

FOUNDATIONS OF INTERCESSION

Teacher's Guide

The Heart God



Hears

*How To Be The
Kind of Person
God Always
Hears.*

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TEACHER'S GUIDE

Read the Directions: I know, we'd rather plunge in than read directions. But there are a few things you need to be aware of before using the curriculum for *The Heart God Hears*.

1. Length Of Chapters On The DVD

There are two ways to teach—the lecture method where the teacher does all the talking and the discussion style where the teacher asks questions and gets responses and class participation.

Both are very vital styles. I'm doing the role of the lecturer via the DVD set. You should concentrate on class participation. This Teacher's Guide is laid out so that you can ask the best questions and get the most class participation.

Here is the time of each chapter from the DVD set. If you are trying to do this entire study in a 13 week quarter then you might want to do Chapters 5 & 6 in one class and 7 and 11 in another to leave room for the much longer chapter on reconciliation (Chapter 13). Each chapter stands on its own and would not necessarily have to be taught in order.

Chapter 1: (20:03)

Chapter 2: (11:92)

Chapter 3: (13:59)

Chapter 4: (15:13)

Chapter 5: (6:14)

Chapter 6: (7:57)

Chapter 7: (7:30)

Chapter 8: (17:40)

Chapter 9: (17:34)

Chapter 10: (13:02)

Chapter 11: (6:20)

Chapter 12: (8:14)

Chapter 13: (24:36)

Appendix: (1:52)

Disc 1 Is Chapters 1-7

Disc 2 Is Chapters 8-13 & Appendix

2. Why Following The Teacher's Guide Is Important

It is not my intention that you should ever take the entire class time having the people just watch a video—even if the content is wonderful and the artwork edited in makes it memorable.

To make sure the students are actually learning and applying these truths we must ask questions, have them do some extra study, and lead them in appropriate prayers.

You may want to extend this study beyond a standard 13-week quarter. If you go through all the questions and get the participation from the class via the Student Workbook and this Teacher's Guide it will definitely take longer than thirteen weeks. But it will be worth it to get the maximum effect. A good teacher leading discussion, extra study and prayer could easily take two quarters on this material.

You do not have to cover an entire chapter in one class period.

3. Your Preparation As A Teacher

The best thing you can do to prepare for each class is to watch the video, read the matching chapter in the book, and then actually write in your answers from the lesson in the Student Workbook. By so doing you will learn the material, apply it, and then be able to take your class into a journey of incredible spiritual growth. Ask God for His help to apply these truths to your life first, and ask Him for special ability to properly teach it. God "gives grace to the humble," (James 4:6 NKJV) so humbly ask for God's help.

4. Do Your Best To Get Each Class Member To Do Homework.

If the class members will each get a Student Workbook downloaded into their computers, smart phones or tablets they can fill in the answers on those devices. If they would look up the suggested verses and actually do some study they are going to learn and apply much more and have great life changes. Workbooks cost only \$1 from our website. You can run off copies from the sample workbook we give you to get them started. Do your best to motivate them to do these lessons in devotional times during the week and come to class prepared to participate.

The website is: EncouragementExpert.com.

5. The Most Controversial Chapter

The chapter *Beware Of Internal Problems* explains how salvation can be lost but also how we can live in peace knowing our salvation is secure. If class members have been taught the “Unconditional Eternal Security” doctrine from some radio or TV minister or from some other denomination they may have a reaction to the scriptural and balanced teaching of this chapter. Before you teach this chapter, be sure you have thoroughly understood it, watched the DVD in advance, and done the study in the workbook. It is doctrinally correct and so very vital to understand.

6. The Appendix Is Very Important

One hundred “sweet spirit” Scriptures are listed. If students will look these up and mark them in their Bibles by writing “sweet spirit” beside them in the margin, this will have a huge spiritual benefit. We take captive mad, bad and sad thoughts from the devil with bigger and better thoughts from God’s word. Every one of these verses, if memorized, has the power to take captive enemy thoughts. The Apostle Paul said, “We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ,” (2 Cor. 10:5 NIV). Most people do not take their thoughts captive. Teach your class the necessity of memorizing verses like “Do not let any corrupt communication come out of your mouth but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen,” (Eph. 4:29 NIV). Imagine how much each class member would grow up in Christ if he or she actually practiced just this one sweet spirit verse!

7. The End Result Of This Class

The purpose of the entire class is to raise up true intercessors, people who can pray unhindered prayers and get dynamic answers to prayer for themselves and for others.

It would be wonderful to have some of the class period be prayer for your church, your pastor, for our national leaders, and for class members.

The Result Of These Truths In The Life Of The Author

My life (69 years) and ministry (46 years) are based on the truths in this book. They are foundational, meaning, once they are in place you have a firm foundation upon which to build a life and a ministry. I emphasize to you and hope you’ll emphasize to your students—we must keep a sweet Christ-like spirit at all times so that we can always pray unhindered prayers.

May God use you as an intercessor and as one who trains and raises up other true intercessors.

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Introduction

Read 1 Jn. 5:14-15.

i.1: What happens if God “hears” our prayers? ***We have what we asked for. The prayer is granted.***

Read Jn. 11:41-42.

i.2: Who is the “heart God always hears”? ***Jesus***

Reflection:

- Does God “hear” every prayer from every person, no matter what?
- *No. The blind man that was healed had a great answer. See John 9:31*

Read Zec. 7:13.

i.3: What is one reason God will not listen to some people’s prayers? ***If people refuse to listen to God when He speaks to them He won’t hear when they speak.***

Read 1 Jn. 3:21-22.

i.4: What are two reasons we can pray with confidence that God will hear our prayers? ***We obey His commands. We do what pleases Him.***

i.5: If our hearts condemn us when we start to pray there is one kind of prayer we must begin with. What kind of prayer would that be? ***A prayer of repentance***

Read 1 Pet. 3:7-8.

i.6: Why are the prayers of some men hindered? ***They don’t treat their wives with respect and consideration. Basically, they are mean to their mates.***

Reflection:

- What if a wife treats a husband with inconsideration and disrespect?
- Might that hinder her prayers?

i.7: Why would it be a good idea to live a life of unselfish consideration for others? ***It would be pleasing to God. It would show we kept His commands.***

i.8: God hears prayers based on two things:

A. 1 Jn. 3:21-22 – ***Being the kind of person that God hears***

B. 1 Jn. 5:14-15 – ***Praying the kind of prayer that God wants to hear, one that is according with His will.***

Reflection:

- What are some reasons you should want to be the kind of person God always hears?
- *We should want to be pleasing to God. We should want to know we are truly loving Him. We should want to have the security of knowing He’ll always hear us.*

Activity:

- If a person is an “intercessor” what does that mean? Define the term.
- *An intercessor can get answers to prayer, not only for themselves but for others. It mainly is about getting prayers answered on behalf of other people, for their benefit.*

Read Prov. 1:21-23 in various translations.

i.9: What are the two promises God gives to those who will turn at His correction? **(1) He will pour out His Spirit upon the person who turns at His correction. (2) He will make His words known to them—speaking to them or opening up the Bible to them.**

Reflection:

- Do you love God's corrections or do you fear them?
- Do you invite God's corrections or run from them?
- How do you suppose God feels toward a person who asks for, invites and cherishes God's corrections?
- *He must be very pleased with their hearts.*
- Could that person be you?
- Will that person be you?

Prayer: Ask God to give you His correction. If you know anything that is now hindering your prayers, confess and renounce it.

Read Jn. 17:4.

i.10: This verse gives Jesus' own definition of success. Write it out: ***Bring glory to God by completing the work He prepared for you to do. Eph. 2:10 says He's prepared special works for each of us. Do them for God's glory***

i.11: To be a success by this definition what would your heart motive have to be? Why would you be doing whatever you do? ***You would have to do it all to bring glory to God, not yourself.***

i.12: What would your life work have to be? ***It would have to be God's will for your life, the work He prepared for you to do.***

i.13: On page 9 the author lists five ways to bring God glory.

- (1) Basic Glory is brought to God when ***we live a life of love, kindness and consideration to and for others.***
- (2) Added Glory is brought to God when we ***lead someone to Christ, Soulwinning.***
- (3) Multiplied glory is brought to God when we ***raise up leaders, encourage existing leaders or become a spiritual leader.***
- (4) Great Glory is brought to God when ***we keep our spirits sweet so we can open a door for God in prayer to do great things.***
- (5) Compound Interest Glory is brought to God when ***we live a life of faithfulness, showing great consistency in a godly walk.***

i.14: If all five ways are combined what kind of glory is brought to God? ***Massive glory to God***

i.15: The desire to bring God Massive Glory is actually a call to ***prayer.***

Reflection:

- Is that desire stirring in your heart and soul?
- If not, would you like God to change your heart?

Chapter 1: The Importance of Soul Winning

From page 11, top of page

1.1: What are three areas of ministry every Christian is called to? **(1) Soul winning, (2) Intercession, (3) Cheerful giving**

Read or refer to Matt. 13.

1.2: What would happen to good ground if it was prepared for seed but left unsown for a few years? What would grow? **Weeds would grow.**

1.3: If children are not taught about Jesus when they are young and in the “good ground” stage what will happen to their hearts? **Their hearts grow hard and weeds of sinful desires grow.**

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1.4: The author believes that soulwinning is a training ground for living a life of intercession because it takes love to be a good intercessor.

Reflection:

- Why is it often easier to feel love for a lost sinner than for a disobedient Christian?
- *Lost sinners have an excuse for being un-Christ-like. Disobedient Christians don't.*

1.5: You don't just do intercession. You must be an intercessor.

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1.6: Divisive Christians are rarely soul winners.

1.7: Divisive Christians are definitely not intercessors.

Reflection:

- What could you do to identify yourself as someone who cares about lost souls?

Read Matt. 28:19-20.

1.8: What is our goal in life supposed to be? **To fulfill Christ's great commission.**

Reflection:

- Are you moving toward that goal or away from it?

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1.9: An “inversion” occurs when something else becomes the goal of our lives other than fulfilling the Great Commission, bringing people to Christ.

Reflection:

- What are we doing collectively to influence others to fall in love with Jesus?
- What am I doing individually to influence others to come to Christ?

1.10: When people are in an “inversion” they feel they are becoming more spiritual but are actually becoming less spiritual.

Reflection: From Page 19

- Describe some ways a group of Christians could do to show God's love to lost people.
- *We could go in small groups to rake leaves, clean garbage cans, wash windows for Free at gas stations, have free car washes... THINK*
- Does your church currently have any kind of service evangelism?
- Would you be willing to be involved in some kind of service evangelism?
- Does your pastor know you are willing?

1.11: The lost are usually happy to receive service evangelism.

1.12: The risk of rejection for service evangelism is very low.

1.13: Service Evangelism opens the heart of a sinner before we try to open their minds.

Read Matt. 5:15-16.

1.14: Who is the biggest fan of service evangelism? **Jesus!**

Reflection:

- Do you think we could be more intentional when it comes to obeying the words of Jesus in Matt. 5:15-16?
- *See what students say, but yes—of course, and we need to think how to.*

Read Jn. 13:12-17.

1.15: If we practice serving others what did Jesus say would happen to us? ***He said we'd be blessed in our serving.***

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1.16: We have a responsibility to share and spread the Gospel.

1.17: An obedient person gets much better results in prayer than a disobedient person.

Prayer: Pray that God will refocus your life on His goal. Ask God for ideas for service evangelism. Make a new commitment to bring others to Jesus.

Chapter 2: The Prayer Wedge

2.1: God spoke to the author, "Pray for your pastor or you are going to lose him." What are some ways a pastor could be lost to a church? ***The pastor could die, or have debilitating health issues. The pastor could get discouraged and resign.***

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2.2: Pastors carry tremendous burdens.

Reflection:

- Did God intend for pastors to carry a huge burden alone? *No*

Read 1 Tim. 2:8.

2.3: How many hands does God want lift up under the responsibility to take the Gospel to the whole world? ***God wants all our hands lifted up in prayer so that we all share in the goal and responsibility of fulfilling the Great Commission.***

Read Eph. 6:18-19.

2.4: What were the two things Paul specifically asked people to pray for in regard to helping his own ministry? ***He asked for anointed words to be given to him and for boldness to speak them***

Read Eph. 6:18-19.

2.5: Intercessors need to be **alert** to the needs of others.

Read 1 Thes. 2:18.

2.6: What was Satan able to do to the great Apostle Paul? ***He was able to thwart his efforts to get back to Thessalonica. He was able to prevent or delay Paul's return.***

Read 1 Thes. 2:18.

2.7: If Paul was so godly and anointed then why was Satan able to prevent Paul from coming back to minister to the Thessalonians in person? ***Paul didn't have enough people praying for and with him.***

Read Philem. 22.

2.8: You minister is hoping that you will be praying for him or her.

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Referring to the Prayer Wedge Illustration...(see next question)

Read 2 Cor. 5:14.

2.9: What compels a godly minister against Satanic barricades? ***The love of God.***

Reflection:

- Why would it be much better for a whole group of people to unite together and all be compelled by God's love?
- *See what the students will say...unity brings more anointing, it protects us, we can always do more together and experience a synergy.*

2.10: Why does Satan want Christians to fuss and fight and become divided? ***If Christians are fighting and divided there will be no prayer wedge. There will be no spiritual breakthrough.***

Read Rom. 16:20.

2:11: Paul speaks of God crushing Satan beneath your feet. Was he talking to whom? (circle one)
A. A group of people? B. Just one individual?

Note: He was actually talking to the whole Church in Rome, a group of people.

Read Acts 12:1-20.

2.12: The Bible doesn't say prayer was made for *the apostle James* .

2.13: James was one of three men who were with Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration. What do we call a small group of top leaders? ***Christ's inner circle, a smaller group within the 12 disciples***

Read Acts 12:5.

2.14: Why was Peter delivered from death at this time? ***Ernest united prayer was made around the clock for him.***

Read 2 Thes. 3:1-2.

2.15: What did Paul ask the Thessalonian Christians to specifically pray for? ***That the gospel of Christ would spread rapidly and that Paul and his companions would be delivered from evil men.***

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2.16: What were the three layers of the prayer shield that could and should be around your church?

(1) A complete ring of angels riding angelic horses.

(2) A wall of Holy Fire three feet thick, as a second defense.

(3) A squad of mighty angels, huge in size, with huge swords.

2.17: If we could see in the spiritual realm what does it look like when the prayer shield drops? ***It would look like one lone angel on one angelic horse, all alone to defend against a hoard of evil spiritual attackers.***

Reflection:

- What do you suppose the prayer shield around your church looks like?
- Is it all it could be?
- Is it all it should be?

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2.18: **Submission** to authority is a foundation stone in a life of prayer.

2.19: The best way to show honor to an authority figure is to **pray** for them.

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2.20: Some spiritual leaders get shot in the back, so to speak, by their own troops. What three things are like the deadly bullets of "friendly fire"? ***(1) Criticism, (2) Gossip and (3) Slander.***

Prayer: Why not pray for your pastor right now? How about praying for the President of your country?

Chapter 3: FORGIVE BEFORE THEY ASK

From pages 30-31

3.1: What shows on your face when you refuse to forgive? ***Bitterness***

3.2: You can't **hide** bitterness if it is showing on your face.

3.3: Many people are like birds. They aren't going to return to make things right, apologize and ask forgiveness. They just fly on as if everything is okay.

Read Mk. 11:25.

3.4: Do people have to ask forgiveness before we can forgive them? **No. You could be off alone praying for them and forgive them from there.**

Read Lk. 23:34.

3.5: Was anyone asking for forgiveness when Jesus asked the Father to forgive them? **No, in fact they were still in the process of killing Him!**

Reflection:

- Are you waiting and hoping that someone will admit they were wrong before you forgive them?
- What will happen if they are like that seagull?
- *You could be wearing bitterness on your face for a very long time! It will hinder your ability to see clearly, spiritually. It will affect how others see you.*

Read Prov. 15:15.

3.6: What kind of heart has a continual feast? **A cheerful heart**

Reflection:

- How can you be cheerful if you are bitter?
- *See what they say...but it's not possible to be inwardly cheerful.*
- What would actually be feasting on you?
- *Bitterness would be feasting on you.*
- Could you do something to become cheerful again even if they don't ask for forgiveness?
- *Of course!*

Read Heb. 12:15.

3.7: If you get bitter and stay bitter what have you missed? **You have missed the Grace of God.**

3.8: A bitter root won't just hurt you. What will it do to others? **It will defile many.**

Reflection:

- If a root of bitterness grows in your life who would be the people it would most likely spread to and defile?
- *Family members, close friends, people you talk to...*
- Can you find three ways that bitterness is similar to a sliver under your skin?
- *(1) It hurts, (2) It needs to be pulled out, (3) It will get worse over time if not dealt with.*
- What do bitter people end up doing to other people?
- *They end up hurting a lot of other people.*

Read 1 Cor. 13:5.

- In your opinion, do most people keep a record of wrongs?
- Do you need to clean out your mental files and throw out the records of wrongs?

- Who are you keeping the biggest “file” on?
- We often have to choose between really loving someone and keeping a record of their wrongs. It can be a hard choice. But which choice would end up being easier on us?
- *Getting rid of the records of wrongs will be a lot easier on us than holding on to them.*

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- Sometimes in life it’s as if we have been dragged through a cactus of offense and the cactus spines have been driven deep into us. Do you relate to that?
- Are the wounds fresh or old or both?
- What would your Heavenly Father like to do?
- *Pull them out*
- Why is it best to let your Father deal with it immediately?
- *It will heal quickly and you won’t end up hurting or defiling others.*

Prayer: Talk to your Heavenly Father about this and ask for His help. Someone in your class may be in worse shape than you. Perhaps you can pray with and for them.

Read 1 Cor. 14:12-13.

3.9: How fast did the Apostle Paul deal with offenses and injustices? ***Immediately***

Reflection:

- If we do what Paul did and immediately bless those who curse us might we be shielded from the thorns of bitterness so that they don’t even go into us in the first place?
- Yes, *the shield of blessing would protect us from getting hurt in the first place.*
- How often are you using the “shield of blessing”?
- Could you use a big improvement in this area?
- Are you....(circle one)
 - A. Quick to forgive? B. Slow to forgive? C. Refusing to forgive?
 - D. Just waiting for the “bird” to come back and make it right, then you’ll forgive?

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3.10: The author wiped the bitterness off his face but it turned into what in his hand? ***Self-pity in his hand***

3.11: How did he get it out of his hand? ***He had to “let go” of it.***

3.12: We can’t work for God with both hands if we are holding on to what? ***Self-pity, the memory of how badly we were treated by others.***

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3.13: Why do you not need to worry about what others think of you? ***Other people are not your judge, master, or Lord. It’s what God thinks of you that really counts.***

Read Ps. 119:23.

3.14: What did the Psalmist not concentrate on? ***He didn't concentrate on the slander and bad things people said about him.***

3.15: What did he concentrate on? ***He concentrated of how he could obey God's word.***

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3.16: Never agree with a spirit of self-condemnation.

3.17: Concentrate on what you think of others, not on what others think of you.

Reflection:

- What would be some good things to think about others even if they are far from being perfect?
- *Possible answers: God still loves them, God doesn't want them to perish, they may look Holy in God's sight (see Col. 1:21-23).*
- Do you get upset and shook up if you find out someone is saying bad things about you or thinking evil of you?
- Do you allow that to make you feel less valuable and good?

Activity:

- Say, "I'm a good person if I love them, not if they love me. I'll keep praying loving prayers for them. They'll never be able to escape the effect of my loving prayers."

Prayer: Ask God to help you be free from self-pity. Ask God to make you aware of when it's trying to get back into your life. Pray a loving prayer for those who have rejected you. Perhaps someone in your class or group is badly damaged from rejection. Pray for and with them.

Chapter 4: How To Be A People Perfector

From pages 41-42

4.1: An intercessor reacts differently than a person who gossips.

Read Rev. 12:10.

4.2: When Satan sees a fault in someone what does he do? ***He immediately accuses them to God.***

Read Lk. 22:31-32.

4.3: When Jesus saw Simon Peter's cowardly streak what did he do? ***He prayed for Peter that his faith would not fail. He interceded in prayer for him.***

Reflection:

- In your opinion, are most Christians more likely to join Satan in accusing people or more likely to join Jesus in interceding for people?
- See *what they say...What's your opinion?*

- Do you most often join Christ in interceding or most often join Satan in accusing?
- Could you use a little improvement, some improvement or a lot of improvement in this area?

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4.4: When intercessors see faults in other Christians they do what? ***They go right to prayer to be part of the solution. They pray that God will put good things, such as more love, into the heart of the person or persons.***

4.5: What does a critical person see? ***What is wrong with a person, what character flaws they have, what they lack.***

4.6: What does an intercessor see? ***What they need, what God would like to give them.***

Read Phil. 1:9-11.

4.7: Name several character qualities Paul prayed into the Philippians? ***Love, knowledge, depth of insight and discernment.***

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4.8: Just because you know what is wrong with someone doesn't mean you are spiritual.

4.9: It's what you do about it that proves you are spiritual.

4.10: Intercessors must train themselves to react like Jesus when they notice faults in other believers.

4.11: If you know a person's fault what should you be able to figure out? ***What character qualities from God they need.***

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4.12: How do some Christians unwittingly practice a form of witchcraft? ***They pray prayers only the devil would want to answer—mean prayers of critical judgment.***

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4.13: A demon would rather work evil for a Christian than work evil for a witch.

4.14: We need to pray for people rather than against people.

4.15: When you pray for others you are actually blessing yourself.

4.16: If you condemn and criticize you are actually hurting yourself.

Read Matt. 7:1-2.

4.17: What will happen to judgmental Christians? ***They will be judged by God.***

4.18: How? ***With the measure of judgment they used on others. If severely judgmental they will be severely judged.***

Read Ps. 109:17-18.

4.19: What we say about others will affect our lives!

Reflection:

- How would you define a “*loving prayer*”?
- See *what they say...* It would be a prayer for God to add something good to the person’s character, to help them in some way, to reveal Himself or His truth to them.

4.20: If you pray loving prayers for people you will sense what and who? ***You will sense God’s peace, and you will sense God’s presence.***

Read Phil. 4:8.

4.21: Intercessors must control their ***thoughts*** .

Read Prov. 17:9.

4.22: What must we do to promote love? ***Cover over offenses.***

4.23: Who and what separate close friends? ***Whoever repeats the matter.***

Read Prov. 10:12.

4.24: What does love do in regard to wrongs? ***Love covers all wrongs.***

4.25: What does hatred do? ***Stirs up dissension.***

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4.26: Intercessors don’t look at faults. Instead they focus on the ***character qualities*** they are praying into peoples lives.

Reflection:

- Why will you need a lot of help from God to be a sweet spirited “*people perfecter*” instead of a “*flaw inspector*”?

Read Gen. 9:20-27.

4.27: Who gossiped about Noah’s faults? ***His son, Ham***

4.28: Who covered Noah? ***Shem and Japheth***

4.29: Who was blessed? ***Shem and Japheth***

4.30: Who was cursed? ***Canaan, the firstborn son of Ham***

Note: *Canaan was Ham’s oldest son or firstborn. Canaan’s descendants became the people of Sodom and Gomorrah and all the other nations Israel dispossessed. They were all noted for being “perverse.”*

Reflection:

- Do you suppose that God views gossiping about other people’s flaws while failing to pray for them as perverse behavior that could grow into additional ways of perversion and affect coming generations?

Read Gal. 5:15 and Lk. 10:19.

4.31: The only thing that can stop the church is ***the church*** .

Read 2 Cor. 13:9 in as many translations as possible.

4.32: Our prayer is for your what? ***Perfection, maturity, or full restoration.***

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4.33: When the author writes about being involved in fierce theological arguments in his Bible School days what did the converted hippy exclaim? ***“Why can’t we all just love one another?”***

Reflection: Read 1 Cor. 13:2.

- Why would loving each other be better than having all the answers and being argumentative?

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4.34: What happened to the kitten that had an immunity to distemper? ***It lived a healthy life and did not catch the disease.***

4.35: How did the kitten get that immunity? ***Its mother had caught the disease but lived and passed on an immunity.***

Note: We can pass spiritual immunities on to our disciples (spiritual kittens) only if we have the immunity.

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4.36: You can pick up a spiritual immunity by memorizing and practicing what particular kind of Bible verses? ***Sweet spirit verses.***

Read Prov. 11:17 (A sample sweet spirit verse).

4.37: A person’s kindness does what? ***Benefits himself or herself.***

Prayer: This is one of the most difficult chapters to obey and we can know these truths for decades yet fail to practice them. We need constant help from the Holy Spirit. Will you sincerely ask God to fill you with love so that you’ll be a true intercessor and not a critical judgmental person?

Chapter 5: Learning The Secret of Possessive Love

From pages 55-56

5.1: Why didn’t the author love the man who was critical of his sermon? ***He did not consider the man to be his convert or his responsibility.***

5.2: Why did the author’s wife love Donnie and Ronnie—the wild hyperactive red haired four year old identical twins when the pastor and the church board of deacons said to stop bringing them? ***She considered them to be her kids. She felt a personal responsibility for them.***

Read Jn. 17:10.

5.3: How many people who belong to the Father also belong to Jesus? **All.**

Reflection:

- Since as a Christian you are a “*joint heir with Christ*” how many who belong to the Father and to Jesus also belong to you?

Read 2 Cor. 11:2.

5.4: What kind of jealousy did Paul feel for the Corinthians? **A godly jealousy.**

Read Gal. 4:19.

5.5: What did Paul call the Galatian Christians who were going into false doctrine? **My little children.**

5.6: Because Paul viewed the Galatians as his own children what was he willing to do for them?
Go into deep travailing prayer for them.

Read 1 Pet. 1:22.

5.7: What kind of love should we have for each other? **Love that is sincere and deep and from the heart.**

Reflection:

- This kind of “*possessive love*” or “*godly jealousy*” isn’t the worldly controlling kind. It’s the kind that does something extra that others would not do.
- Do you see why worldly possessive love is just controlling and bad but godly jealousy or godly possessive love is rare and beautiful?
- We justify inaction and lack of prayer because we say about people “*They aren’t mine. They are not my own and not my responsibility.*”
- Has anyone prayed for you with a godly jealousy that would not give up?
- Have you ever refused to give up on someone but instead prayed them through to victory?
- Would you like to feel what Jesus feels for all His people?

Prayer: Ask for Jesus to fill you with His love for His people. Do your best to surrender apathy, spiritual laziness, disinterest and all forms of selfishness that just do not care what happens to others.

Chapter 6: Surgical Love

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6.1: When a person is viewing another person from a critical viewpoint it’s actually whose point of view? **The devil’s point of view.**

6.2: What two kinds of sin are so serious that they must be confronted rather than covered?

(1) Rebellion—the refusal to repent of some willful sin.

(2) Idolatry—choosing something or someone to be first other than God/Christ.

6.3: What two things do we do to get into Christ? We must repent and we must believe.

6.4: What two things do people do to get out of a relationship with Christ?

*(1) Hint: What's the opposite of repentance? **Rebellion***

*(2) Hint: What's the opposite of believing Jesus is Lord? **Idolatry***

Reflection:

- Surgical love operates to get out the cancer of rebellion and idolatry.
- Can you think of Biblical examples where a prophet strongly rebuked sin?
- *2 Sam. 12:7 One example is where Nathan the prophet confronted and rebuked King David.*
- Can you think of New Testament examples where a godly person had to strongly confront sin in others?
- *Gal. 2:14 One example is where Paul had to correct the Apostle Peter.*

Read Col. 1:21-23.

6.5: Those who are not rebelling or in idolatry are still imperfect. Their obedience is imperfect obedience, but it is covered by the Blood of Christ. It's covered so completely that God sees us three ways through the blood of Jesus, as long as we desire to obey and please Him. What are these three ways? **(1) Holy in His sight. (2) Without a blemish. (3) Free from accusation.**

Note: *If it's a flaw or fault, or imperfect obedience we are to cover it with loving prayer. If the person has strayed into rebellion or idolatry we are to confront and expose it to bring them to repentance.*

Read Matt. 7:4-5.

6.6: Why would it be hard for a judgmental person to know whether to use covering love or surgical love? ***They would have a plank in their own eye distorting their spiritual vision.***

Read or refer to Rev. 2-3.

"Sweet spirited" John the Apostle is used to strongly rebuke several churches.

6.7: Why would God only entrust the sweetest most loving person with the assignment to perform spiritual surgery to get out the cancer of rebellion or idolatry? ***They could see most clearly and could be trusted not to "operate" in human anger.***

Read James 1:20.

6.8: What is human anger incapable of doing? ***It cannot bring about the righteous life that God desires. It can't make people righteous.***

Reflection:

- Why must we never perform spiritual surgery on a patient in a spirit of human anger?
- What would we do to the patient?
- *We could further injure the patient, perhaps fatally.*

Read Matt. 5:21-22.

6.9: Jesus connects the sin of anger with the sin of **murder** because they both have the **kill** in them.

Reflection:

- Are you really angry at someone right now?
- Do you want to hurt them or help them? Kill them or cure them?

- If you detect the “*kill motivation*” would you talk to God about it and ask for His help?

Prayer: Ask God to replace the human anger with compassionate love so that if you need to confront someone you can achieve the cure by God’s grace and avoid making the problem worse with human anger. Ask God to keep you from ever spiritually “*killing*” the patient.

Chapter 7: The Results of This Life

Read Prov. 15:13 and Prov. 15:15.

7:1: When we walk in love as intercessors life takes on a new brightness. We experience the benefits promised in the above verses. What are they? ***Happiness, a cheerful heart, a continual emotional “feast”.***

Reflection:

- What does God mean when He says a cheerful heart has a continual feast?
- How would you describe a feast of the heart?
- *Possible answers: continual joy, abiding peace, positive attitude.*

Read 1 Thes. 5:16-17 and 1 Cor. 2:16.

7:2: If we keep our spirits free from the contamination of bitterness, self-pity, critical judgment and other negative emotions what begins to happen? ***We live in a constant communion with God. Our thoughts begin to merge with His thoughts. We think like Him.***

Reflection:

- Have you ever been trying to communicate with someone but there was some kind of noise making it hard for them to hear? Give some examples.

Note: *Bitterness, anger, hate, self-pity, critical thoughts, envy, jealousy and all the negative emotions create spiritual static on your communication line to God.*

Read 1 Kings 19:12.

7:3: Did God shout when He spoke to Elijah? What volume level did God use? ***No. God spoke in a gentle whisper, or a still small voice.***

Reflection:

- Why do sweet spirited people hear from God more easily than others?
- *There is less emotional and spiritual noise on their channel to God.*

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7:4: The author shares how God communicated to him over the noise of a lawnmower. Under the heading “*Hearing From God*” he states three conditions of the heart that enhance our spiritual hearing ability. What are they? ***(1) Our hearts have to be clean. (2) We have to be walking in love towards all others. (3) We should be praying blessings down on and into those with visible faults.***

From page 66

7.5: If you live the life of an intercessor you'll have good spiritual ears and good spiritual eyes.

Reflection: From page 66 read the parable of the lion and the mouse.

- What is the take away lesson from that story?
- *We must not overlook the value of others and feel superior. We must not be so deceived that we think we don't need them.*

7.6: A leader needs to see potential in people that they themselves do not see.

Read 1 Sam. 22:2.

7.7: Describe the three kinds of followers David started out with: **(1) They were in distress, (2) or in debt, (3) or discontented, (possibly in trouble with the law).**

Read 2 Sam. 23:8-39.

7.8: How many mighty men capable of doing feats like Samson did David end up with? **Thirty seven**

Reflection:

- Why would it be especially advantageous for a leader to be able to see potential in people?
- *He or she could recruit and develop many workers and leaders and get more done for God's glory.*

From page 68

7.9: Problems are just opportunities for an intercessor.

7.10: Problems convert to what for intercessors? **Blessings or miracles.**

Note: *There is so much to be said about problems turning into blessings for intercessors that it will take a whole chapter to cover that. That's next!*

Chapter 8: Turning Problems Into Blessings

Read Jn. 1:16 NLT and in as many other translations as possible. Also read Rom. 8:28 and Ps. 34:19.

8.1: God's ideal is for you to have bumper to bumper blessings with no room for unconverted problems.

Many "blessings" come in raw material form and look and feel like problems. They must be converted into blessings.

8.2: A problem + God's grace = A miracle (or blessing)!

Reflection: Look at Rom. 8:28 and Ps 34:19 again.

- What kind of people experience problems turning into blessings?
- *People who truly love God enough to obey Him (See Jn. 14:21). People who are truly righteous, in right standing with God.*

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8.3: The author states four things that will keep a problem as a problem. Please list them:

(1) Unbelief, (2) disobedience, (3) bitterness or unforgiveness, and (4) a critical spirit that judges and condemns others.

8.4: What are the opposite four character qualities? **(1) Faith, (2) obedient love, (3) a forgiving heart, and (4) an attitude of intercession that prays for people instead of judging them.**

Reflection:

- Why would a forgiving person who prays for others be more likely to see their own problems convert to blessings as opposed to someone who is bitter and critical?
- *The forgiving person doesn't have an internal problem of bitterness.*

Read Josh. 3:15.

8.5: What was the big external problem Joshua encountered as soon as he started leading Israel? ***The Jordan River was at flood stage.***

Read Josh. 3:5.

8.6: What did God tell the people to do before He did the big miracle? ***Sanctify yourselves or purify yourselves.***

Read Josh. 3:7, Josh. 3:16.

8.7: In what ways was this problem turned into a blessing, especially for Joshua? ***It showed that he was God's chosen leader and that God was with him as with Moses. It also made the courage of their enemies melt away in fear and dread of Israel's God.***

Read or refer to Acts 27.

8.8: How did God make the storm at sea and the shipwreck work out for Paul's good? ***He had foretold it by the Spirit of God so when what he warned of came to pass it gave him great credibility with all the soldiers and sailors on board the ship.***

Read Acts 28:1-6.

8.9: How did God make a deadly snakebite work out for Paul's good? ***It gave him credibility with all the natives, helping him lead them to Christ. It was a publicity miracle—because word of it spread rapidly all over the island.***

Read Acts 28:7-10.

8.10: The father of the chief official of the Island of Malta had a fever and dysentery. That must have been highly contagious. In what ways did God make that problem work out for Paul's good? ***Jesus used Paul to heal the old man and then the entire island brought their sick to Paul and Jesus healed them. Christianity swept the island. When they had to leave they had favor with the people and were given all the supplies they needed.***

Read Phil. 1:12-14.

8.11: In what two ways did God cause the problem of Paul's chains of imprisonment to work out for good? ***The gospel was spread through the whole palace guard of Ceazar. Other Christians became more bold to stand firm for Christ.***

Reflection:

- Can you think of a third way that Paul's imprisonment worked out for his good?

- *Many of the Jews who rejected Jesus wanted to kill Paul. By being in a Roman prison he was kept from assassination and had time to write his epistles to the churches.*

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8.12: Problems are not **blessings** unless they are converted.

8.13: What are problems, actually? *Hint: They are raw material for a **miracle** .*

8.14: As people of faith who want to see God glorified we should never leave problems **unconverted** .

Read Heb. 4:9.

8.15: Jesus is the source of what? **Eternal salvation.**

Read Ps. 34:19.

8.16: God is not the source of the what? **Problems.**

8.17: God is the source of what? **Solutions.**

Read Deut. 28:1-14.

8.18: When we love and obey God, our enemies may rise up against us from one direction but in how many directions will they flee? **In seven different directions.**

Reflection:

- What is the difference between being “*trial conscious*” and “*blessing conscious*”?
- *Hint: It has to do with what you expect.*
- *A trial conscious person expects problems to stay problems and even expects them to be ruinous. A blessing conscious person expects problems to be converted to blessings by God’s grace. They expect problems to work out for their good.*

Read Gal. 3:13-14.

8.19: We are redeemed in Christ so we can be **blessed** with the blessings of who/what? **Abraham and the promise of the Holy Spirit.**

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8.20: We must put our faith in what? **Christ’s atoning work.**

Read Rom. 10:17.

8.21: How does faith come? **By hearing God’s word, which in effect is a revelation of God’s will.**

Reflection:

- We should do everything we can to get rid of the things that are the opposite of faith and trust in God. What are those things?
- *Fear, worry, fretting, apprehension, unbelief, doubt*
- Why do so many of our problems stay problems?
- Why do we often fail to get them converted to blessings and miracles?
- *We label them as problems, not as miracles in raw material form. We don’t even try to believe they will convert. Often we have internal problems.*

Read Matt. 23:26.

8.22: Before we ask God to help us clean up the external problems in our lives we should ask Him to help us clean up the **internal** problems of our lives.

Reflection:

- If faith is “*out of order*” because we are trying to get external problems to convert without first cleaning the inside of our hearts and minds (cups and dishes) what happens?
- *Hint: The answer starts with Z and rhymes with toe and flow.) Zero, nothing.*

Read Jn. 14:15.

8.23: If we love God we will **obey** God.

Read Jn. 2:7-10.

8.24: Did this command make sense to the natural mind? ***Not at all. It made no sense whatsoever.***

Reflection:

- God probably has some plan to turn your problem into a miracle.
- Do you agree?
- Will you ask Him to reveal it to you?

Please look at the drawing on page 80.

- Have you ever rejoiced over some good thing that happened and then said, “*I can’t believe it!*”?
- Have you ever grumbled about a problem and said, “*That figures!*”

8.25: What should believers say when something good happens? ***That figures! I’m in a covenant with God through Christ!***

8.26: What should believers say if something bad happens? ***I don’t believe that’s going to stay a problem. There’s got to be a blessing in this. I believe this is going to be converted into some kind of a blessing or miracle.***

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8.27: When the fog wouldn’t lift the author believed it would some how work out for good. Please list the six different ways it turned out for good: ***(1) He got a refund of an airplane ticket and made \$27 profit. (2) He got to have a late dinner with his wife at a nice hotel. (3) He got to sleep in a hotel instead of an airport chair. (4) His wife sold \$78 in books. (5) His meeting was held over so (6) he did not miss the last offering and the next day he started a bus ministry for that church, signing up 22 children to ride their vans.***

Read Matt. 14:14-16.

8.28: What was the problem? ***The people were hungry and far from any place to get food.***

8.29: What did the disciples ask Jesus to do with the problem? ***They wanted Jesus to make the problem go away!***

8.30: What did Jesus want to do with the problem? ***He wanted to turn the problem into a miracle.***

Reflection:

- Do we often act like the disciples and pray that God will make our problems just go away

- instead of praying that God will convert them to blessings and miracles for His glory?
- At this present time in your life have you been asking God to make some problem “go away?”

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8.31: What kind of a problem is a drunk neighbor with a chain saw? Is it an internal problem or an external problem? ***It's an external problem.***

8.32: How did God turn that problem into a blessing for the author? ***The damaged trees resulted in an insurance settlement that paid for the paper needed to print the songbooks so that the loan could be repaid.***

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Remember that Joshua said to the people, “Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you,” (Josh. 3:5 NKJV).

8.33: If you have been living in doubt, unbelief, grumbling, complaining and self-pity what should you do so that the Lord can work wonders for you and turn your problems into blessings? ***You should ask for the Holy Spirit to cleanse your heart from all the doubt and unbelief.***

8.34: If you have been disobedient you should repent and start obeying.

8.35: If you have been bitter you should forgive .

8.36: If you have been critical you should do what? ***Pray for the person you were judging.***

8.37: Then God will give you the plan that if followed will lead to what? ***The problem converting to a miracle.***

From page 83

8.38: What kind of problem is more dangerous? (circle one)

A. External problem like a hurricane, shipwreck or snakebite?

B. An internal problem like hate, unforgiveness, stubborn rebellion, lust, greed?

Reflection:

- What kind of problems are Christians usually more alarmed about: internal problems or external problems? *Let them say it—but the answer is external problems.*
- Why should we be more concerned with internal problems than with external ones?
- *There are many reasons, but list a few... external problems could never send us to hell, only kill our bodies at worst. Internal problems cut us off from intimate fellowship with God, but external problems cause us to depend upon God and draw closer.*

Prayer: Read James 5:16 and then pray for each other.

This is another example that shows we should get rid of internal problems first before we ask God to deal with physical problems.

- Would you like someone to pray with you about a persistent internal problem?
- If that's all fixed up with God's help would you like someone to pray with you so that an external problem converts to a blessing?

Chapter 9: Beware of Internal Problems

From page 83

9.1: What kind of problem is more dangerous, an internal problem or an external problem?

An internal problem

9.2: The author learned a great lesson of life and of faith when God spoke to him about being afraid of the devil...

"Never be afraid of the devil if he's outside of you. Only be afraid of the devil if you let him in on the inside, a little bit at a time. Then be terrified of the devil."

9.3: External problems won't convert to blessings if we hold on to our internal problems.

9.4: If we hold on to our internal problems then external problems will pound us to pieces.

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9.5: List the four areas of internal problems God warned the author about: ***(1) Unbelief, (2) Disobedience, (3) Bitterness, (4) Critical Judgment of Others.***

Read or refer to Judges 4 and refer to the entire book of Judges.

9.6: When an external problem oppressed Israel year after year, in every case, it was because they had allowed two kinds of internal problems to develop in their hearts. What are those two kinds of very serious internal problems? ***(1) Rebellion and (2) Idolatry.***

9.7: What always happened when they repented and got rid of their internal problems? God always gave them two things: ***(2) He gave them an anointed leader, and (2) He gave them victory over their external problems, over the enemy.***

Read Prov. 1:23 in various translations.

9.8: If we turn at God's reproof what two things will He do for us? ***(1) He will pour out His Spirit upon us, and (2) He will make His words known to us—speak to us or open up the Bible to us.***

Read Prov. 28:13.

9.9: What do we find if we confess our sins and renounce them? ***We find mercy.***

Read Prov. 28:13.

9.10: What happens if we conceal our sins? ***We do not prosper.***

Read Prov. 3:11-12.

9.11: Who does the Lord discipline and correct? ***Those he loves.***

Read Prov. 6:23.

9.12: The corrections of discipline are what? ***Life.***

Read Ecc. 7:5.

9.13: What would worldly people prefer to hear? ***The songs of fools.***

9.14: What would a humble person prefer to hear? **A rebuke from a wise person.**

Note: We do two things to get into Christ. We repent and believe, meaning, we believe Jesus is God in human form, the Lord.

9.15: What are the two things that are the opposite of repenting and believing? **(1) Rebellion, and (2) Idolatry.**

Read Matt. 7:21-23.

9.16: If people who believe Jesus is Lord and who call Him Lord die in rebellious willful sin without repenting what did Jesus say would happen to them? **He said they would be forgotten by God and end up in hell.**

Read Acts 19:13-16.

9.17: Many will say that the crowd of preachers in hell that Jesus referred to in Matt. 7:21-23 never actually knew the Lord. But if that was the case, how did they have authority to drive out demons when the unbelievers couldn't do it? **It seems they once were true believers because only true believers in Christ have authority over demons.**

Note: The author believes that the preachers in hell once knew the Lord but grew hard in heart, fell into sin, and let it harden into rebellion or idolatry. They died without repenting and so God completely forgot that He ever knew them. He forgot the great revivals they had, the churches they built, the miracles they were used to do. This doesn't need to terrify us, but rather should give us a reverential fear of God so that we don't start allowing various sins to become habitual in our lives as if obedience to God doesn't matter.

Read Ezek. 3:20-21.

9.18: When righteous people sin willfully and know it, yet refuse to repent and die in that condition, will God remember all the righteous things they did? **No. He will forget their righteousness.**

Read 1 Cor. 9:27.

9.19: Paul never forgot this. He made sure his spirit man ruled over his what? **His physical man, or body.**

Read Ezek. 18:21-24.

9.20 God is either going to forget your righteousness or forget your sin. As long as you do not die in rebellion or idolatry God will forget all your sin.

Note: Read Col. 1:21-23 .

No one obeys perfectly but imperfect obedience is very different from willful rebellion. Those who want to obey, who love the Lord and are trying to please Him don't do it perfectly. But they can be sure of their salvation because God has them covered in the blood of Jesus as long as they don't move from the hope held out in the gospel. They could move. You could move, but you don't want to, right?

Refer to Col. 1:21-23.

9.21: Write out the three ways God sees true believers through the blood of Christ: **(1) Holy in God's sight, (2) without a blemish or fault, and (3) free from accusation.**

Note: We can truly say, “God has me covered. I’m safe in my salvation. I’m secure. I will not move from the hope held out in the gospel. He sees me as if I’m already perfected. I look holy in His sight, without a blemish and free from accusations from the devil! Thank God for the blood of Jesus!

Read Col. 1:27.

9.22: The hope we must not move away from is stated in this verse. What is it? ***Christ in you, the hope of glory. It’s the hope of being conformed to Jesus’ image.***

Note: The author tells people that salvation is defined as “power to become Christ-like.” This is from Jn. 1:12. The word for “sons” of God is the Greek word for adult sons. This means salvation is power to grow up into Christ. People get confused when they think salvation is a free ticket to heaven. Many want to go to heaven but have rejected the idea of being made like Christ. They do not want to be like Christ and forgive or do God’s will. But they believe mentally in Jesus and want to go to heaven. They willfully lay aside the gift of salvation, which is power to become like Jesus and instead hang onto an artificial “free ticket to heaven.” They have rejected the purpose of salvation (to make them like Christ) but think they are still holding on to salvation itself! If we hold onto the purpose of salvation we’ll be holding on to salvation itself and will surely end up living with God forever.

If you want to make sure you are holding onto your salvation then keep on embracing the purpose of it. Keep on desiring to be conformed to the image of Jesus. That way you’ll never move from the hope held out in the gospel, which is Christ in you—the hope of glory!

9.23: The blood of Jesus covers imperfect obedience but does not cover willful rebellion.

Note: If you understand this you will live securely in your salvation without ever changing the grace of God into some license for sin.

Reflection:

- Those who pervert God’s grace into a license for immorality believe that you can live any old way, sin as much as you want to, never change, never repent and still go to heaven. Let’s be secure in our salvation but never try to abuse it and misuse God’s grace.
- Can you agree with that?

Read Jn. 15:1-7.

9.24: Jesus said we must abide or remain in Him. That means we always have a choice, a free will.

Read Jn. 15:6.

9.25: What happens to branches, people, who do not remain in Jesus? ***They are thrown away and wither. Finally, they are picked up and thrown into the fire of eternal judgment.***

Read Deut. 17:14-20.

9.26: What did God say a king of Israel must not do? ***He must not acquire a great number of horses or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them. He must not take many wives for himself. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold.***

Read 1 Kings 10:26-29 and 1 Kings 11:3.

9.27: Did Solomon pay any attention to God's special commandments for a king? ***No. He did just the opposite.***

Read 1 Kings 11:4.

9.28: What happened to his heart? ***His heart was turned away from God and become disloyal to God.***

9.29: King Solomon, who wrote three books of the Bible, went into both rebellion and idolatry.

Read 1 Kings 11:14 and 1 Kings 11:23.

9.30: God doesn't normally raise up adversaries against his own children.

9.31: These problems that wouldn't convert to blessings, but remained problems were a sign from God to Solomon that his very soul was in danger! God was being faithful to warn him.

Read Col. 1:21-23.

9.32: What is the big if we all have to remember? We're holy in God's sight if—what? ***If we continue in our faith, steadfast and firm and do not move away from the hope held out in the gospel, the hope of being fully conformed to Christ's image.***

Read Col. 1:27 and Rom. 8:29.

9.33: We hold onto the hope of the Gospel when we love the idea of being fully conformed to the image of Jesus!

Read Jn. 3:20-21.

9.34: If we'll come to the light God will always keep us under the blood of Jesus.

Read Jn. 8:29.

9.35: There is safety in having a heart that wants to please God.

Read Prov. 4:23.

9.36: What should we guard with all diligence? ***Our hearts.***

Read Prov. 26:3 and Prov. 9:8-9.

9.37: God's main method of correction for His own is His word. He doesn't want to have to use His rod of correction.

Read 1 Tim. 1:18-19.

9.38: People who shipwrecked their faith did not hold on to two things. What were they? ***(1) Faith, and (2) a good conscience.***

9.39: If we held onto our faith that Christ is Lord we would not go into idolatry. If we held onto a good conscience we would never go into rebellion.

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9.40: In the shipwreck of faith, is the stubborn rebellious person the only one who is endangered? ***No.***

Reflection:

- Why would the shipwreck of a person's faith, especially if they were a person of some authority and influence, be a danger to others?
- *Others might follow their bad example. Others might stumble over their failure, and lose their faith. Others might become bitter and angry over their failure.*

Read Matt. 15:14.

9:41: What happens to those who follow a willfully rebellious or idolatrous person? ***They end up in the same ditch or pit as the rebellious leader.***

Note: *The higher our position of authority the more careful we must be lest others follow us into error.*

Reflection:

- Can you think of some Biblical examples where someone led others into idolatry or rebellion?
- *King Jeroboam, the first king of Israel after it was divided from Judah.*
- *The Pharisees who rejected Christ.*

Read Gal. 4:19.

9:42: When the Galatian Christians were going back to the Law and attempting to earn their salvation which would cause them to “*fall away from grace*” as Paul put it, what did Paul do? ***He went into travailing intercession for them.***

Prayer: Pray that God will always keep you for His very own. Tell God, “*I want to be kept.*” Ask God to give you more love than ever. Invite the coaching of the Holy Spirit. Thank God that your sins are forgiven and that Christ has you covered by His blood. Thank God that He is conforming you to the image of Christ. Tell God, “*I like that idea! I want to be like Jesus.*”

Chapter 10: Discernment Versus Pride

Read Ps. 36:1-4.

10.1: If we flatter ourselves or receive flattery from others so that we become prideful we won't be able to **detect** our sins and we won't be able to **hate** our sin.

Read Prov. 16:18.

10.2: What is one reason so many people who were godly fell into sin? ***They became prideful and couldn't detect or hate their own sin.***

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10.3: When pride comes what leaves? ***Discernment leaves.***

Read Jer. 9:6.

10.4: When pride comes in what rides in on its back? ***Deception.***

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10.5: Why is discernment such a wonderful thing? ***It keeps us from falling. It helps us detect our sin. If we mess up we can see it, feel it and sense it.***

Remember Samson? (Book of Judges, 13:1 through 16:31)

10.6: The praise of men is like the woman who subdued Samson. What was her name? ***Delilah.***

10.7: The praise of men seems similarly loving, warm, cuddly but it's out to do what? ***Take away our spiritual power and then destroy us.***

Read Prov. 29:5.

10.8: The person who flatters others is doing what to them? ***Spreading a net for their feet.***

Read Jn. 5:41.

10.9: What does Jesus not accept? ***Glory from people.***

Read Jn. 17:4.

10.10: Jesus always wants to glorify or bring glory to who? ***His heavenly father.***

Read Matt. 23:5.

10.11: Jesus strongly rebuked the Pharisees for their evil heart motivation. What was it? ***They did everything to be seen and heard of men.***

Read or refer to Matt. 6:1-18.

10.12: Jesus told us to do three things in secret so that we wouldn't be tempted by the praise of men. What are those three things? ***(1) Pray in secret. (2) Fast in secret. (3) Give in secret.***

From pages 101-103

10.13: We should want to encourage others but never flatter others.

Reflection: Read Mk. 12:17.

- What is the difference between encouragement of others, which God wants us to do, and flattering others, which God forbids us to do?
- *Flattery gives God's glory to people, which they do not deserve.*
- *Encouragement gives them what they need and the gratitude that is due them.*

10.14: Never give the glory to people but only to God. It belongs only to Him.

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10.15: What did Katherine Kulhman say over and over in her great healing rallies? ***"Lord, we vow to give you all the glory!"***

From page 104

10.16: The author relates how God spoke to him, "When you win the crown don't bow down and worship your image in it." If we take the glory for our achievement instead of giving the glory to God then our achievement can become an idol of self worship.

Read 1 Tim. 3:1,6.

10.17: An overseer who becomes conceited and fails to repent of pride and self idolatry will share the same fate as who? ***As the devil himself.***

Note: The author calls scriptures such as 1 Tim. 3:1,6 Matt. 23:5 and Prov. 29:5 “Pride Busters.”

Reflection:

- Why would it be a good idea to memorize a lot of “Pride Buster” scriptures?
- *We all will be tempted to be proud and since it’s so dangerous, we should protect ourselves with verses that can immediately take captive prideful thoughts. (See 2 Cor. 10:5)*

Read Isa. 42:8.

10.18: What does God keep just for Himself? ***The glory.***

Reflection: Read Rev. 4:11 and Rev. 5:9.

- Why won’t God give His glory to any other being?
- *Since they don’t deserve it would be a lie, and God is always truthful.*

Read Matt. 10:19-20.

10.19: Who is the really great preacher, teacher and excellent speaker? ***The Holy Spirit who gives us the anointing to speak.***

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10.20: What is the key word in being a great achiever? ***Dependency.***

From page 107

10.21: Write out the seven steps of the Cycle of Success: ***(1) Depend upon God. (2) Seek God. (3) Hear God. (4) Obey God. (5) Persist in obedience. (6) Achieve through God’s power. (7) Return the glory to God.***

10.22: From God’s viewpoint, no man or woman is a success but we can all cycle in success with God. God is the only true success who never fails .

10.23: Many people start thinking, “*I have succeeded. Therefore, I am a success.*” God cautioned the author to avoid that kind of thinking. Why? ***We do not remain a success just because we had a success. We could break the cycle and go into failure very quickly. We must continue to depend upon God and do the other steps as well. That way we cycle in success with God. We enter into His success.***

Reflection:

- It would be better to say, “*God has given me successes but I could fail badly if I don’t keep following Him carefully so that I can cycle in success with Him.*” Why?
- *Because it’s true! King Uzziah is an example of someone who broke the cycle of success after he had been successful in God for many years, (see 2 Chron. 26:16).*

10.24: How many kings in the Bible broke the cycle of success? ***All.***

Read Ps. 127:11 (Another Pride Buster Scripture).

10.25: It is what God does through us that counts .

Read 2 Sam. 5:17-25.

10.26: How many cycles of success does David go through in this portion of Scripture? ***Two.***

Reflection:

- Go verse by verse and talk about each step in the cycle of success.
- What verse shows that he started a new cycle after one had ended?
- 2 Sam. 5:23

Read 2 Chron. 32:24-26.

All of the kings in the Bible broke the cycle of success but some got back in it.

10.27: What step in the cycle of success did Hezekiah fail to do? ***He failed to give God the glory for a big miracle.***

10.28: How did King Hezekiah get back in the Cycle of Success? ***He repented of the pride of his heart.***

10.29: After your big achievement you must do two things. What are they? ***(1) You must return the glory to God. (2) You must go right back to depending upon God.***

Prayer: Express to God your total dependency upon Him. Give Him the glory and the praise for whatever He has used you to do in the past. Tell Him you'd like to hear from Him again and do whatever He wants. If you are weary in obeying and need to persist then ask for more strength so that the achievement can be done in His power.

Chapter 11: The Test Of Tears

From page 110 and 1 Cor. 13:2

11.1: If your knowledge increases but love doesn't increase you will likely get out of balance.

Read Gal. 5:6.

11.2: What is the only thing that counts? ***Faith expressing itself through love.***

Read Phil. 1:9-11.

11.3: If you wanted to pray correction into someone's life what is the one thing that would tend to correct everything? ***God's love.***

Read 1 Jn. 2:1.

11.4: How does Jesus act in regard to His own—as a prosecutor or as a defense attorney? ***An advocate. Like a defense attorney.***

Read Matt. 7:1-2.

11.5: What will happen to us if we act like the judge of other believers and people? ***We will be judged by God.***

11.6: To what measure or extreme will we be judged? ***In the measure we judged we will be judged.***

Reflection: Read of refer to the Book of Jonah.

- What did Jonah want God to do to the people of Nineveh?
- *He wanted God to destroy them as threatened.*

Read Jer. 9:1, Jer. 13:17, Jer. 14:17 and Lam. 2:11.

- Jeremiah warned of coming destruction but when it came was he happy about it?
- When you see a relative or church member falling into bad sin do you weep for them?

11.7: The Test of Tears tests us to see how much love we have.

Reflection:

- If we are just angry over people's sins and we do not or cannot weep for them how spiritual are we, really?
- *Not as spiritual as we should be.*
- Would you agree with the author that we often flunk the Test of Tears and act a lot more like Jonah than Jeremiah?

Read Acts 20:19 and Verse 31.

11.8: When Paul warned people, did he do it in an angry judgmental way? **No. He did it with tears of compassion.**

Read 2 Cor. 2:4.

11.9: When Paul had to write a strong letter of correction to the Corinthian believers, did he write it in human anger? **No.**

Read Phil. 3:18-19.

11.10: When Paul even talked about people who were enemies of the cross of Christ did he talk about them in an angry scornful way? **No, he felt very sorry for them.**

Refer again to Phil. 3:18-19.

11.11: What did Paul do for the enemies of the Cross of Christ? **He wept for them.**

Reflection:

- It's easy to think of a politician or some obnoxious newscaster and just wish God would make them shut up! We often would not care if God whacked them right out of this life if only God would silence their voices. We feel we are right and they are so very wrong. But before we get to feeling too exalted in our spirituality, we should take the Test of Tears. That will remind us immediately that we have a lot of room for spiritual improvement ourselves.
- Have you ever wept for anyone as you prayed for them?
- Many people are like vultures, just waiting for God to whack someone they don't like.
- Do we need more angry judgmental people who condemn others or do we have enough already?
- *We not only have enough, we have way to many already!*

Prayer: Tell God you are willing to let Him plug you into His grief over souls erring to eternal destruction. Admit to God that you need way more compassion and ask for it.

Read 1 Jn. 5:16.

11.12: What is the opposite of being a spiritual vulture? **Be an intercessor.**

11.13: Instead of asking God to whack erring sinners we should ask God to give them life.

Note: *If you are wondering what would constitute a “sin unto death” (See 1 Jn. 5:16) you can refer to Heb. 6:4-6. This could only be done by a mature believer who knew full well that they were permanently rejecting Jesus. So it’s very rare but occasionally it happens. Falling away doesn’t mean to fall into immorality. It means to reject Jesus as Lord. It would be of no use to pray for them or weep for them in such rare cases. This could never happen accidentally. If any Christian is afraid that they may have sinned unto death then they haven’t! Again, it cannot be done accidentally. Those who do sin unto death do not care. They have no concern.*

Chapter 12: So That Nothing Will Hinder Your Prayers

Read 1 Pet. 3:7-8.

12.1: If a man is mean to his wife how will that affect his prayers? ***It will hinder them.***

12.2: The more inconsiderate and disrespectful a person is to their mate the more their prayers will be hindered.

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12.3: Love in the home is a foundation for a life of effective prayer.

Read or refer to the story of Jephthah in Judges 11.

12.4: For victory on God’s battlefield under God’s anointing Jephthah sacrificed his family.

Reflection:

- What do you suppose this terrible unbiblical vow did to his marriage and to the mental health of his wife?

Read Judg. 12:7.

12.5: How many years after sacrificing his daughter did Jephthah live? ***He only lived six more years after this horrible event.***

Reflection:

- What do you suppose Jephthah died of?
- *We don’t know, but a broken heart of constant regret surely shortened his life.*

Note: *This is what the author calls “The sickest story in the Bible!”*

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12.6: When the author asked God why he put such a story in the Bible what did God say? ***God said, “I put it in there for people like you!” Meaning—all of us!***

Reflection:

- Lots of people do something similar to Jephthah in order to gain success in their careers, in their businesses, or even in ministry. How is that so?

From page 117

12.7: The Pyramid of Priorities is about rightly dividing our time among the different priority areas of life.

12.8: What should your #1 priority be? ***Time with God.***

12.9: What should your #2 priority be? ***Your health.***

12.10: Why isn't your family your #2 priority? ***A dead servant can't serve anybody.***

12.11: List the other priority areas and number up...

Priority #7: The lost

Priority #6: The Brethren—church people

Priority #5: Work/Career

Priority #4: Children

Priority #3: Mate

Read Matt. 28:18-20.

12.12: What should be the focus of all of our priorities, of our lives? ***Bringing the lost to Christ and fully discipling them to obey Jesus in all things.***

Read Col. 3:15.

The word "rule" in the original Greek could be translated "umpire." A baseball umpire would rule if a ball is in bounds or out of bounds.

12.13: The peace of God acts like an inner umpire.

12.14: If you are spending too much time at work the peace of God in your heart will lift and you won't feel peaceful.

12.15: If the peace of God in your heart lifts that's a sign you need to switch to a different priority.

Reflection:

- Why would we need to depend upon the inner peace of God ruling what is in bounds or out of bounds?
- Why couldn't we just plan out a weekly schedule of who and what gets this or that amount of time and stick to that?
- *These things are fluid and change every day. One day we might need to take the entire day with God, or for a medical appointment, etc. It constantly changes.*

12.16: Only God can guide you into the just right division of your time for each different day and night.

Reflection:

- Why is that true?

- *God is the one we are trying to please. He knows the way He would like us to spend our time so that we are always doing His will.*

12.17: If we are constantly trying to please people instead of trying to please God what is going to happen to us? ***We'll be very conflicted and frustrated because each person has their own opinion of how we should be spending our time so that we do what they want.***

12.18: Why would the person who follows God's inner leading of the Spirit be a lot happier than someone who is trying to please people with completely different views of what is important and what should be done right now? ***You can please one Master, but you can't please two, and certainly not many masters. The person who just lives to please God can please Him and feel His approval.***

12.19: The inner peace of God will help you shift from one priority area to another without grinding your mental and emotional gears.

Note: *A trucker has to shift gears, a lot!*

Read 1 Pet. 3:7-8.

12.20: If a husband doesn't spend any time with his wife he isn't treating her with what? ***Respect or consideration.***

Read Eph. 4:29.

12.21: We can say "I love you" by what we don't say.

From page 119

12.22: Angry words erode relationships.

Read or refer to Gen. 21.

It's the story of Sarah commanding Abraham to "Get rid of that slave woman's son!" (Verse 10)

Reflection:

- The matter distressed Abraham greatly because the boy was his son!
- Did he yell at Sarah? Did he fly into a rage? Did he tell her she was selfish or evil?

12.23: Abraham kept his mouth shut and went for a prayer walk. God spoke to him and told him what to do.

Reflection:

- What happens when we are greatly distressed and we have neglected our relationship with God so that we can't hear or find His direction when we need it?
- *We do and say the wrong things! We make a mess of things.*

Read Phil. 2:1-2.

12.24: We want to be like minded with who? ***Jesus.***

Note: *That's because He's always going about to encourage someone, comfort someone, show interest in someone, show tenderness to someone or use His power to help someone (compassion).*

Read Phil. 2:1-2.

12.25: What five things does Jesus supply in a relationship? **(1) Encouragement, (2) comfort, (3) fellowship, (4) tenderness, and (5) compassion.**

12.26: Compassion is love using its power to help someone.

Read Phil. 2:4.

12.27: Fellowship is time together pursuing the same interests.

Reflection:

- What would be some ways we could encourage someone?
- *Saying thank you, expressing appreciation, complimenting them.*
- What else can you think of?
- *Since people are different what comforts the husband might not comfort the wife.*
- Why is it a good idea to ask your mate what you could do to be a special comfort to him or her?

Read 1 Jn. 4:19.

12.28: What is the Law of First Love? ***We love God because he first loved us.***

Reflection:

- How could we apply the law of first love in our relationships?
- *We could set out to meet their emotional needs first before they meet our own.*

Note: *The DVD goes into more detail on the subject of tenderness than the book. In the DVD the author shares that the first way to be tender is to not force your will or decision upon someone. That's not tender.*

12.29: The second way to show tenderness is to treat interruptions as opportunities to put value on our loved ones.

12.30: The third way to show tenderness is to have “scenic trip” conversations where we talk in an unhurried way for the purpose of bonding rather than for the purpose of solving problems.

From the DVD

12.31: What was the author doing when a fiery tangible anointing from God came into his hands and feet? ***He was doing the family laundry, to help his wife, as God had been teaching him.***

Note: *The author typically helps his wife by folding towels, doing dishes, and cleaning the kitchen floor.*

Reflection:

- Since the most powerful anointing of the author's life came while he was doing laundry for the family, do you think that says something about what God thinks is important and what God will bless?

Note: From page 126.

Mark 2 tells of the men who carried their paralyzed friend up on a roof top, tore off the roof tiles and lowered him down before Jesus. They probably didn't do that perfectly. But they got him down in front of Jesus.

Read Mk. 2:5.

12.32: Their actions showed Jesus their faith, then Jesus did what they could not do.

12.33: If you will do your best to say I love you in seven ways, you won't do it perfectly, but your efforts will show your faith. Then what will God do? ***The part you cannot do.***

Reflection:

- Say I love you with your time. Say I love you by what you don't say.
- Say I love you by planting five miracle seeds of encouragement, comfort, fellowship, tenderness and compassion.

Prayer: Ask God to plant this message deep into your heart so that you think of it every day. Ask God to help you be very sensitive to His inner leading of peace. Ask God to help you control your tongue and keep it from speaking condemning words that erode relationships. Ask God to give you ideas as to how to supply the five important emotional needs to your family first and then to others around the world.

Chapter 13: Try Hard To Be Reconciled

From page 127

13.1: A life of effective prayer is built upon reconciliation.

13.2: A simple way to promote reconciliation is to say I am sorry. I was wrong.

Reflection:

- Remember the Seagull illustration in Chapter 3?
- What does the author mean when he says, "*Sometimes we are the bird!*"
- *Sometimes we do something wrong to others and are not even aware of it, or perhaps we know we were wrong but do not want to humbly admit it.*
- If we do wrong to someone God wants us to go back and make it right.
- Why does it take more spirituality to say "*I was wrong, please forgive me,*" than to say, "*I forgive you*"?
- *We can forgive and feel smug and superior but it takes way more humility to admit we were wrong and ask forgiveness.*

From page 127

13.3: To get blessings from giving, fasting or praying there must be blessings in the spiritual pipeline.

Reflection:

- How many rooms in your house have faucets?
- Do you know where the master shut off valve is for the water in your home?

13.4: Who controls the master valve that either opens the flow of blessings or shuts off the flow of blessings? **Only God.**

13.5: You and I only control the faucets of prayer, fasting and giving.

13.6: However, our reconciliation or lack of it determines what God does with the master valve of blessings.

Read 2 Sam. 21.

13.7: Why did God shut off the master valve of blessing for Israel during David's reign? ***It was because David's predecessor, King Saul, had put to death most of the Gibeonites who were Hittite people that had surrendered to Joshua and were in a treaty of protection with Israel.***

13.8: The unreconciled past was affecting the present.

Read 2 Sam. 21:3.

13.9: David seemed to know that in order to get God to bless Israel with rain he'd have to first get the blessings of who? ***The offended party, the Gibeonites.***

Note: *Many Christians think they don't need to be blessed by the people they have wronged. They assume they can walk on, leave conflict unresolved, never say they are sorry, never make it right and still have God's blessing. They waste their lives trying to get God's blessing when all the time they need to be seeking the blessing of those they have wronged.*

Reflection:

- Do you think most Christians and sinners alike are ignorant of these facts?

Read Ps. 84:11.

13.10: Does God withhold blessings when people are not walking uprightly? **Of course.**

Reflection: Read Matt. 5:23.

- What would be a modern way to apply this verse since we don't have an Old Testament altar to lay the gift beside?
- *You could leave your donation check at church with the pastor but tell him not to run it through the bank until you reconcile with someone, making things right.*
- Why does the author believe this is the most neglected command of Christ?
- *He doesn't believe anyone ever leaves their checks at church with instructions to the pastor not to run it through the bank until reconciliation happens.*

Read Isa. 58:1-6.

13.11: Why was God refusing to answer their prayers even though they were fasting? ***They were being mean to each other and not making it right. They were striking each other but not saying they were sorry.***

Read Mal. 2:13-16.

13.12: This man was flooding God's altar with tears. Yet he could not get God to answer his prayer. Why? ***God was acting as a witness between him and a young wife he had rejected. He had not apologized for his hard heart and the pain he had caused her.***

Note: *Many people have suffered divorce, some more than once. They can't go back and remarry the people they divorced.*

13.13: But they could go back and admit where they were wrong and ask for forgiveness.

From page 130

13.14: Breaking faith is like breaking an electrical circuit. It turns off a spiritual light.

Read Jn. 13:35.

13.15: How will all men know we are disciples of Jesus? ***If we love one another.***

Read Ps. 133:1-3.

13.16: Loving unity brings what? ***The anointing of God's Spirit.***

13.17: God bestows His blessings where brethren are blessing each other.

Refer to 2 Sam. 21.

13.18: The seven male descendants of King Saul who were put to death had never repented for what? ***The sins of the fathers, namely of Saul's sin.***

Read Lev. 26:40-42.

13.19: If we know the sins of our fathers we should do what? ***Repent of them and if possible, make acts of restitution.***

Reflection: Read Lev. 26:40-42.

- It says they should "pay" for the sins of the fathers. This is talking about making it right in some way, making some form of restitution.

Read 2 Sam. 21 and from pages 132-133.

13.20: Why did David "dig up the past"? ***The past had been affecting the present. He dug it up to properly reconcile it. Then he reburied it once and for all.***

13.21: People often say, "It's in the past. Just leave it alone. It's better not to dig it up." But that's only true if the past has been properly reconciled.

Reflection:

- We might need to do like David did: he dug up the past, he made it right, and then he reburied it.
- Do you think a lot of people just bury the past when it was never properly reconciled and then wonder why the rains of blessings don't fall?

13.22: It takes time and effort to make it right.

Read 2 Sam. 21:14.

13.23: When did God answer prayer again for the land so that rain would come? ***When the past was properly reconciled and the offended people blessed Israel.***

Reflection:

- Wouldn't it be wonderful if God helped us all find the right way to say, "*I was wrong. I am truly sorry. Will you forgive me?*"

From page 134 and Lev. 26:40-42.

13.24: King Saul wasn't David's ancestor. He was his predecessor.

13.25: We should seek to reconcile the past wrongs done by who? ***Our own ancestors/ fathers or by our predecessors.***

Note: For instance, if a former pastor had done something bad in the community without making it right, the next pastor should ask God for steps to make it right. If a businessman takes over some business that had cheated customers, the new owner should make the past right so that it won't affect future business.

13.26: We should especially concentrate on seeking to reconcile when we ourselves have done what? ***Committed the wrong and we are the guilty one.***

Reflection: Read Lk. 12:58

- What kind of effort did Jesus say we should put into reconciliation?
- *He said we should try hard to be reconciled.*

Read James 3:2.

13.27: James doesn't think you are so spiritual. He thinks you stumble in many ways. If that's true, then shouldn't you say "*I'm sorry*" more often?

Read Matt. 18:15-20.

13.28: We must also seek to reconcile with those who have wronged us.

Reflection:

- Did you notice that Jesus tied answered prayer to the subject of reconciliation?
- *Verses 18-19 on prayer come right after verses 15-17.*

Read Mk. 11:22-25.

13.29: In these verses Jesus connects the subject of faith and getting answered prayers with what? ***With forgiveness.***

Read Matt. 18:15.

13.30: If someone has wronged you, what should you do as a first step in trying to reconcile? ***Go to them and tell them what they did wrong to you. Kindly, firmly confront them.***

Reflection:

- Who should you not go to and talk about it?
- *Don't discuss it with others to stir up anger or hard feelings against the person.*

Read Matt. 18:16.

13.31: If the first attempt to reconcile doesn't work out, what should you do? ***Take two others with you and try to get your point across again.***

Read Matt. 18:17.

13.32: And if the second attempt at reconciliation doesn't work what should you do? ***Take the dispute to the church (which might be a church board) It wouldn't be wise to stand up in a public service and air your complaint. But the pastor could set up some smaller select group to judge the dispute.***

Reflection:

- Why should you feel sorry for the person who wronged you but won't admit it?
- *They won't be able to get God's blessings when they pray, fast and give.*
- *The master valve of blessing will be closed in proportion to their hardness of heart.*

- Why should you avoid PLOM disease? (Poor Little Ol' Me)
- *If you were wronged, then you didn't do the wrong and God will still answer your prayers and still bless you when you fast and give.*

13.33: If after three ways of trying to reconcile and you have told it to the church you will know you have done your part to restore the person to a place where God could bless them again. But if they won't soften at all and remain obstinate then you must do what? ***Move on, but don't trust them.***

Read Tit. 3:10.

13.34: How many times should we warn a divisive person? ***Twice.***

13.35: We make reconciliation doubly hard if we wrong or insult the person who wronged or insulted us.

Read 1 Pet. 3:9.

13.36: If you repay evil with evil what won't you get? ***You won't get the blessing God would have given you for a loving response.***

13.37: We keep it simple when we refuse to wrong those who have wronged or hurt us.

13.38: By refusing to harm them back we avoid an internal problem and we only have an external problem to deal with. Plus we don't have to apologize, repent and ask forgiveness. We only need to forgive them and help them come back to a place of blessing.

Reflection:

- Do you think many people complicate things because they almost immediately strike back at those who hurt them?

Read 2 Cor. 5:19.

13.39: What kind of a ministry do we have? ***We have a ministry of reconciliation.***

Read Col. 1:21-23.

13.40: What did Christ do for us? He reconciled us by the death of His physical body and His bodily resurrection.

Reflection: Read Lk. 12:58.

- Will you try hard to reconcile with others?

Read Rom. 12:18.

13.41: It takes two to reconcile. We can only do what? ***As much as is possible on our end of things.***

Read Matt. 5:9 and James 3:18.

13.42: A person who works to help other people reconcile with each other is called a peacemaker.

13.43: From these verses what great things happen to those who help others reconcile?

Peacemakers will be blessed and will be called Children of God. Peacemakers reap a harvest of righteousness.

Read 1 Jn. 3:21-23.

13.44: Prayer without a loving heart is like faith without corresponding action.

From page 140-141

13.45: The desire to bring God massive glory is actually a what? ***A call to prayer.***

May you always walk in love with the help of the Holy Spirit so that you can be the kind of heart God always hears!

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