (*You'd grow in the knowledge of God.*) _____

E. _____ (*You'd be strengthened with all power.*) _____

F. _____ (*You'd have great endurance.*) _____

G. _____ (*You'd have great patience.*) _____

H. _____ (*You'd have great joy.*) _____

I. _____ (*You'd be filled with thanksgiving to God.*) _____

36. The Bible is the _____ (*revelation*) _____ of God's will.

READ JN. 15:7-8

37. What needs to abide in you to give you real faith for answered prayer? _____ (*God's Word*) _____

FROM PAGE 197

38. When Marilyn Hickey was a little girl she asked God, "Which church are you in?" God spoke to her and said, I'm in _____ (*the Book*) _____.

FROM PAGE 197

39. A. Only _____ (*supernatural*) _____ faith can solve B. _____ (*impossible*) _____ problems.

40. It is very important to remember that _____ (*pride*) _____ often masquerades as faith.

41. False teachers teach techniques of faith as if we could _____ (*name*) _____ it ourselves and then claim it.

42. Real faith always works in

A. _____ (*teamwork*) _____ with God.

B He _____ (*names*) _____ it and

C. We _____ (*claim*) _____ it.

New Age teachers of success often say that the "Universe" is kindly and will help you achieve if you'll only visualize and make affirmations.

READ ROMANS 1:25

43. Is the "Universe" a created thing? _____ (*yes*) _____

44. Does God want you to ever give His glory as being our prayer answering God to the universe? _____ (*no*) _____

45. To say the universe will help you is a _____ (*lie*) _____.

READ ROM. 1:21

46. If we don't thank and glorify God, what will happen to our thinking? _____ (*It will become futile.*) _____

47. What will happen to our hearts if we do not thank and glorify God? _____ (*They will become darkened.*) _____

READ MARK 11:22

48. Faith in yourself or faith in the universe or even faith in your faith are all various ways that _____ *(pride)* _____ cross-dresses as faith.

READ MARK 11:22

49. It is a misnomer to ever say “Have faith in your faith” because you are not the _____ *(source)* _____ of real supernatural faith.

READ MARK 11:22

50. Jesus said, “Have faith in _____ *(God)* _____.”

51. Beware of teachers who translate Mark 11:22 as “Have the God kind of faith.” That wording makes people think they can operate faith _____ *(independently)* _____ from God and act like they themselves are _____ *(God)* _____.

READ REV. 3:17

52. False prophets and false teachers are often very rich because Satan prospers them to give them what appears to be credibility and success. But earthly riches do not make anyone “rich toward God.” In God’s eyes those who are not rich toward God are seen as _____ *(wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked)* _____.

READ 1 JN. 5:14-15

53. We have confidence to receive if we know we are asking _____ *(according to God’s will)* _____.

READ MAT. 7:21

54. Independence from God is great _____ *(wickedness)* _____.

FROM PAGES 200-2201

55. Bruce Manning had a _____ *(general)* _____ revelation of God’s will because he knew it was God’s will to provide nails to build a new church.

56. The faith for a miracle was delivered to him, as if on a platter, when God said, _____ *(“There are nails in the hardware store today.”)* _____

57. When the store man said, “We don’t have a single nail of any kind”

A. Bruce had to resist _____ *(fear)* _____ and

B. cling in faith to _____ *(what God said.)* _____.

58. A creative miracle happened because Bruce worked in (teamwork or partnership) with God.

59. Bruce couldn't take the glory for having such great faith because (the revelation of God's will came from the Holy Spirit).

60. DISCUSSION

Do you see why it's wrong to pridefully think you are a person of great faith? _____

READ COL. 1:9-11 AGAIN.

61. Rather, think of yourself as a person who needs to be filled with

A. the (revelation of God's will)

B. through all (spiritual wisdom and understanding).

C. That who gives? (That the Holy Spirit gives.)

READ JAMES 3:14-16

62. Leadership training that leaves out training people how to find God's will is just human wisdom that is

A. (earthly) B. (unspiritual) and

C. (demonic).

If this sounds like an overstatement, refer to Matt. 7:21 again.

63. DISCUSSION

This is a major difference between secularized leadership training and spiritual leadership training. Do you see that?

READ REV. 2:4-5 AND PAGE 203

64. What is the “first love” that God is referring to? In the early days the church sought God for a revelation of His will.

A. They didn’t just do a _____ (*routine*) _____.

B. What God _____ (*named*) _____ they _____ (*claimed*) _____.

65. Jesus is calling his church back to the very humble, all powerful kind of faith that cannot do anything without Him but can do _____ (*everything*) _____ by and through Him.

READ MATT. 7:21-23 AND TOP OF 204

66. Doing God’s will is not _____ (*optional*) _____.

67. God reveals his will through the _____ (*prophets*) _____

but brings it to pass through the _____ (*intercessors*) _____.

READ 1 KINGS 17:1 AND JAMES 5:17

68. Elijah announced that it would not rain until he said so, which was a very powerful prophecy. What did he do then?

_____ (*He prayed earnestly that it would not rain.*) _____

READ 1 KINGS 18:41-45

69. When it came time for the famine to end, Elijah prophetically announced a big rain was coming. What did he do then?

_____ (*He climbed to the top of Mt. Carmel and prayed seven times for rain until his prayers were answered.*) _____

EXTRA STUDY: READ ISAIAH 10:16-19 AND ISA. 37

70. God prophetically announces that He is going to destroy the Assyrian army with a plague and only a few would survive it in Chapter 10 of Isaiah.

But this was not fulfilled until _____ (*King Hezekiah*) _____ prayed (Isaiah chapter 37).

READ MATT 24:14 AND LUKE 10:2

71. Jesus prophesied that the Gospel would be preached in all the world.

A. But he also said to _____ (*pray*) _____ that God would

B. send out _____ (*workers*) _____ into His harvest field.

FROM PAGE 205, MIDDLE

72. True spiritual leaders not only seek God for a clear revelation of God's will, but they (pray)
until that will is (fulfilled).

1 JOHN 5:14 & PAGE 205

73. Don't wait (passively) for God's will to be fulfilled. Rather pray (earnestly)
for its fulfillment, as Elijah did.

READ REV. 8:3-5

74. The angel mixes sweet incense with our prayers. The author believes this sweet incense is most likely a visual representation of God's will. What happens when God's will is mixed with our prayers and hurled to the earth?

(The Ka-boom of answered prayer! Peals of thunder, rumblings, lightning and an earthquake - answers
that shake the earth!)

READ GEN. 25:21 AND FROM PAGE 206

75. God appeared to Abraham and promised him at least five times that a vast number of descendants would come through Isaac. In spite of these dynamic and mighty revelations of God's will through the Lord Himself, Isaac's wife remained barren until....

(Isaac prayed and God responded to the prayer)

READ EPH. 4:11-16

76. This is your spiritual inheritance. It is the will of God. Write out what is the revealed will of God for you in these verses:

(God wants me to reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God and become mature so that I
attain to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.)

77. DISCUSSION

A. Are we mixing prayer with this so that it actually happens? _____

B. Or are we acting like it's all God's responsibility to do if He wants to? _____

C. Or are we acting like it's idealistic but is never actually going to happen? _____

78. PROJECT

READ PAGE 207, AND LOOK AT EPH. 4:11-16 IN THE NIV OR NLT TRANSLATIONS.

Now underline the words until, then, and instead.

DISCUSSION

What are these three words in other translations? _____

SEE PAGE 207

79. Like Isaac who prayed the promise for his wife, we need to ____ (*plead with God*) _____ in
intercession for the church to be healed of ____ (*spiritual barrenness*) _____ and
receive the full promise of spiritual ____ (*maturity*) _____.

Chapter 12

The Importance Of Spiritual Warnings

FROM PAGE 209

1. A true spiritual leader gives _____ (*warnings*) _____ from God.
2. Why does this require the most character, obedience and selflessness? _____ (*It's what got the prophets persecuted or killed.*) _____

FROM PAGES 209 & 210

3. Whenever you preach about salvation you must tell people what Jesus said about _____ (*hell*) _____.

FROM PAGE 210

4. In the proverbial “carrot and stick” approach to motivation, the carrot represents the _____ (*positive benefits*) _____ and the stick is about the _____ (*negative consequences*) _____.

PROM PAGE 210

5. Warnings given in the love of God have the power to _____ (*save*) _____.
6. Leave out the warnings and _____ (*few*) _____ will be saved.

READ MT. 8:12, MT. 13:42, MT. 13:50, MT. 22:13, MT. 24:51, MT. 25:30, AND LUKE 13:28.

7. What is the main description of hell that Jesus used over and over? It's a place where there is _____ (*weeping and gnashing of teeth*) _____.

READ MARK 9:44-48, AND LUKE 16:24

8. How else did Jesus describe hell? _____ (*Hell is where the fire is never quenched and the worms never die. It is where there isn't one drop of water to quench eternal thirst. It is where the people are in torment.*) _____

READ MATT. 25:11 AND JUDE 1:7

9. How long will the fiery torment last? (forever)

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10. Discuss the typical weak altar call given in so many churches and the altar call the author typically uses?

A. Which one will get more saved? (the one with the strong spiritual warning)

B. What makes an altar call weak and ineffective? (no spiritual warnings)

READ MATT. 3:10

11. Why was John the Baptist so successful in leading people to repentance?

A. He said judgment was (imminent).

B. He said God requires (good fruit).

C. He said bad trees with no good fruit would be cut down and thrown into the (fire).

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12. Why do so many church leaders fail at being truly “spiritual leaders?” (They use only the carrot type of motivation and do not give spiritual warnings.)

READ ACTS 2:40

13. Why was Peter’s sermon so effective that 3,000 got saved? (B. He pleaded, Save yourselves from this corrupt generation and with many other words he warned them)

A. He didn’t warn them but just gave the benefits of heaven.

B. He warned them with many words.

READ ACTS 20:31

14. How often did Paul warn people? (night and day, month after month, year after year)

15. Paul’s warnings were not given in hatred or bigotry but in (sincere love) and with many (tears).

READ COL. 1:28-29

16. How many did Paul warn? _____ (*everyone*)

17. DISCUSSION

Have you ever shopped for a car and started to notice all the car lots? Have you ever shopped for a house and started to notice all the for sale signs and real estate businesses? Why didn't you notice them before?

_____ (*We didn't notice them because we weren't interested in them.*)

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18. We need to start _____ (*noticing*) _____ the spiritual warnings in the Bible.

READ ISA. 56:10

19. DISCUSSION

A. What good is a watchdog that cannot bark? _____ (*They are worthless at best, very dangerous to trust.*)

B. What good is a spiritual leader who doesn't give spiritual warnings? _____ (*no good at all, and worse than worthless - very dangerous to trust.*)

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20. More than any other factor, the failure of spiritual leaders to warn causes _____ (*nations*) to be destroyed.

READ JER. 23:21-22

21. Spiritual warnings turn people from their _____ (*evil*) _____ ways and deeds.

READ HEB. 11:7

22. Noah saved his _____ (*household*) _____ but _____ (*condemned*) _____ the world.

23. Warnings will _____ (*save*) _____ all who listen.

Warnings only condemn those who _____ (*reject*) _____ the warnings.

24. Warnings are always intended to _____ (*save*) _____.

READ JONAH 3:4

25. What was Jonah's warning? _____ (*In 40 days Nineveh will be destroyed.*)

26. How many people did this warning actually save? (the whole city)

READ EZ. 33:11

27. Does God take delight in the death of the wicked? (no, no delight at all)

READ 1 SAM. 3:11-14

28. Eli did not (heed) the warnings God gave him. If he had, the warnings would have (saved) his family from judgment.

READ 2 KINGS 17:7-8 AND 2 KINGS 17:13-15, 18

29. How many of God's true prophets and seers warned Israel and Judah? (all of them)

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30. Spiritual leaders must (cherish) God's warnings and (heed them) before warning others.

READ PS. 19:7-11

31. A. God's warnings are to be desired more than (gold).

B. And they are sweeter than (honey).

C. If we heed them there is (great reward).

READ 1 COR. 10:10-12

32. Where can we get plenty of Spiritual warnings? (in God's Word, the Bible)

33. The examples of judgment in the Bible were written as (warnings).

READ HEB. 12:25

34. Is there any escape for those who refuse God's warnings? (no)

READ EZ. 33:1-9 AND PAGE 217

35. Giving spiritual warnings is a serious and heavy (responsibility).

36. Those who faithfully warn will at least deliver (their own souls).

37. When a spiritual leader refuses to warn and people are swept away in judgment, what is the consequence of that failure for the leader who didn't warn?

(God holds the spiritual leader responsible for the person's death.)

38. That means, God would regard the unfaithful prophet as a (murderer) or one who commits (manslaughter).

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39. While it is an honor to hear from God and tell others what He has said, doing so often gets the messenger (rejected, beaten, slandered, jailed, fired, sued, or killed)

READ MATT. 5:11-15

40. What kind of heavenly rewards do the messengers receive who were faithful to deliver God's spiritual warnings? (great rewards)

41. MATT. 5:11-13

Jesus compares messengers who don't give warnings to salt that has lost its (savor) which is good for (nothing).

READ JN. 7:7

42. Why did the world hate Jesus? (He testified that its works were evil.)

READ JOHN 15:18

43. If the world hates us, what are we supposed to keep in mind? (It hated Jesus first.)

READ PHIL. 2:8 AND ACTS 4:29

44. Being a faithful spiritual leader who gives warnings requires great (humility) towards God and great (boldness) towards people.

READ EPH. 6:19-20

45. Paul requested prayer so that he would be enabled by God to speak (fearlessly).

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46. Spiritual leaders must fear God but be (fearless) toward people.

READ MATT. 7:5

47. What do prideful people need to do first before they could be effective at giving spiritual warnings?

(They need to take the planks out of their own eyes so they can see clearly to correct or warn others.)

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48. Prideful people don't warn in (love) for the purpose of (saving).

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49. Prideful people warn in (anger) for the purpose of (condemning).

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50. Prideful people who try to give warnings actually have three evil desires. What are they?

A. The desire to (control) others.

B. The desire to (exalt) themselves.

C. The desire to (hurt) others.

FROM BOTTOM OF 219 AND TOP OF PAGE 220

51. Read the so called "prophetic word" the prideful lady gave to the author. What must you do with "prophetic words" delivered from someone who is prideful and wants to control you, discourage you, condemn or hurt you?

(You must reject those words immediately. Take no lip off the devil.)

52. Poor and self-deceived people like to play prophet because it gives them a sense of (self-importance)

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53. The prideful do not warn the wicked but are so deceived they end up trying to condemn the (righteous)

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54. Warning others isn't a (game). It calls for the great godly character of (humility),
(faithfulness), and (self-sacrifice).

55. It also calls for a _____ (*boldness*) _____ that only God can give.

READ 1 COR. 14:8 AND MIDDLE OF PAGE 220

56. A clear trumpet call warning must be done in _____ (*love*) _____, _____ (*humility*) _____,
and absolute _____ (*faithfulness*) _____ with no mixture of pride, _____ (*arrogance*) _____
or _____ (*human anger*) _____.

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57. If we are rewarded based only on results, then we are being rewarded for the way others
_____ (*respond*) _____.

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58. The way others respond has _____ (*nothing*) _____ to do with our obedience but rather with theirs.

READ EZ. 3:5-7

59. God sent Ezekiel to a people God knew would not respond. Does that mean Ezekiel didn't get many heavenly rewards?
_____ (*no*) _____

60. It does mean our rewards are not based on how _____ (*others*) _____ respond but only on how
we ourselves _____ (*faithfully obey*) _____ God.

61. DISCUSSION

We forget this. If we obey God but the people we preach to do not respond, we get sad and discouraged as if there was no reward and as if we failed. If we go to some mission field and thousands respond, we tend to think we are really something special. Why are we so prone to forget that our rewards are all about our own obedience to God's will?

(It's a great question. If we don't take this to heart, we'll be prone to discouragement or self-exaltation.) _____

READ 1 THES. 5:14, 2 TIM. 2:14 AND TITUS 3:10

62. Paul trained young leaders to give _____ (*spiritual warnings*) _____.

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63. If a pastor warns rich people who are also prideful, they will either repent or take their (riches) and leave.

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64. We must put (honoring God) above our own financial needs.

READ JUDE 1:22-24

65. A. We can motivate by saying something (good) will happen to you if you believe and obey God.

B. We can also motivate by saying, "Something (bad) will happen to you if you are living in sin.

READ GAL. 5:19-22

66. Paul warns that those who live in unrepentant sin will not (inherit the kingdom of God)

67. DISCUSSION

A. Do you think there is an abundance of faithful spiritual leaders who still warn of the consequences of sin and unbelief?

B. Do you think there is a great lack of faithful spiritual leaders who still warn of the consequences of sin?

68. Pray that God will raise up spiritual leaders who will be bold enough and faithful enough to give the needed spiritual warnings. Are you able to tell God you are willing to be one, for His glory, regardless of the cost to you?

Chapter 13

The Virtuous Spiritual Leader

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1. Values result when _____ (*virtues*) _____ combine.
2. Preparedness is a value that results when several virtues combine. What are those virtues? _____
(*wisdom, knowledge, prudence and diligence*)

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3. Leadership training in the Bible has a lot to do with _____ (*character*) _____ virtues.

READ 1 TIM. 6:10-11

4. Paul urges Timothy to _____ (*pursue*) _____ virtues.

READ 1 TIM. 6:10-11

5. Which six virtues did Paul say to pursue? _____
(*righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness*)

READ PHIL. 4:8-9

6. Why did Paul want us to think about virtuous things?

He wanted us to put them into _____ (*practice*) _____.

7. DISCUSSION

Let's do what Paul said. Think of the lovely thing of being a merciful person. Now in your own words, what would that look like if you put it into practice?

(*You would respond in the opposite spirit to offenses. See how your class defines this. Many more definitions are possible.*)

READ JAMES 2:13

8. What happens to someone who shows no mercy to others? (Judgment without mercy comes to them from God.)

READ LUKE 6:35-36

9. How does God show mercy? (He is kind to unthankful and wicked people.)

READ PHIL. 4:8-9

10. Who will “be with” the person who practices lovely virtues like mercy? (the God of peace)

READ COL. 3:12-14

11. Paul urges us to clothe ourselves with five virtues. What are they?

- A. (compassion)
- B. (kindness)
- C. (humility)
- D. (gentleness)
- E. (patience)

12. PROJECT

Add those five virtues to your own virtue list, that is, the list of virtues you want to be fleshed out in your life. Now write out a short definition of how to express those virtues. How would you act or what would you do to live them out?

Compassion: _____

Kindness: _____

Humility: _____

Gentleness: _____

Patience: _____

13. PROJECT AND DISCUSSION

Compare your definitions to the ones in the author’s virtue list. Yours might be better! (Share your definitions with the class if yours add something that would help others practice these virtues.)

#84 Compassion

#32 Kindness

#29 Patience

#2 Humility

#34 Gentleness

14. READ 1 PETER 3:3-5

Virtues give us _____ (*unfading*) _____ beauty which is of _____ (*great worth*) _____ in the sight of God.

READ 1 PETER 3:3-5 AGAIN.

15. What are the two virtues Peter is urging women to beautify themselves with?

A. _____ (*gentleness*) _____

B. _____ (*quietness*) _____

16. DISCUSSION

Would a man be more “beautiful” in character if he practiced these virtues? _____ (*of course*) _____

17. Add “quiet spirit” or “quietness” to your growing list of the virtues you want in your life.

A. How would you practice a quiet spirit or quietness? _____

B. Compare your definition to the author's list (see virtue #65). How does your definition make it even more clear how to practice this?

READ 1 TIMOTHY 4:7-8

18. Paul tells a young spiritual leader to train himself to be _____ (*godly*) _____.

19. PROJECT AND DISCUSSION

The author considers godliness to be the sum total of all virtues so “godliness” is not on his virtue list. But #115 is godly opportunism and #119 is godly skepticism.

A. How would you define the practice of godliness? _____

B. How could your life be improved with #115, godly opportunism? _____ (*Worldly opportunity is often selfish. Godly opportunities might be the opportunities to give, serve, and encourage that many people miss.*) _____

C. How could your life be improved by #119, “godly skepticism”? (Your compassionate heart will avoid getting scammed.)

READ 2 PETER 1:4-8 NIV

20. What seven virtues does Peter urge us to add to our faith?

- A. (goodness)
- B. (knowledge)
- C. (self-control)
- D. (perseverance)
- E. (godliness)
- F. (mutual affection)
- G. (love)

21. If you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being

- A. (ineffective) and B. (unproductive).

22. Why are some ministries ineffective and unproductive? (They aren't increasing in character virtues.)

23. DISCUSSION

Many leaders try hard to increase in effectiveness and productivity but make no effort to grow in character virtues. What do we call that?

(the cart before the horse, futility, the wrong path, etc.)

24. To get these virtues in our lives and have them grow we have to do what, according to Peter?

Make (every effort).

25. SELF-EXAMINATION TIME

A. What kind of an effort have you been making to add these virtues to your life and make them grow?

B. What kind of an effort will you do now and in the future to add these virtues to your life and make them grow?

26. DISCUSSION

The author put a lot of effort into collecting virtues, defining what the practice of them would look like, keeping a list handy to review, and praying over that list.

A. Do you suppose that this kind of “effort” is common among spiritual leaders? _____

B. Should it be a common practice? _____

27. DECISION TIME:

A. Would you like your life and ministry to always be effective and spiritually productive for the glory of God?

(Get the response of your students.)

B. Would you make every effort to collect virtues, define what the practice of them would look like, and pray that God would help you develop them?

(Note to Teacher: Look for the student or students who “get” this. Their commitment will be sincere and determined and will result in them becoming true spiritual leaders, perhaps very great spiritual leaders.)

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28. Many Christians pursue spiritual ____ *(fads)* _____ instead of virtues. They try to take

_____ *(shortcuts)* _____ to spirituality.

(Note to teacher: Emphasize that there are no shortcuts!)

READ 2 COR. 6:3-10

29. Paul and his companions commended themselves in many situations and through many character virtues. The virtue of “great endurance” is described in detail. What are the other virtues with which he and his companions commended themselves? (List on the next page.)

- A. (purity)
- B. (understanding)
- C. (patience)
- D. (kindness)
- E. (sincere love)
- F. (truthfulness)

30. PROJECT AND DISCUSSION

Write a short description of what patience would look like if fleshed out in your life. What would the practice of patience look like? Share your definition. (Patience is #29 in author's list.)

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31. If followers sense that the leader lacks (integrity) they will cease to follow that leader.

32. The leader who doesn't live what he or she believes and preaches loses two things from the people.

A. (respect) and B. (trust).

33. We will fail if we attempt to be virtuous without the help of (the Holy Spirit).

Chapter 14

Virtue List

READ COL. 1:22-23

1. The blood of Christ covers believers so that we look (holy or perfect) in His sight, as long as we don't (move) from the hope held out in the Gospel.

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2. What are the only two things that can move us out from under the covering of the blood of Christ, where God would see our sins and judge us?

A. (rebellion)

B. (idolatry)

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3. This gives us (freedom) to practice and grow in virtues.

READ ROMANS 8:1

4. We have freedom from (condemnation) because we are in Christ Jesus and covered by His blood.

5. Will you do any of the character virtues perfectly? (No, but you will keep improving with God's help.)

SEE COL. 1:22-13

6. If we don't practice the character virtues perfectly now, does God still view us as perfect as long as we don't move from the hope in Christ?

(He views us as if we are already made holy and perfect.)

7. When you practice the piano or guitar or any musical instrument, you make many (mistakes) but keep getting (better) and (better).

REFER TO THE ILLUSTRATION ON PAGE 160.

8. Why must we avoid letting the devil grade our report card when it comes to the practice of these virtues?

(He is not our teacher! He would discourage and condemn us and make it seem impossible to get a good grade.)

READ MATT. 5:19 NIV

9. Who will be great in heaven?

Whoever (practices) and (teaches) the commandments of Jesus.

READ MATT. 7:24 NIV

10. Those who put God's commands into (practice) are building their lives on a solid foundation that can withstand the storms of life.

11. PROJECT AND DISCUSSION

As you read through the virtue list, some will stand out to you. The Holy Spirit knows which ones you lack and which ones need to be practiced more diligently. Write down the virtue name and number that the Holy Spirit is emphasizing to you now. Share the virtues that are standing out to you with your class.

(NOTE TO TEACHER: It's up to you as to how long to let the class spend on this virtue list. It's designed for personal meditation rather than spending a year in class defining each one. But it is always fun to see what virtues stand out to different people. Take as long as the class is enjoying it. The author suggests only part of one class for this.)

12. A virtue list is like the inventory in a grocery store. You are like a shopper with a grocery cart. Look at all the wonderful inventory of virtues and have fun shopping! Promise God that you won't try to develop any character quality without the help of the Holy Spirit. These must not be attempted independently from His help.

Your promise:

A. I will have (fun) with this virtue list.

B. I'll go shopping for virtues with (the Holy Spirit).

Conclusion

READ 2 COR. 5:10

1. A You should always remember that you are not the (judge) of your life or anyone else's.
- B. Why should we keep this in mind? (It helps us stay focused on eternal things and helps us refrain from passing judgment on others.)

READ MATT. 25:19-21

2. How will God reward the faithfulness of His servants? (He will affirm them, and promote them to additional responsibilities and eternal ministries.)

READ LUKE 19:15-19

3. Does God notice faithfulness in small things? (Absolutely; if we are faithful with little, we'll be faithful with much.)

READ HEB. 6:5

4. When we are used by God in powerful supernatural spiritual gifts, we are only getting a taste of the (powers) of the coming age.

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5. The greater eternal ministry you might receive depends upon utter and total (faithfulness) in the here and now.

READ PHIL. 3:12-14 NLT FROM TOP OF PAGE 249

6. Paul was (pressing on) to possess that (perfection) for which Jesus Christ first possessed him.

READ PHIL. 3:13

7. What did Paul forget? _____ (*the past*) _____.
8. What was he focused on? _____ (*what lies ahead*) _____.
9. Paul wanted to reach the end of the _____ (*race*) _____ and receive the heavenly _____ (*prize*) _____.
10. As we approach the judgment seat of Christ, there is no room for _____ (*pride*) _____, boasting, or an air of _____ (*superiority*) _____.

READ LUKE 12:48 IN VARIOUS TRANSLATIONS.

This scripture is what the author calls a “pride buster” scripture

11. Jesus said that to whom much is given much will be _____ (*required*) _____.

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12. In this life, our business is to keep on saying, “Well done, good and faithful _____ (*God*) _____.
13. We must never get so mixed up that we start _____ (*congratulating*) _____ ourselves or _____ (*comparing*) _____ ourselves to others.
14. We are not _____ (*competing*) _____ against each other to see who becomes the _____ (*greatest*) _____ in the kingdom of God.

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15. Discuss the beautiful example of the children in the special Olympics who stopped their race to go back and help the one who fell.

Why should this be our attitude? _____ (*We need to be focused on helping others win, not beating them!*) _____

READ GAL. 5:25-26

16. What are two things we must not do?
- A. We must not _____ (*provoke*) _____ one another.
- B. We must not _____ (*envy*) _____ one another.
17. You provoke someone when your attitude says, “I am _____ (*better*) _____ than you.
You envy someone when you think, “They are getting all the _____ (*recognition*) _____ that I deserve.”

READ HEB. 10:24

18. We are supposed to think of ways to _____ (*motivate*) _____ one another to acts of _____ (*love*) _____ and _____ (*good*) _____ works.

19. DISCUSSION

A baby doctor might say, “I delivered 10,000 babies in my career.” But a mother can say, “Yes, well, I gave birth to three of them and raised them!” Is one achievement bigger than the other or just a different way to glorify God?

_____ (*These are different ways to glorify God.*) _____

20. A. An evangelist is like the _____ (*baby doctor*) _____.

B. A pastor is more like the _____ (*mother who raised three of them*) _____.

21. The author firmly believes that you have your own God-given way to bring God _____ (*massive*) _____ glory.

READ REV. 2:26

22. There it is again, an _____ (*everlasting*) _____ ministry.

READ 1 COR. 11:1

23. While on this earth our leadership must always be the kind that says, “Follow my _____ (*example*) _____ as I follow the _____ (*example*) _____ of Christ.

READ 1 TIM. 4:15

24. With Paul, the author hopes you’ll be _____ (*diligent*) _____ in these matters and give yourself _____ (*wholly*) _____ to them.

A BLESSING

*May the Holy Spirit enable you to bring MASSIVE GLORY
to God through Jesus Christ! Amen.*

(Note to teachers: Pray that prayer and blessing over your students. Make sure they know you believe that each one of them has a God-given way to bring God MASSIVE glory!)