

# THE NEXT LEVEL

# BEREAN

B i b l e C l a s s

## ACTS 17:11

Acts 17:11 - Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

2 Tim 2:15 - Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth

1 Peter 3:15 - Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.



**Weekly  
Study  
Groups**



Dallas  
Theological  
Seminary



**Unlimited  
Resources**



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### **BEREAN Leadership class (Acts 17:11)**

#### **3 Types (or classifications) of Students:**

1. Attender – learning, growing, discipling
2. Leadership Prep. – Staff, Leaders, Ordination, and Board members
3. Accredited – **Global University** undergraduate, online degree \*

(additional fees, books, online exams required)

**BEREAN Study Group - Class requirements:**

Spring, Summer, Fall, or Winter Semester -

- 1. Attendance** - Attend each week for 12 weeks. Any absence must be made up. Any late arrival (after 5 minutes) will be considered a no show and must be re-taken.
- 2. Homework** – All assignments must be kept in a notebook. Any copies must be made before or after class. All tests must be turned in to instructor for credit.
- 3. Any Books** – or videos checked out from library, must be returned in good shape or paid for.
- 4. Public reports** – Will be given verbally in front of the class. Critique will be offered by other students. A Teachable, non-defensive posture will be expected from everyone.
- 5. Final Certificate** - of completion will be awarded for completion of the class. Class instructor may require any student to re-take part, or all of the sections if necessary. Certificate of completion does not necessarily guarantee recommendation for Ordination. Global University requirements are separate from the Berean Study Group.

Attendance chart:

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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**Recommended books –**

1. Spiritual Authority Watchman Nee
2. The Blessed Church Robert Morris
3. 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership John C Maxwell
4. NIV Quickview Bible
5. The Bible for Dummies
6. Thompson Topical bible
7. Biblical Doctrine of the Church William Robinson
8. A Survey of Bible Doctrine Charles C Ryrie

**Videos on Ministers and missions:**

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| 1. The Hiding Place / Corrie Ten Boom  | 11. The cross – Arthur Blessitt   |
| 2. The end of the spear                | 12. Mueller – obstacle to comfort |
| 3. The cross and the switchblade       | 13. William Booth – our people    |
| 4. First Fruits, Moravian missionaries | 14. China cry                     |
| 5. Entertaining Angels / Dorothy Day   | 15. The Apostle                   |
| 6. Hudson Taylor                       | 16. John Hus                      |
| 7. David Livingstone                   | 17. John Wycliffe                 |
| 8. Deitrich Bonhoeffer                 |                                   |
| 9. William Tyndale                     |                                   |
| 10. Martin Luther                      |                                   |

\* Evaluations of reports will follow P.I.E.

*(positive, instructional, encouraging)*

## GOD'S CALL (*getting the vision / revelation*)

### **God does not reveal himself to the masses**

- Do we listen to God or listen to people for direction and purpose?

"Thus the people were divided because of Jesus." (John 7:43 NIV)

- "...about sin, because people do not believe in me; (John 16:9 NIV)
- He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?" "Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!" (Exodus 32:21-24 NIV)
- Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism (Acts 10:34 NIV)

### **1. When God call someone he gives them a vision and revelation.**

### **2. When God call someone he delegates authority to them.**

- and to have authority to drive out demons. (Mark 3:15 NIV)
- They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority. (Luke 4:32 NIV)
- "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you authority to do this?" (Mark 11:28 NIV)
- Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20 NIV)

### **3. Those who are called by God become God's representatives or ambassadors**

- Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will

fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. (Ephesians 6:19, 20 NIV)

- We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:20 NIV)

- But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9 NIV)

**4. God does nothing until he first reveals it to his prophets.**

- Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets. (Amos 3:7 NIV)

**5. God always reveals himself before he reveals his plan**

**6. Rhema is the spoken word. Logos is the written word.**

**7. People often misunderstand the prophet because they are hardhearted toward God**

**8. Those who are called should never defend himself to people or try to prove their calling or authority. They do not need human approval. (Not people pleasers)**

- Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?” Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?” They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. (Matthew 21:23-27 NIV)

- They came to him and said, “Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you

teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? (Mark 12:14 NIV)

- They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. (Matthew 22:16 NIV)

**9. God often gives us a vision or a revelation, then he kills it. So when he brings it to pass we cannot take the credit or the glory.**

- Abraham/Isaac, • David Wilkerson, • the disciples/Jesus.

**10. Those whom God has apprehended or called, must study God's word and pray to hear God's voice. Otherwise they have nothing to say on God's behalf.**

**11. At the end of the day we should never do more than God told us to do, or less. To do more or less is sin.**

1 Sam 13 - Saul remained at Gilgal, and all the troops with him were quaking with fear.

8 He waited seven days, the time set by Samuel; but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and Saul’s men began to scatter. 9 So he said, “Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings.”

And Saul offered up the burnt offering. 10 Just as he finished making the offering, Samuel

arrived, and Saul went out to greet him. 11 “What have you done?” asked Samuel. Saul replied,

**“When I saw that the men were scattering,** and that you did not come at the set time, and that

the Philistines were assembling at Mikmash, 12 I thought, ‘Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the LORD’s favor.’ So I felt compelled to offer the

burnt offering.” 13 “You have done a foolish thing,” Samuel said. “You have not kept the

command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom

over Israel for all time. 14 But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a

man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the LORD’s command.”

1 Sam 15 - 20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have

gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.<sup>21</sup> **But the people** took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.<sup>22</sup> And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.<sup>23</sup> For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

**12. Hearing and obeying God's voice brings peace and security.**

**Not hearing and disobeying brings anxiety and insecurity.**

**13. Those who are called must find and pursue a mentor or more experienced "prophet" for wisdom and delegation of responsibility.**

*Eli was to Samuel, Jethro was to Moses, Paul was to Timothy, etc*

**14. If a person is truly called by God they are not dependent on title or position. They can still function in the office of their calling.**

- So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, (Ephesians 4:11 NIV)

**15. God calls many people (who make excuses or disqualify themselves) but only a few take up the responsibility of leadership.**

- Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ..."For many are invited, but few are chosen." (Matthew 22:1-14 NIV)



## **16. A shepherd's heart is different than a hireling.**

A hireling blames, complains and runs away, a shepherd takes responsibility to provide and protect (improve the situation, find solutions) he stays the course.

John 10:1-13 "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. 7 Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.[a] They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. 11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

1 Peter 5:1-4 To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: 2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. 5 In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward

one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Review the painting by William Hunt titled "Hireling Shepherd" and discuss the meaning.

**Humility and Servant Leadership:**

1. Define the following:

a. humility \_\_\_\_\_

b. pride \_\_\_\_\_

c. entitlement \_\_\_\_\_

d. servant \_\_\_\_\_

e. teachable \_\_\_\_\_

f. self-promoting \_\_\_\_\_

g. what does it mean to "*earn the right to speak into someone's life*"  
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2. Explain these verses on servant leadership – Mark 10:43-45, Luke 22:27, Phil 2:7, Luke 14:7-11  
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3. What happens when you lead from title or position? Matt 23:1-4  
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4. Why did Jesus wash the disciple's feet? John 13:4-9  
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5. Why did Peter reject the foot washing?  
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6. What is a bondservant? Exod 21:1-6, Rom 1:1, Phil 1:1, James 1:1, 2 Peter 1:1, Jude 1:1

7. What price does the servant leader have to pay? Matt 20:21,22

## Basic Bible memorization plan

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1. The 10 commandments
  2. The fruit of the spirit
  3. The armor of God
  4. The Lord's prayer
  5. The 23rd Psalm
  6. The beatitudes
  7. John 3:16
  8. The Romans road (Rom. 3:23, 6:23, 10:9)
  9. First 10 books of the OT, first 10 of the NT
  10. The stories of:

- a. Adam / Eve
- b. Noah
- c. Abraham
- d. Jacob / Esau
- e. Joseph
- f. Moses
- g. Samson
- h. David
- i. Jonah
- j. Jesus (Christmas, Disciples, Miracles, Easter)
- k. The Early church

The 10 commandments: Exodus 20:1-17

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The Fruit of the Spirit: Gal. 5:22,23

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The Armor of God Eph. 6:11-18

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| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

**The Lord's prayer Matt.6:9-13**

Our Father \_\_\_\_\_

Hallowed \_\_\_\_\_

Thy kingdom \_\_\_\_\_

Give us \_\_\_\_\_

Forgive \_\_\_\_\_

Lead \_\_\_\_\_

For Thine \_\_\_\_\_

**23rd Psalm**

The Lord \_\_\_\_\_

He makes \_\_\_\_\_

He leads \_\_\_\_\_

He guides \_\_\_\_\_

Even \_\_\_\_\_

I will \_\_\_\_\_

Your \_\_\_\_\_

You \_\_\_\_\_

In the \_\_\_\_\_

You \_\_\_\_\_

My \_\_\_\_\_

Surely \_\_\_\_\_

All \_\_\_\_\_

And I \_\_\_\_\_

**“ROMANS ROAD”** (or a basic plan of Salvation)

Romans 3:23

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Romans 6:23

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Romans 10:9

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John 1:12

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1 John 1:9

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Rev 3:20

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First 10 books of the Old Testament:

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| 3. _____ | 8. _____  |
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First 10 books of the New Testament:

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| 3. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____  |
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#### QUESTIONS

1. How many books are in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many are in the Old Test? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many are in the New Test? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the last book of the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who wrote most of the New Testament? \_\_\_\_\_
6. The Bible was written in what 2 languages? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Which book is a collection of poems and songs? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Which books are the recorded stories of Jesus life ? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which book tells about the beginning of the early church? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Which book tells about Abraham and Noah? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Which book first tells about Moses? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Who wrote most of the Psalms? \_\_\_\_\_

13. What is the book of Revelation about? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Who built the first temple? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Where was the temple built? \_\_\_\_\_

## **What We Believe**

Anew Church is built on a core set of beliefs that we call our Essential Beliefs. These are the beliefs in which we have unity and on which we base our fundamental decisions.

### **God**

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are coequal and are one God.

Genesis 1:1,26,27,3:22 Psalm 90:2 Matthew 28:19

1 Peter 1:2 2 Corinthians 13:14

### **Jesus Christ**

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is coequal with the Father and Holy Spirit. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven and will return again someday to earth to reign as King.

Matthew 1:22,23 Isaiah 9:6 John 1:1-5,14:10-30 Hebrews 4:14-15

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 Romans 1:3-4 Acts 1:9-11 1 Timothy 6:14-15 Titus 2:13

### **About the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is coequal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer spiritual gifts when they are saved. As Christians we seek to live under His control daily.

Acts 1:8 1 Corinthians 3:17 John 16:7-13,14:16-17 Galatians 5:25

1 Corinthians 2:12,3:16 Ephesians 1:13,5:18

### **About the Bible**

The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs about living. Because it is



inspired by God, it is truth without error.

2 Timothy 3:16, 1:13 2 Peter 1:20-21 Psalm 119:105, 160, 12:6 Proverbs 30:5

### **About Human Beings**

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin". Sin separates us from God and causes many problems in our life.

Genesis 1:27 Psalm 8:3-6 Isaiah 53:6a Romans 3:23 Isaiah 59:1-2

### **About Salvation**

Salvation is God's free gift to us but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

Romans 6:23 Ephesians 2:8-9 John 14:6, 1:2 Titus 3:5 Galatians 3:26 Romans 5:1, 10:9-10

### **About Eternity**

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life in Heaven. Heaven and hell are real places of eternal existence.

John 3:16, 14:17 Romans 6:23, 8:17-18 Revelation 20:15 1 Corinthians 2:7-9

### **In addition to Essential Beliefs, we uphold the following**

In Non-Essential Beliefs, we have liberty. Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters... Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls... So then each of us will give an account of himself to God... So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. In All our Beliefs, we show charity. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

Romans 14:1,4,12,22 1 Corinthians 13:2

## **Baptism into Water**

Every “believer” after a decision of faith should be baptized into water as an outward sign of an inward work. This symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and our commitment to follow Him in this way spiritually. **It is not a requirement to be saved**, often referred to as a “sacrament”. It is an “ordinance” or a commandment by Jesus, not a suggestion.

Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:1-4; Colossians 2:12

We do not require you to be a formal member of our church, or group to participate. We all should make a public profession that we have accepted Christ. We practice immersion of adults or children who are old enough to make their own personal decision to do so. This is usually a one time event, however, if someone has strayed from their faith as an adult (prodigal), they may be rebaptized as a sign of a renewed commitment to Christ. You do not need to be baptized to show a commitment to membership in this local church. If you are a candidate for the next “Baptism Bash” or celebration, we will offer you a free dark t-shirt and a towel. You should arrive at least 15 minutes early for instructions. You will receive a certificate with a photo to commemorate this event, and a video published online to share with friends or family who may not be able to attend.

## **Communion**

Any believer may participate in “open” communion at AnewChurch. Again, **this is not a requirement for salvation** (a sacrament), but it is an ordinance, or a commandment from Jesus to do this in remembrance of Him. The purpose of communion, or the Lord’s Supper, is an outward sign of an inward work. The bread (or cracker) represents the broken body of Christ, and the wine (or grape juice) represent His blood that was shed for our sins. The believer also identifies themselves as a part of the universal church, the Body of Christ. We will endeavor to explain the public process in a fresh, relevant way without becoming a stale ritual by the format in which we partake of the elements. This will usually happen monthly. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 22:17-20



**Advanced Religious Terminology:**

1. Syllabus \_\_\_\_\_
2. Hermeneutics \_\_\_\_\_
3. Homiletics \_\_\_\_\_
4. Spiritual gifts \_\_\_\_\_
5. Theology \_\_\_\_\_
6. Religion \_\_\_\_\_
7. Indoctrination (catechism) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Heresy \_\_\_\_\_
9. Inerrancy (infallibility) \_\_\_\_\_
10. Eschatology \_\_\_\_\_
11. Apologetics \_\_\_\_\_
12. Cannon of scripture \_\_\_\_\_
13. Apocrypha \_\_\_\_\_
14. Sola Fide \_\_\_\_\_
15. Sola Scriptura \_\_\_\_\_
16. Rhema \_\_\_\_\_
17. Logos \_\_\_\_\_
18. Reformation \_\_\_\_\_
19. Calvinism \_\_\_\_\_
20. Arminianism \_\_\_\_\_
21. Sacrament \_\_\_\_\_
22. Indulgences \_\_\_\_\_
23. Penance \_\_\_\_\_
24. Purgatory \_\_\_\_\_
25. Agnostic \_\_\_\_\_

26. Gnosticism \_\_\_\_\_
27. Hedonism \_\_\_\_\_
28. Apostacy \_\_\_\_\_
29. Eternal Security \_\_\_\_\_
30. Excommunication \_\_\_\_\_
31. Pentecostal (Glossolalia) \_\_\_\_\_
32. Universalism \_\_\_\_\_
33. World view \_\_\_\_\_
34. Humanism \_\_\_\_\_
35. Pentateuch (Torah) \_\_\_\_\_
36. Eucharist \_\_\_\_\_
37. Transubstantiation \_\_\_\_\_
38. Ex-cathedra \_\_\_\_\_
39. Immaculate Conception \_\_\_\_\_
40. Apostles creed \_\_\_\_\_
41. Synoptic Gospels \_\_\_\_\_
42. Orthodox \_\_\_\_\_
43. Evangelical \_\_\_\_\_
44. Fundamentalist \_\_\_\_\_
45. Polytheism \_\_\_\_\_
46. Secular \_\_\_\_\_
47. Exorcism \_\_\_\_\_
48. Epiphany \_\_\_\_\_
49. Transfiguration \_\_\_\_\_
50. Apostolic \_\_\_\_\_
51. Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

- 52. Liturgy \_\_\_\_\_
- 53. Acolyte \_\_\_\_\_
- 54. Age of accountability \_\_\_\_\_
- 55. Immersion (christening) \_\_\_\_\_
- 56. Intinction \_\_\_\_\_
- 57. Apocalypse \_\_\_\_\_
- 58. Parable \_\_\_\_\_
- 59. Metaphor \_\_\_\_\_
- 60. Atonement \_\_\_\_\_
- 61. Septuagint \_\_\_\_\_
- 62. Paraphrase \_\_\_\_\_
- 63. High church / Low church \_\_\_\_\_
- 64. Sovereign \_\_\_\_\_
- 65. Omnipotent \_\_\_\_\_
- 66. Omniscient \_\_\_\_\_
- 67. Omnipresent \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Government Terminology:**

- 1. Theocracy –
- 2. Democracy –
- 3. Republic –
- 4. Dictator –
- 5. Anarchy –
- 6. Elder –
- 7. 5 fold ministry offices –
- 8. Directional team –

9. Board of directors –
10. Deacon –
11. Department head –
12. Staff –
13. Minister –
14. Volunteer –
15. Contractor –
16. Oligarchy –
17. Empowerment –
18. Mutiny –
19. Division –
20. Unity –
21. Dysfunction –
22. Trust –
23. Delegation –
24. Responsibility –
25. Calling –
26. Servant leadership –
27. Top down leadership –
28. Group think –
29. Policy and Procedure –
30. Peter Principle –
31. Sanctioned incompetence –
32. High altitude thinking / planning –
33. Self-aware leaders – (*you don't know what you don't know*)
34. Healthy Team – (*your "ministry" is **not** your team*)

## **BIBLICAL AUTHORITY - What is the BIBLE ? Why we believe...**

God expects every believer to obey his word, so we must read the Bible to know what He says. When we pray, our conversation builds up our spirit, and establishes a personal relationship with God. As we grow and mature spiritually, He speaks to us and reveals Himself, so we can know Him intimately.

### **Translations –**

**King James** – old english, harder to understand

**NIV** – word for word, modern english

**Today's English Version (TEV)** “thought for thought” – very easy to read

### **WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT ITSELF?**

2 Timothy 2:15 Do your best to (study) present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Psalms 119:9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.

Psalm 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away

2 Peter 1:20-21 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.



Authoritative— Final rule, Standard, law, guide

Inspired— Came from (breathed by) God

Infallible— Without fault, perfect, no errors

Literal— means what it says

Written on papyrus (a reed made into paper) and parchment

(animal skin/leather) and made into scrolls (about 35 ft.long).

Took the course of about 1500 years and more than 40 authors

Old Testament in Hebrew, New Testament in Greek

Cannon—66 books recognized and proven as scripture

Dead Sea Scrolls—Oldest copies known of the O.T. manuscripts

Testament—tangible proof or evidence. A statement of belief. A written document providing for the disposition of a person's property after death. "a will" A covenant between human beings and God.

Covenant—A formal, binding, and sealed agreement or contract.

ANALOGY— logical similarity, comparison, "for instance"

PARABLE— A story to illustrate a message, moral, or principle

METAPHOR— Figure of speech to illustrate or make a comparison

ALLEGORY— Literary, dramatic pictorial representation

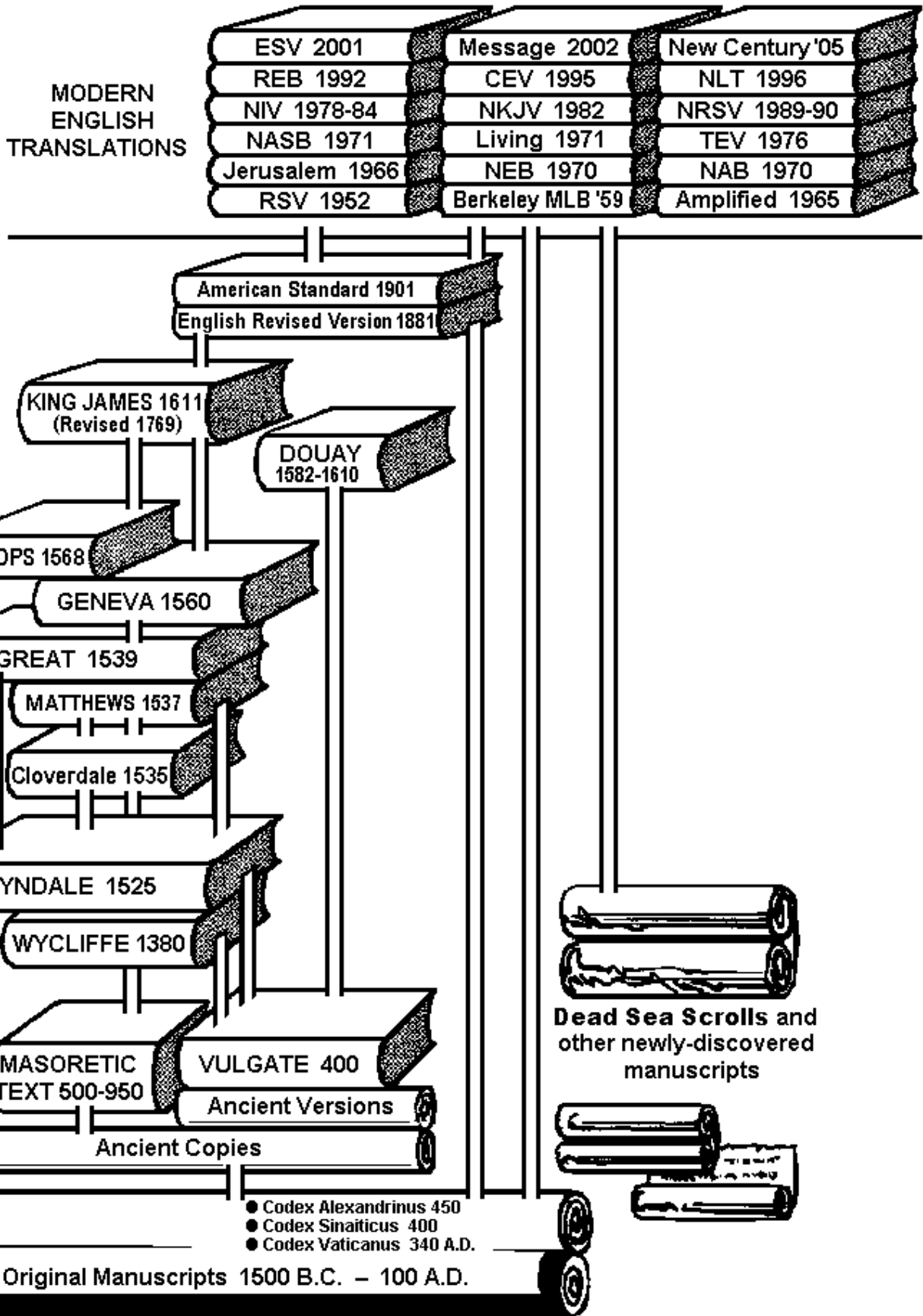


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## HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

### PRIVATELY—

1. **Observation**— What is this passage about?
2. **Interpretation**— What does it mean?
3. **Application**— How do I apply it to my life?

**Avenues of Study**—Book Study, Theme Study, Character Study, Word Study

### PUBLICLY—

**Preaching**— take notes (topical or expository)

**Teaching**— discussion, ask questions, keep a journal

**Training**— take courses or tests

**Other “HELPS”** — get a Concordance, a dictionary, & use other translations

### A STUDENT OF THE BIBLE

Must be born-again

Must depend on the Holy Spirit for revelation

Must have reverence for the Scripture

Must have a hunger

Must be willing to apply himself

### INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE (Hermeneutics)

1. **Consider the Context**—What else is said in this chapter and this book?
  2. **Consider the Culture**—How did this apply to these people and their times, or us and ours
  3. **Cross References**—When does the scripture refer to this somewhere else (it never contradicts)
  4. **Spiritual Revelation**—Why does God say this?
- “Rhema” spoken**(fresh application of what God says for me, right now)
- “Logos” written**(timeless application of unchanging truth for everyone)

## **SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY scripture**

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**Key terms – Authority, delegate, submit, abuse, rebel, oppose, support, unity, division**

Judges 17:6 - anarchy, no king, no law, no restraint

Mathew 21:21-23 pray with authority

1 Thess 4:2 teach w/ authority

Luke 4:32 “

Luke 20:1-8 “

Mathew 7:29 “

Eph 5:22-6:2 in the home

1 Peter 3:1 women’s conduct toward men

Mark 3:15 over demons

1 Cor 9 support for those in spiritual authority

Rom 13:1 submit to civil authority

2 Cor. 10:8-14 Apostles authority to lead

Titus 1:4 appoint, set in order

Acts 6 delegate church leadership

Luke 7:8-10 Centurion / delegation

1 Tim 3 qualified / disqualified

Ecc 10:5-7 wrong people in authority

2 Tim 3:8 Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses

Eph 1:22 Christs authority over the church

Col 2:10 “

Numbers 3:10 appointed Aaron, not unauthorized people

Mathew 23: 2-13 Moses’ seat of authority recognized / abused

Numbers 20:2-13 rebellion against Moses, frustration, arguing (Meribah, water, rock)

Numbers 12:1-9 Aaron, Miriam complained

Rev 2:26 obedience

1 Sam 15:22 obey better than sacrifice

1 Sam 15:23 rebellion is as witchcraft

Genesis 9:20-27 Noah / Ham

2 Sam 12 Nathan appeals to David

2 Sam 13 Tamar and Amnon

2 Sam 15:1-6 David / Absalom

Gen. 3 Adam, Eve, Satan

1 Sam. 2:12-36 Elis sons sinned

Leviticus 10:1 Aaron's sons sinned

James 4:1-3 Selfish arguing and division

Acts 6:1 complaining in church

Rom 16:17 those who cause division

Eph 4:1-6 Authority brings unity (PS 133:1, John 17:23, Eph 1:10,

1 Cor 12:12, Col 3:14)

## **PREPARE YOURSELF TO PRAY !**

### **WHAT IS PRAYER?**

Communicating with God. Talking to Him and letting Him talk to me. A two-way street. (An attitude not a duty)

### **WHY PRAY?**

You must talk to someone to build a relationship with them. Not just because we want something

### **WHEN TO PRAY?**

Early in the morning, late at night, before meals / after meals, “Now I lay me down to sleep . . .” - Pray without ceasing! When your in need, when your thankful, lonely, scared, nervous, etc.

### **WHO SHOULD PRAY?**

Parents children, leaders, people who sin, people in need, “ I would that ALL men pray . . .”, but- “ God hears not the prayers of a sinner”. Unsaved people must get right with God before trying to carry on a relationship with Him.

### **WHERE SHOULD WE PRAY?**

At home, at church (“my father’s house will be called a house of prayer”), at school, at work, at the doctor’s office, at the restaurant,at Wal-Mart!

### **HOW DO WE PRAY?**

we will discuss, types, people, patterns, power, hindrances, and postures of prayer...

### **TYPES OF PRAYER**

- 1. PUBLIC**—don’t be as the publicans and hypocrites don’t be a show off! Matthew 6:5
- 2. PRIVATE**—get personal and intimate—go into your closet come out of your closet  
Matthew 6:6
- 3. CONFESSION**—to admit, disclose, acknowledge personal shortcomings / sins  
Romans 10:9 / 1 John 1:9
- 4. SUPPLICATION**—ask for God to supply—earnest, humble, plea 1 Timothy 2:1
- 5. INTERCESSION**—to stand in the gap—on behalf of someone or something Romans 8:26,27
- 6. PETITION**—a request to a superior authority—a formal application 1 John 5:14, 15

**7. DECLARATION**—to affirm or state emphatically— to proclaim or make a resolution

Hebrews 2:12 / 1 John 1:1-5

**8. DETERMINATION**—making a consistent decision —persistence Luke 18:1-8

**9. REQUISITION**—to express a desire for something– to ask for Matthew 7:7-11/ Phillipians 4:6

**10. INQUISITION**—a search for information, knowledge, or facts, an investigation Judges 18:5

**11. MEDITATION**—waiting, contemplating, consider at length, to ponder. To tarry,

to be delayed Psalm 1:2 / Acts 1:4 / Isaiah 40:31

**12. ADORATION**—expression of the deepest love, to adore Matthew 22:37 / 1 John 4:7,8

**13. CONSECRATION**—making a vow, dedication of a baby, set apart as sacred,

sanctified for use Exodus 13:2 / 2 Chronicles 7:5-7

**14. INVOCATION**—inviting His presence, welcome Him to join a service or participate

in something. Exodus 33:14-16

**15. BENEDICTION**—a closing prayer or blessing, usually asking God to bless what

has already taken place

**16. INSPIRATION**—seeking revelation (reveal the definition of) or interpretation to a

vision, or dream. Daniel 2:24-28 / Revelations 1:1 / Galations 1:11,12

### **DIAGRAM OF THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**I. "Paternal" OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN,**

**A. He is our Father, he has adopted us as children (Abba)**

**B. Security in knowing our place in the family**

**II. "Presence" Hallowed be thy name**

**A. The names of God and their meaning:**

YAWEH— "I AM"

JEHOVAH TSIDKENU— My sanctifier

JEHOVAH SHALOM— my peace

JEHOVAH SHAMMAH— His presence

JEHOVAH RAPHE— my healer

JEHOVAH JIREH— my provider

JEHOVEH NISSI— my banner

JEHOVAH ROHI— my shepherd

ELOHIM—Ultimate, Supreme one

EMMANUEL— God with us

ADONI—Lord, Master

## **B. Biblical references**

*“the name that is above every other”*

*“at His name every knee shall bow”*

*“by no other name can you be saved”*

*“Thou shalt not take His Name in vain”*

## **III. “Priority” THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE**

**A. In me (my personal life to line up with the word)**

**B. My family (spouse, children, parents, etc.)**

**C. My church (Pastor, leadership, harvest of souls)**

**D. Nation (City, state, congress, president)**

## **IV. “Provision” GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD**

**A. Supply for our needs, wants, desires**

**B. Prosperity to further serve God**

**C. Be specific, be tenacious**

## **V. “Pardon” FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS**

**A. Our sins, our offenses / toward God, toward people**

**B. Release others, bless them (7 X 70)**

**C. Set your will to forgive in advance**

**D. Don’t nurse it, rehearse it or disperse it !**



**VI. "Power" LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL**

**A. Put on the whole armor of God:**

Loins gird about with truth

Breastplate of righteousness

Feet shod with preparation of the gospel of peace

Shield of faith

Helmet of salvation

Sword of the spirit

**Matthew 4:1**—He was led into the wilderness to be tempted (to be proven) We don't have a testimony without a test!

**B. Pray a hedge of protection around you and your family**

**VII. "Praise" FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER & THE GLORY FOREVER**

**A. Always give Him the credit**

**B. Thank Him for answers to prayer**

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**POWER IN PRAYER**

**FASTING—**

when you fast, wash your face and comb your hair

this faith only comes by prayer and fasting

even now declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping

and mourning my knees are weak through fasting and my flesh faileth

the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak

**AUTHORITY—**

approach the throne of God boldly

the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much

when you've done all to stand . . . Stand - (having confidence God will do it)

## **UNITY—**

if two shall agree, it shall be done -they all joined together constantly in prayer, and they were all in one accord (no doubts, not skeptical, not fearful)

## **TONGUES—**

he who prays in the spirit is edified (your mind does not understand, your spirit must be in charge) the spirit knows our infirmities, he prays with groanings and utterings that can not be understood

### **People of prayer:**

**ABRAHAM**—Genesis. 18:23 **MOSES**—Exodus. 33:11,12

**SAMUEL**-1 Sam 7:8,9 / 12:23 **DAVID**—Psalm 5:1,2

**JERIMIAH**-Jerimiah 29:7,12-13 / 33:3 / 42:4

**JOB**—Job 16:17 / 42:8-10 **ELIJAH**—James 5:17-18

**PAUL**-1 Corinthians 14:13-18 **HANNAH**—1 Samuel 1:27

**DANIEL**—Daniel 6:10 **JONAH**—Jonah 2:1,2

**HABAKKUK**-Hab.1:2 / 3:1,2 **NEHIMIAH**— Ch. 1:4,6

**ESTHER**—Esther 4:3,15,16 **JAMES**—James 5:13-16

**JESUS**—Matthew 4:1,2/ Matthew 26:36-41 / Mark 1:35 / Luke 6:12 / John 17:9, 20

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**Leonard Ravenhill**— Prayer, Key to Revival

**Billy Graham**— "The keys of success to any crusade: 1. prayer 2. prayer 3. prayer"

**Evelyn Christenson**— What Happens When Women Pray?

**Dr. Paul Yongi Cho**— Prayer Mountain, Soul Korea

## **HINDERANCES TO PRAYER**

**HINDER**—To get in the way, delay progress, interfere, obstruct

“when they seem to bounce off of the ceiling”

**Disobedience**—(children of Israel) Duet. 1:26,43,45

(Saul) 1 Samuel 13:12,13 / 14:36,41 Proverbs 28:9 / Ezek 20:1-3

**Secret Sin**— Psalm 66:18-20 / Joshua 7:6,10

**Indecisiveness**— James 1:6-8

**Family Dissension**— 1 Peter 3:7

**Unforgiveness**— Matthew 5:23,24 / 6:14,15

**Worry/ Doubt**— Matthew 6:25-34

**Contrary to God’s Will / Selfish Motives**

**Disciples** Matthew 20:20-22

**Moses** Dueteronomy 3:23,26

**David** 2 Samuel 12:16

**Paul** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

**carnal minded Christians** James 4:3

## **THE POSTURE OF PRAYER**

**POSTURE**—position of the body in regards to something. “physical attitude” - to pose in attentiveness

**BOW**—to bend downward in submission, to yield Romans 14:11 / Phillipians 2:10

**KNEEL**—to rest on the knees Mark 1:40 / Luke 22:41 / Acts 20:36

**PROSTRATE**—to throw down flat, lying face down, incapacitated

Matthew 17:6, 26:39 Luke 5:12 Revelations 11:16

**STAND**—rise up in an upright position on your feet. To be stable on a foundation

Mark 11:25 Luke 1:19 Ephesians 6:11,13

**THIS IS NOT ONLY A PHYSICAL POSITION, BUT ALSO A HEART CONDITION!**

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## THE PRAYER SHAWL ... "TALLIT"

**1. Its Origin** - Num. 15:37 The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them:

'Throughout the generations to come you are to make tassels on the corners of your garments, with a blue cord on each tassel. You will have these tassels to look at and so you will remember all the commands of the LORD, that you may obey them and not prostitute yourselves by going after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes. Then you will remember to obey all my commands and will be consecrated to your God. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt to be your God. I am the LORD your God.' "

**2. Its Purpose** - A symbolic reminder of Gods protection and provision by his word.

**3. Its meaning** - a covering, a cloak, mantle or tunic. It's four corners were symbolic of the 4 corners of the earth, were also called wings - Ps. 91:1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge;. Referred to as Hovering in Gen1:2, Duet. 32:11. It included 5 knots & 8 strands, added to 600 to remember the 613 commandments in the Torah (1st 5 books in the Bible).

**4. "Tallith"** - Hebrew word for little tent (the entire shawl) Paul made "tents" ... intimate, private and personal "go into your prayer closet", Tzitzit is the fringes and means commandments

**5. Significant part of the burial cloth** - Jn. 20:6, Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.

**6. Hebrew blessing on the crown** - to be recited when putting it on. "Blessed art thou Lord God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with his commandments and commands us to wrap ourselves in His word"

**7. Ruth was under Boaz's covering** - Ruth 3:9

"Who are you?" he asked. "I am your servant Ruth," she said. "Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a kinsman-redeemer."

**8. David cut off the corner of Sauls robe - 1 Sam. 24:1**

" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe.Afterward, David was consciencestricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. [6] He said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the LORD's anointed,

**9. Elijah's MANTLE for Elisha - 2 Kings ch.2[8]** Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours--otherwise not." As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. [12] Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart. He picked up the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. [14] Then he took the cloak that had fallen from him and struck the water with it.

**10. The woman with the issue of Blood - Mal. 4:2,**

But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.

Luke 8:43 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped./

Matt. 14:35 And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.

Mark 6:56 - [56] And wherever he went--into villages, towns or countryside--they placed the sick in

the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.

**11. Davening is the rocking motion often practiced.**

often seen at the wailing wall in Jerusalem

**12. Pharesees showed off with it** - Matt. 23:5 "Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long;

**13. The angel told Peter to get up and put it on** - Acts ch. 12 :8 Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him.

**14. His robe and vesture** - is enscribed - Rev. 19 [16] On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

## **THE 21 IRREFUTABLE LAWS OF LEADERSHIP**

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By John Maxwell

**The Law of the Lid** - Your personal level and limitations

**The Law of Influence** - You only lead who you influence

**The Law of Process** - Developing daily, not in a day

**The Law of Navigation** - Chart the course or it will chart you

**The Law of "E.F. Hutton"** - Only when HE speaks, do people listen

**The Law of Solid Ground** - Do your followers trust you

**The Law of Respect** - Superior strength and abilities

**The Law of Intuition** - A sense of what's ahead

**The Law of Magnetism** - What you are you attract

**The Law of Connection** - Touch a heart before you ask for a hand

**The Law of Inner Circle** - Those closest to you determine your potential

**The Law of Empowerment** - Being secure enough to delegate

**The Law of Reproduction** - Mentoring, making copies of yourself

**The Law of Buy-In** - Sell yourself, then your plan

**The Law of Victory** - The team must win

**The Law of Big-Mo** - Recognize the momentum, don't fight city hall

**The Law of Priorities** - Activity is not accomplishment

**The Law of Sacrifice** - Give up what keeps you from going up

**The Law of Timing** - When, maybe not now

**The Law of Explosive Growth** - Multiply by leading leaders

**The Law of Legacy** - Plan for succession, leave an inheritance

## **17 Laws of teamwork - John Maxwell**

1. The law of SIGNIFICANCE ONE IS TOO SMALL A NUMBER TO ACHIEVE GREATNESS
2. The law of the big picture The goal is more important than the role
3. The law of the NICHE All players have a place where they add the most value
4. The law of Mount Everest As the challenge escalates, the need for teamwork elevates
5. The law of the chain The strength of the team is impacted by its weakest link
6. The law of the catalyst Winning teams have players who make things happen
7. The law of the compass Vision gives team members direction and confidence
8. The law of the bad apple Rotten attitudes ruin a team
9. The law of countability Teammates must be able to count on each other when it counts
10. The law of the price tag The team fails to reach its potential when it fails to pay the price
11. The law of the scoreboard The team can make adjustments when it knows where it stands
12. The law of the bench Great teams have great depth
13. The law of identity Shared values define the team
14. The law of communication Interaction fuels action
15. The law of the edge The difference between two equally talented teams is leadership
16. The law of high morale When your winning, nothing hurts
17. The law of dividends Investing in the team compounds over time



## **Witnessing & Evangelism**

Many churches have grown, become bigger and better accomplished great things, and given millions to foreign missions, but still haven't been a lighthouse for lost souls.

We've become ingrown and tagged as a "hotel for saints" instead of a "hospital for sinners". Whether our emphasis is street ministry, door to door witnessing, or just sharing with a few close friends, the church is still responsible to be a living testimony, the light of the world, and the salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13-16). God is calling us to infiltrate society in government, business, the media or anywhere possible as a witness for Him. Our days of seclusion are over; let's compel them to come into God's house from every walk of life (Luke 14:23) and He will add to the church daily. The apostle Paul said he would win men by "whatever means possible" and be "all things to all men, that he might win a few". Ministry today has unlimited opportunities to share the gospel through avenues unknown to past generations. Let's take the divine mandate to reap the harvest in these last days.

### ***MASS EVANGELISM, and CRUSADES VS. ONE-ON-ONE PERSONAL WITNESSING***

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The Bible says that the disciples multiplied and God added to the church daily. (x +)

We know that the Devil seeks to subtract from the church and divide the believers (- %)

The average crusade or revival in the past, would bring in about 100 converts a year to a local church. Approximately 50% would stick with it and the others would "fall away".

That totals 500 people in 10 years. On the other hand, if one person wins a friend to Christ every year, and that person wins a friend to Christ every year, and so on... We would have 1,023 believers added to the church in ten years. Statistics show that when a friend or relative wins someone to the Lord and spends personal time with them, they are much more likely to "stick with it". The end-time harvest was not meant to be gathered "commercially". In other words, Billy Graham and TBN are not designed to be combines! The harvest must be "handpicked". God will not subcontract to migrant workers. The job belongs to His people and we must take a personal responsibility to do the work. We know that almost everyone likes to fish, but no-one wants to clean them. The church must "mend our nets" by keeping what we catch and be willing to get a little dirty in the process. 95% of all Christians have never won 1 person to Christ in their entire life. 5% are doing all the work.

### **World population and Christianity**

- How many people are there in the world today? **Over 7 billion people. (7,121,281,003)**
- How many people die every year?

### **Approximately 56 million people**

- How many people in the world are professing Christians?

**2.18 billion.** (Approximately 32% of the world, leaving 68% or about 5 billion people of the world as Non-Christian)

How many people will die each year without knowing Christ?

38 million people will die without knowing Christ.

- Every month 3,166,666 people die without knowing Christ.
- Every day 105,555 people die without knowing Christ.
- Every hour 4398 people die without knowing Christ and
- Every minute, approximately 73 people die without knowing Christ.
- And for those who just like math, approximately 1 person dies every second without knowing Christ.

•So remember that number for how many people die every day without knowing Christ?

Can anybody tell me? If you are taking notes, you'll know that it is, 105,555.

So I want to give you another number... 49,855...

Does anyone know what that number is? It's the population of Enid. I want you to envision that for a moment, a people group twice the size of Enid walks into eternity NOT KNOWING CHRIST. Two whole cities the size of Enid just gone. It's staggering.

So Let's talk about Enid.... Let's assume that because we live in the Bible Belt, our stats are a little better than the worlds stats of 32%. In fact, I did some research. According to Wikipedia, about 61% of people in Enid claim some type of religious affiliation. in reality, there are approx 100 churches averaging around 100 people per church which gets us to approximately 10,000 people attending church on any given Sunday. That's approximately 20% of the population of Enid attend church. Now let's subtract that number from the population of Enid and we get 39,000 unchurched residents in Enid. So there is a range of people attending church 20% to the percentage who on the census marked the box that they are religious at 61%. Now We know that 29,000 people are not attending church here. So we actually have two groups of people to talk about.

The first group is the unchurched group of people who say they have a religious affiliation 19,000.

Then there is the second group of people who claimed no religious affiliation. 19,600 people.

This auditorium seats about 100 people. We have two services and average about 150 on any given Sunday. Our numbers are decent compared to the average church. We are over the average, but those aren't the numbers we want to focus on. I'd like us to focus on the numbers that matter to Jesus. The 39,000 people in this city who are unchurched or not Christian. Not so we can judge them but that we can lovingly invite them in to our faith community and ultimately to invite them to accept Christ. If you mistakenly believed in the past that we are somehow in a competition with the church down the street then you are very wrong. There are literally thousands of

lost people in this city who aren't attending church and are just waiting for someone, anyone to just care enough to reach out and build a relationship with them.

• raise your hand if you know more than five people who are not Christian? Ten people? 15 people? 20 people? How awesome would it be to leave that kind of spiritual legacy? To know that you invited one person and the reaching effects of it. Jesus told the disciples to go into all the world making disciples. The disciples were 12 ordinary men. Fishermen, tax collectors, doctors, carpenters, common laborers. That tiny little group of men set the world on fire. And why? Because they knew that Jesus was not just their friend but their risen savior and Lord. And all but one, was martyred for it. But, you say, what can I do? I encourage you to make a list right now of five people you know or kind of know and start building a friendship with them. Let your life and the love of Christ shine thru you. Pray for God to provide an opportunity. People's lives are broken, they are in crisis, many are at the end of their rope. Some are just dissatisfied with life. You pray and I promise you God will provide the opportunity. I had a great friend. He was actually the life groups pastor at the church where Marshall and I met. And he led the life group that Marshall and I got to know each other. But he and his wife were passionate about evangelism. They found out their new neighbor was Muslim and from a different country. They hung up a map in their house and circled the country their neighbor was from, they researched the culture and religion. They prayed sincerely for their neighbors, they built a relationship with them. Invited them for meals. I've never known anyone so intentional about building a relationship so as to witness. We would come to life group and there would always be an extra empty chair. We would at some time during the group be drawn to discuss the empty chair. This empty chair represented a lost person. Somebody out there was meant for that chair and they weren't going to make it if no one asked them. We prayed over the empty chair. There are empty chairs here. Definitely chairs in first and second service. They should be full. We should be bursting at the seams with new believers.

**Write your list. Go after them.**

The course will teach us:

1. We have an urgent responsibility
2. We have a happy message
3. We have God's help
4. We have a unique circle of influence
5. We have unlimited resources and opportunities

We will learn to:

1. Give a personal testimony publicly
2. Recite a memorized scripture outline
3. Adapt the message to our audience

## **CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIANITY**

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\* **CONTAGIOUS** = Transmissible by direct contact with something;

to carry, spread, or rub off on.

1. Not everyone is called to be an Evangelist.
2. Everyone does have the responsibility to be a witness.
3. If I am something different, or have something they want, they will come after it.
4. My quality of lifestyle represents the character of God
5. People disregard an imitation, but long for anything authentic (real or sincere).
6. If my relationship with God is NATURAL, people will believe it. If my religion is routine, they ignore it.

## **DEFINING THE MISSION**

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**EVANGELIZE** - To preach and convert

**WITNESS** - One who can give a firsthand account of something seen heard or experienced / one who furnishes evidence

**TESTIFY** - To make a statement, to declare publicly, to state the facts under oath

\* We take the name of the Lord "in vain" because we witnessed it and won't testify about it!!!

\* Some act as though they have been put through the "**WITNESS PROTECTION PLAN**".

(they've been given immunity, they're incognito)

## **THE RESPONSIBILITY**

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**Matt. 9:36-38** - When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

**2 Peter 3:9** - He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

**Matt. 28:19** - Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**Matt. 24:14** - And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

**Mark 16:15** - Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all mankind.

**Ezek. 3:18-19** - When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have saved yourself.

**Matt. 4:19** - "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

**Acts 1:8** - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

**Matt. 10:32-33** - "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

**1 Peter 3:15** - ...always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.

**Prov. 11:30** - He who wins souls is wise.

**1 Tim. 2:4** - (God) who desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

**Rom. 10:14-15** - How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?

As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

**Isaiah 6:8** - Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

**Acts 8:30-31** - Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

**Isaiah 21:6,8** - This is what the Lord says to me: "Go, post a lookout and have him report what he sees" ...I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime; I have set my post every night.

**Luke 14:21-23** - 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' ...Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.

**Rev. 20:15** - If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

**Rev. 14:11** - And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever.

### ***WITNESSING TIPS***

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#### **1. HELP PEOPLE WHEN IT'S NOT CONVENIENT**

The Good Samaritan, A neighbor painting a fence

#### **2. GIVE THEM SOMETHING**

Invite them for dinner, Take over a gift

#### **3. LOVE THEM UNCONDITIONALLY**

Even if they smell, if their dog gets loose Poor or rich, sinner or religious

#### **4. MEMORIZE AND REHEARSE A PLAN**

Have a strategy to befriend them

### ***DEFINITION OF STYLES***

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**1. CONFRONTATIONAL** - (street witnessing) To engage face to face, to encounter directly.

**2. INTELLECTUAL** - (at the office, lunch, etc.) Rational rather than emotional. Appealing to or relating to abstract thinking about philosophical subjects.

**3. TESTIMONIAL** - (speaking opportunity) A declaration of evidence given by a witness.

**4. INTERPERSONAL** - (group Bible study) Relating to, occurring among or involving several people.

**5. INVITATIONAL** - (concert, speaker) A request to participate, the enticement or allure of someone's presence.

**6. SERVING** - (good Samaritan) To work for, wait on & provide goods or services. To assist or meet the needs of someone.

## **PERSONAL WITNESSING STYLE**

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**3 = VERY MUCH**

**2 = SOMEWHAT**

**1 = VERY LITTLE**

**0 = NOT AT ALL**

\_\_ 1. In conversations, I like to approach topics directly, with out much small talk or beating around the bush.

\_\_ 2. I have a hard time getting out of bookstores or libraries without reading or buying something.

\_\_ 3. I often tell stories about my personal experiences.

\_\_ 4. I am a people person and value my friendships.

\_\_ 5. I enjoy including or adding new people to my activities.

\_\_ 6. I see needs in other peoples lives that others might overlook.

\_\_ 7. I do not shy away from putting someone "on the spot" when it seems necessary.

\_\_ 8. I tend to be analytical.

\_\_ 9. I often say things like "I used to think that too" or " I once felt the way you do"

\_\_ 10. Other people have commented on my ability to make new friends and friendships.

\_\_ 11. Even if I have the right answers, I'd rather have someone else do most of the talking.

\_\_ 12. I find fulfillment in helping others, often "behind the scenes".

\_\_ 13. I do not have a problem confronting someone, even if it may hurt their feelings.

\_\_ 14. In conversations, I naturally stay focused on my purpose or object of discussion.

\_\_ 15. When I tell people of how I came to Christ, they are usually pretty interested.

\_\_ 16. I would rather discuss personal issues than deep theology or doctrine.

\_\_ 17. If I knew of a high quality out reach event, I would make a big effort ot bring my friends.

\_\_ 18. I prefer to show my love through my actions more than words.

\_\_ 19. I believe that real love means telling the truth, even if it hurts.

\_\_ 20. I enjoy discussing difficult questions or even a healthy debate.

- \_\_21. I intentionally share my mistakes with others when it will help them relate to a solution I have found.
- \_\_22. I would rather discuss a persons life before talking about their beliefs.
- \_\_23. I tend to watch for spiritual events (such as a concert, or special speaker) to invite people to.
- \_\_24. When people are not receptive to Christian conversation, I try to quietly demonstrate the Gospel by small efforts.
- \_\_25. My motto could be “make a difference or make a mess, but just do something!”.
- \_\_26. I often get frustrated with people when they use weak arguments or poor logic.
- \_\_27. People seem interested in hearing stories about my life.
- \_\_28. I enjoy long talks with friends.
- \_\_29. I am always looking for something to relate to the interests of my friends such as books, tapes, or events.
- \_\_30. I feel more comfortable doing something physical to assist someone than getting into a religious discussion.
- \_\_31. I sometimes get in trouble for lack of gentleness and sensitivity in the way I interact with others.
- \_\_32. I sometimes get at the underlying reasons for opinions people hold.
- \_\_33. I am still amazed at how God brought me to faith in Him and am motivated to tell others about it.
- \_\_34. People consider me to be interactive, sensitive, and caring.
- \_\_35. The highlight of my week would be to bring a guest to a church event.
- \_\_36. I tend to be more practical and action oriented than I would philosophical and idea oriented.

SCORES -

Confrontational	Intellectual	Testimonial	Interpersonal	Invitational	Serving
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.
13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.
19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.
25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.
31.	32.	33.	34.	35.	36.
Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total



## **WHY DO PEOPLE COME TO CHURCH?**

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1. THEY LIKE THE PASTOR % \_\_\_\_\_
2. HEARD ABOUT A REVIVAL OR CRUSADE % \_\_\_\_\_
3. LIKE THE MUSIC PROGRAM % \_\_\_\_\_
4. GOOD BIBLE TEACHING % \_\_\_\_\_
5. NICE FACILITIES % \_\_\_\_\_
6. LED BY THE SPIRIT HERE % \_\_\_\_\_
7. INVITED BY A FRIEND OR RELATIVE % \_\_\_\_\_
8. ADVERTISING, MAIL-OUT, ETC. % \_\_\_\_\_
9. THE BIBLE SAYS SO % \_\_\_\_\_
10. WITNESSING/VISITATION % \_\_\_\_\_

## **HOW A PERSON COMES TO CHRIST**

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### **THE BIBLICAL PROCESS:**

“Paul planted, Apollos watered, God gave the increase”

#### **1. Someone intercedes for them. (PRAYER)**

“I pray also for those who will believe...” John 17:20

#### **2. God prepares their heart. (Often through circumstances, or meeting their needs)** “No man comes to the Father unless the Spirit draws him.”

#### **3. Someone witnesses. (Personally, T.V., radio, tracts, etc./they must hear the message)** “How will they hear, unless someone is sent?”

#### **4. They make a decision.**

“Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved.”

**WHATS YOUR FIRST IMPRESSION OF:**

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WRITE THE FIRST WORD THAT COMES TO MIND

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|---|------------------------------|
| 1. TRASH COLLECTOR _____                | 7. UNFRIENDLY NEIGHBOR _____ |
| 2. BILL COLLECTOR _____                 | 8. EX-CONVICT _____          |
| 3. IRS AUDITOR _____                    | 9. MUSLIM _____              |
| 4. HOMELESS, UNEMPLOYED TRANSIENT _____ | 10. MINORITY RACE _____      |
| 5. CONGRESSMAN _____                    | 11. CAR SALESMAN _____       |
| 6. JEHOVAH'S WITNESS _____              | 12. FOREIGNER _____          |

**PREPARATION FOR WITNESS**

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"In Spirit" "In Truth"

Prayer Bible Study

Compassion Content

(Matthew 9:35-38) (Colossians 4:3)

Cooperation Communication

(Colossians 4:5,6) (Colossians 4:4,6)

**PREPARED TO WITNESS**

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**Col. 4:2-6 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we might proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt so that you may know how to answer everyone.**

**1. Cooperation - with the Spirit 2. Content - know the word 3. Communication - make the effort**

## **HOW TO PRAY FOR THE LOST**

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### **FOR YOU -**

1. A burden & a concern
2. Eyes open to see the needs/opportunities
3. Recognize any personal stumbling block
4. A method or strategy
5. Wisdom to know when & how to speak
6. Strengthen your testimony/lifestyle
7. Give you boldness

### **FOR THEM**

1. To prepare their heart
2. Slow them down/get their attention (a supernatural intervention)
3. Would admit their need
4. Send other people to them for confirmation
5. Remove religious confusion
6. Do WHATEVER it takes!

### **REMOVING BARRIERS**

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| 1. Prayer                                 | 2. Personal hygiene                        |
| 3. Be friendly                            | 4. Be complimentary                        |
| 5. Don't argue                            | 6. Keep your conversation Christ centered  |
| 7. Be sensitive to individual's needs     | 8. Be a good listener                      |
| 9. Use language that is easily understood | 10. Lead the person to a point of decision |

## **REMOVING BARRIERS (CONT.)**

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1. **OPINION** - A belief or conclusion held with confidence but not substantiated by positive authority or proof "USE HYMN BOOKS, NOT TRANSPARENCIES"

"SHOULD'T HAVE DRUMS IN THE CHURCH"

2. **CONVICTION** - A fixed or strong belief having been personally convinced

"SECULAR MUSIC" "CHRISTIAN ROCK" WOMEN WEARING PANTS" "MIXED BATHING"

3. **TRADITION** - A custom or practice passed down from a previous generation. The way we do things cause that's the way we do things! "YOU FORSAKE THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD, FOR THE TRADITION OF MEN"

4. **DOCTRINE** - A principle of truth accepted by a group of people. A statement or policy about teachings. "SPEAKING IN TONGUES" "TRINITY"

5. **RELIGIOUS JARGON** - A hybrid language specialized for an exclusive group (or clique). Non-sensible, incoherent or meaningless talk. "WASHED IN THE BLOOD" "FILLED WITH THE BAPTISM"

**PERSONAL CONVICTIONS - ROMANS 14...** Food, holidays, music, clothes, etc....

**14:1** - Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters.

**14:7** - For none of us lives in himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

**14:12** - So then, each one of us will give account of himself to God. Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brothers way. **14:20** - do not destroy the work of God for the sake of \_\_\_\_\_!

**14:22** - So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.

**1 COR. 8:9** - Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak.

**9:19** - Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. **9:22** - I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. **10:33** - Even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good, but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

### ***PERSONAL HINDRANCES OR CATALYSTS TO MY WITNESS***

(A catalyst is an activating ingredient)

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**1. ATTITUDE** - A position of the body or manner of carrying oneself, a state of mind, a feeling or a disposition.

- A. "Know it all -I'm still learning
- B. Self righteous "all have sinned"
- C. Unteachable I'd like to learn
- D. Uncooperative Let me help

**2. APPEARANCE** - Public view, outward indication or resemblance.

- A. Sloppy Neat
- B. Provocative Conservative
- C. Dirty Clean
- D. Stand out Blend in

**3. APPROACHABILITY** - Accessable to come near, a way of reaching something, to get in your space, or proximity.

- A. I'm too busy I'll make time for YOU
- B. I'm too important Nothings more important
- C. I'm never here I'm available
- D. I'm in my own world -I care about your world

## ***A SALVATION OUTLINE***

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A. GOD LOVES YOU

B. SIN SEPARATES YOU FROM EXPERIENCING GOD'S LOVE

C. YOU CAN EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE BY:

1. Confessing your Sins (John 1:9).
2. Inviting Christ to enter your life (Revelation 3:20)

## ***YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY***

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Prepare to be able to give it in 5 minutes

1. What I was before I was saved.
2. How I came to know Christ and receive Him as my Savior and Lord.
3. What Christ means to me now.

Suppose you were called to the bedside of a dying man who knew nothing of Christ.

He had only 2 minutes to live! What truths about Christ would you share with him?

## ***PREREQUISITES FOR EVANGELISM***

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1. You must love God. (Matthew 22:37,38)
2. You must love people. (Matthew 22:39)
3. You must have a clear Message. (Colossians 4:4)
4. You must expect God to use you in evangelism.

(Acts 1:8, Ephesians 6:19,20)

## **THE HOLY SPIRIT-CONTROLLED CONVERSATION**

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1. Identification - Commenting on common ground of experience or interest to initiate friendship.
2. Transition - A comment or question that turns the topic of conversation to a spiritual issue.
3. Presentation - Explaining the gospel message.
4. The Close - Helping a person invite Jesus into his life.

“Do you want to invite Jesus into your life right now?”

“Lord Jesus, I know that I’m a sinner and I need Your forgiveness. Come into my life; cleanse me from all sin; become Lord of my life. I promise to serve You, and tell others of your saving love. Amen.”

## **CONVERSATIONAL WITNESSING**

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1. Do you go to church anywhere?
2. Would you consider yourself a Christian?
3. What do you think a Christian is?
4. What do you think it takes for a person to get to heaven?
5. Would you mind if I showed you what the Bible says?

## **A - B - C'S OF SALVATION**

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**A - ADMIT** - To accept, agree with or concede as true & valid.

To make acknowledgment of something.

**B - BELIEVE** - To have firm faith, confidence and trust in the value of something.

**C - CONFESS** - To disclose or make known something verbally.

**ROMANS ROAD** – Rom 3:23, 6:23, 10:9 (also 1 John 1:9, John 1:12, Rev 3:20)

**WHO SHOULD GET SAVED? WHEN SHOULD I GET SAVED? WHY YOUR WAY?**

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1. "FIRE ESCAPE" - Afraid of dying, question life after death

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

2. NO LIFE & NO HOPE - Depressed, don't understand their purpose or destiny

"I've come that you might have life and have it more abundantly."

3. RUINED LIFE - Motivated by guilt, fear, unforgiveness, etc.

"If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature, the old has passed away and all things are new!"

4. DECIEVED LIFESTYLE - Eat, drink, and be merry...

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end is death!"

"A man will say I have much, but God says, you fool, today your soul is required."

5. ANY RELIGION IS FINE - All of them are the same anyway

"I am THE way, the truth and the life. No man comes to the father but by me."

6. I'LL GET SAVED LATER - Wait till I'm old

"Today is the day of Salvation, now is the accepted time"

**MY PERSONAL "HIT LIST" / Journal**

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**NAME PH. # DATE PRAYER CONVERSATION**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_



## **SPIRITUAL GIFTS SURVEY:**

Score yourself by checking the box for each statement as it applies to you.

Check 3 for much, 2 for some, 1 for little and 0 for none.

**Then total up and circle the 3 highest total scores. These are you most predominant spiritual gifts.**

- \_\_\_1. I enjoy working behind the scenes, taking care of little details.
- \_\_\_2. I usually step forward and assume leadership in a group where none exist.
- \_\_\_3. When in a group I tend to recognize and approach those who are sitting or standing alone.
- \_\_\_4. I have the ability to recognize the need, and get the job done, no matter how trivial the task.
- \_\_\_5. I have the ability to organize ideas, people and projects to reach a specific goal.
- \_\_\_6. People often say I have good spiritual judgment.
- \_\_\_7. I am very confident of achieving great things for the glory of God
- \_\_\_8. I am asked to sing or play a musical instrument at church functions.
- \_\_\_9. God has used me to communicate the gospel in a language unknown to me.
- \_\_\_10. Through my prayers, God has made the impossible possible.
- \_\_\_11. I have an ability to use my hands in a creative way to design and build things.
- \_\_\_12. I have seen my prayers heal people.
- \_\_\_13. I enjoy giving money to those in serious financial need.
- \_\_\_14. I enjoy ministering to people in hospitals, prisons, or rest homes.
- \_\_\_15. I often have insights that offer practical solutions to difficult problems.
- \_\_\_16. I have understood issues or problems in the church and seen answers when others did not.
- \_\_\_17. I enjoy encouraging and giving counsel to those who are discouraged.
- \_\_\_18. I have an ability to thoroughly study a passage of scripture and then share it with others.
- \_\_\_19. I presently have the responsibility for the spiritual growth of one or more young Christians.
- \_\_\_20. Other people respect me as an authority in spiritual matters.
- \_\_\_21. I have an ability to learn foreign languages.
- \_\_\_22. God often reveals to me the direction He desires the body of Christ to move.

- \_\_\_23. I enjoy spending time with non-Christians, especially with hopes of telling them about Jesus.
- \_\_\_24. Whenever I hear reports on the news or in conversations about needy situations, I am burdened to pray.
- \_\_\_25. I would like to assist the pastors or other leaders so they will have more time to accomplish their essential and priority ministries.
- \_\_\_26. I don't mind asking others to accomplish an important ministry for the church.
- \_\_\_27. I enjoy entertaining guests and making them feel "at home" when they visit.
- \_\_\_28. I enjoy serving others, no matter how simple or little the task.
- \_\_\_29. I am a very organized person who sets goals and makes plans to reach them.
- \_\_\_30. I am a good judge of character and can spot a spiritual phony.
- \_\_\_31. I often step out and start projects (successfully) that other people won't attempt.
- \_\_\_32. I believe I could sing well in the choir.
- \_\_\_33. Praying in tongues is personally meaningful in my own prayer life.
- \_\_\_34. God has used me to make things happen which were far beyond human means.
- \_\_\_35. I enjoy doing things like woodworking, crocheting, sewing, metal work, stain glass, etc.
- \_\_\_36. I enjoy praying for those who are physically and emotionally ill, for God to heal them.
- \_\_\_37. I joyfully give money to the church well above my tithe.
- \_\_\_38. I feel compassion for people who are hurting & lonely and like to spend time cheering them up.
- \_\_\_39. God has enabled me to choose correctly between several complex options of an important decision.
- \_\_\_40. I enjoy studying difficult questions about God's word and I am able to find answers.
- \_\_\_41. People often tell me their problems, and I encourage them.
- \_\_\_42. When a question arises from difficult Bible passage, I am motivated to research the answer
- \_\_\_43. I like to give my own free time to meet others needs.
- \_\_\_44. I would be willing and excited to start a new church.
- \_\_\_45. I can adapt easily to culture, language and lifestyle in a foreign country.
- \_\_\_46. I will always speak up for Christians principles when it's not popular.
- \_\_\_47. I find it easy to invite a person to accept Jesus as their personal savior.

- \_\_\_48. I believe that prayer is the most important thing that a Christian can do.
- \_\_\_49. I enjoy relieving others of routine tasks so they can get special projects done.
- \_\_\_50. I can guide and manage a group of people toward achieving a specific goal.
- \_\_\_51. I enjoy meeting new people and introducing them to others in the group.
- \_\_\_52. I am very dependable for getting things done one time and I don't need much praise or thanks.
- \_\_\_53. I easily delegate significant responsibilities to other people.
- \_\_\_54. I am able to distinguish between right and wrong in complex spiritual matters, more than others.
- \_\_\_55. I trust God's faithfulness for a bright future, even when everything looks bad.
- \_\_\_56. I enjoy singing, and people say I have a good voice.
- \_\_\_57. I have been overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit at times, and began to speak tongues.
- \_\_\_58. God has blessed my prayers so that Supernatural results have come from impossible situations.
- \_\_\_59. I find satisfaction in meeting people's needs by making something for them.
- \_\_\_60. God regularly speaks to me concerning people's illnesses, so that I can pray for them.
- \_\_\_61. I wouldn't mind lowering my standard of living to give more to the church and others in need.
- \_\_\_62. I want to do whatever I can for the needy people around me, even if I have to give up something.
- \_\_\_63. People often seek my advice when they don't know what to do.
- \_\_\_64. I have an ability to gather information from several sources to discover the answer to a question.
- \_\_\_65. I feel a need to challenge others to better themselves, especially in spiritual growth.
- \_\_\_66. Others listen and enjoy my teaching of the scriptures.
- \_\_\_67. I enjoy working with people and desire to help them be at their best for the Lord.
- \_\_\_68. I am accepted as a spiritual authority in other parts of the country or the world.
- \_\_\_69. I would like to present the gospel in a foreign language, in a different culture and lifestyle.
- \_\_\_70. I feel a need to speak God's messages from the Bible so people will know what God expects.
- \_\_\_71. I would like to tell others how to become a Christian and give them an invitation to get saved.
- \_\_\_72. Many of my prayers for others have been answered by the Lord.
- \_\_\_73. I enjoy helping others get their work done and don't need a lot of public recognition.

- \_\_\_74. People respect my opinion and follow my directions.
- \_\_\_75. I would like to use my home to get acquainted with newcomers and visitors to the church.
- \_\_\_76. I enjoy helping people in any type of need and feel great satisfaction in meeting that need.
- \_\_\_77. I am comfortable making important decisions even under pressure.
- \_\_\_78. People come to me for help in distinguishing spiritual truth and error.
- \_\_\_79. I often exercise my faith through prayer and God answers in an exciting way.
- \_\_\_80. I believe the Lord could use me to deliver a message through song or music.
- \_\_\_81. I have spoken in a language unknown to me, and when interpreted, it blessed those who heard.
- \_\_\_82. God uses me to work miracles for the glory of His Kingdom.
- \_\_\_83. People say I am gifted with my hands.
- \_\_\_84. People often seek me out to pray for their physical healing.
- \_\_\_85. When I give money to someone, I don't expect anything in return and often do it anonymously.
- \_\_\_86. When I hear of people without jobs, who can't pay their bills, I do what I can to help.
- \_\_\_87. God enables me to make appropriate application of Biblical truth to practice situations.
- \_\_\_88. I can recognise difficult Biblical truths and Principles on my own and I enjoy this.
- \_\_\_89. People will tell me things they won't tell anyone else and say I am easy to talk to.
- \_\_\_90. I am organized in my thinking and systematic in my approach to presenting Bible lessons.
- \_\_\_91. I help Christians who have wandered away from the Lord and help restore them.
- \_\_\_92. I would be excited to share the Gospel and form new groups of Christians in a community.
- \_\_\_93. I have no racial prejudice and sincerely appreciate people very different from me.
- \_\_\_94. I find it easy to apply biblical promises to present day situations.
- \_\_\_95. I have a strong desire to help non-Christians find salvation through Christ.
- \_\_\_96. Prayer is my favorite ministry in the church, so I spend most of my time with it.

Score 3 for much — 2 for some — 1 for little and 0 for none, then total up and circle the 3 highest total scores. These are you most predominant spiritual gifts.

**VALUE TOTAL GIFT**

1\_25\_49\_73\_\_\_\_\_HELPS

2\_26\_50\_74\_\_\_\_\_LEADERSHIP

3\_27\_51\_75\_\_\_\_\_HOSPITALITY

4\_28\_52\_76\_\_\_\_\_SERVICE

5\_29\_53\_77\_\_\_\_\_ADMINISTRATION

6\_30\_54\_78\_\_\_\_\_DISCERNMENT

7\_31\_55\_79\_\_\_\_\_FAITH

8\_32\_56\_80\_\_\_\_\_MUSIC

9\_33\_57\_81\_\_\_\_\_TONGUES

10\_34\_58\_82\_\_\_\_\_MIRACLES

11\_35\_59\_83\_\_\_\_\_CRAFTMANSHIP

12\_36\_60\_84\_\_\_\_\_HEALING

13\_37\_61\_85\_\_\_\_\_GIVING

14\_38\_62\_86\_\_\_\_\_MERCY

15\_39\_63\_87\_\_\_\_\_WISDOM

16\_40\_64\_88\_\_\_\_\_KNOWLEDGE

17\_41\_65\_89\_\_\_\_\_EXHORTATION

18\_42\_66\_90\_\_\_\_\_TEACHING

19\_43\_67\_91\_\_\_\_\_PASTOR

20\_44\_68\_92\_\_\_\_\_APOSTLE

21\_45\_69\_93\_\_\_\_\_MISSIONARY

22\_46\_70\_94\_\_\_\_\_PROPHECY

23\_47\_71\_95\_\_\_\_\_EVANGELIST

24\_48\_72\_96\_\_\_\_\_INTERCESSION

## *Definitions and References*

1. **HELPS** - The ability to invest the talents you have in the life and ministry of others, to enable them to increase their effectiveness. (Mark 15:40,41 / Acts 9:36 / Rom. 16:1,2 / 1 Cor. 12:28)
2. **LEADERSHIP** - The ability to set goals, to communicate them and create a following. (Acts 15:7-11/ Rom. 12:8 / 1 Tim. 5:17 / Heb. 13:17)
3. **HOSPITALITY**– Desire and ability to provide an open house and warm welcome to those in need of food and lodging. (Acts 6:14-15 / Rom. 12:9:13 / Rom. 16:23 / Heb. 13:1, 2 / 1 Peter 4:9)
4. **SERVICE** - Identify and tackle the unmet and often unseen needs; willing to do humble duties (Acts 6:1-7 / Rom. 12:7 / Gal. 6:2 / 2 Tim. 1:16-18 / Titus 3:14)
5. **ADMINISTRATION** - The ability to clearly understand and devise effective plans to accomplish goals. (Luke 14:28-30 / Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Cor. 12:28)
6. **DISCERNMENT** - To know with assurance and differentiate between divine, human, and satanic behavior (Matt. 16:21-23 / Acts 5:1-11 / Acts 16:16-18 / 1 Cor. 12:10/ 1 John 4:1-6)
7. **FAITH** - Knowing the will and purpose of God, by claiming and helping others to claim promises of God. (Acts 11:22-24 / Rom. 4:18-21 / 1 Cor. 12:9 / Heb 11)
8. **MUSIC** - Using your voice and / or instrument to bless God and benefit listeners. (Duet. 31:22 / 1 Sam. 16:16 / 1 Chron. 16:41-42 / 2 Chron. 5:12,13 / 2 Chron. 34:12 / Psalm 150)
9. **TONGUES** - Ability to pray or speak publicly in an unknown, unlearned language. (Mark 16:17 / Acts 2:1-13 / Acts 10:44-46 / Acts 19:1-7)
10. **MIRACLES** - Serve as the human intermediary as God performs powerful acts altering the normal course of nature. (Acts 9:36-42 / Acts 19:11-20 / Acts 20:7-12 / Rom. 15:18, 19 / 1 Cor. 12:10, 28)
11. **CRAFTSMANSHIP** - Using your hands with the God given ability to create, maintain, or care for a project, (artistically). (Exod. 30:22-25 / Exod. 31:3-11 / 2 Chron. 34:9-13 / Acts 18:2, 3)
12. **HEALING** - The human intermediary used by God to deliver physical or emotional intervention

(Acts 3:1-10 / Acts 5:12-16 / Acts 9:32-35 / Acts 28:7-10 / 1 Cor. 12:9,28)

13. **GIVING** - To contribute material resources to the Lord liberally and cheerfully (Mark 12:41-44 / Rom. 12:8 / 2 Cor. 8:1-7 / 2 Cor. 9:2-8)

14. **MERCY** - Ability to feel genuine empathy and compassion for individuals, who suffer physically, mentally, or emotionally, then minister to the need appropriately.

15. **WISDOM** - Application of truth in a relevant situation, proper choice or decision based on experience. (Acts 6:3,10 / 1 Cor. 2:1-13 / 1 Cor. 12:8 / James 1:5 / 2 Peter 3:15)

16. **KNOWLEDGE** - To discover, accumulate, analyze, and clarify information pertinent to the growth of the body (Acts 5:1-11 / 1 Cor. 12:8 / 2 Cor. 11:6 / Col. 2:2,3)

17. **EXHORTATION** - To minister words of encouragement, consolation, comfort and motivation from God's word. (Acts 4:32-37 / Acts 14:22 / Rom. 12:8 / 1 Tim. 4:13 / Heb. 10:24, 25)

18. **TEACHING** - To employ a logical, systematic, approach to bible study and to communicate relevant truths, helping others to learn. (Acts 18:24-28 / Acts 20:20, 21 / Rom. 12:7 Eph. 4:11-14)

19. **PASTOR** - To assume long term responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group, to lead and feed. (John 10:1-18 / Eph. 4:11-14 / 1 Tim. 3:1-7 1 Peter 5:1-3)

20. **APOSTLE** - To exercise general leadership over several churches with special authority, possibly having started them. (Acts 15:1,2 / 1 Cor. 12:28 / 2 Cor. 12:12 / Gal. 2:7-10 / Eph. 3:1-9 / Eph. 4:11- 14)

21. **MISSIONARY** - Ability to minister in another culture, relocating and adapting to other ethnics or races. (Acts 8:4 / Acts 13:2, 3 / Acts 22:21 / Rom. 10:15 / 1 Cor. 9:19-23)

22. **PROPHECY** - To proclaim the very words of God for a specific time, place, and people, bringing conviction and motivation. (Acts 2:37-40 / Acts 7:54 / Acts 26:24-29 / 1 Cor. 14:1, 3 / 1 Thess. 1:5)

23. **EVANGELISM** - Sharing the Gospel with unbelievers and compelling them to become converted. (Acts 8:5,6 / Acts 14:21 / Acts 21:8 / Eph. 4:11-14 / 2 Tim. 4:5)

24. **INTERCESSION** - Praying for extenuated periods of time on behalf of others needs, feeling compelled to intervene spiritually. (Luke 22:41-44 / Acts 12:12 / Col. 1:9-12 / Col. 4:12, 13 / 1 Tim. 2:1, 2 / James 5:14-16)

*Not Surveyed:*

25. **CELIBACY**– The commitment to stay single and unmarried for the cause of Christian service. (1 Cor. 7:32, 33 / Matt. 19:11, 12)

26. **MARTYRDOM** - Ability to give one's life for the cause of Christ. Not bowing, or giving in to any renunciation. (Acts 7:58, 59, 60 / Acts 12:1,2)

Spiritual gifts must not be confused with spiritual fruit. All Christians are commanded to develop the fruit in Gal. 5:22, which include love, joy, peace, patience kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. **These are not optional.** Every Christian should produce every fruit. The gifts however are given in different measure to different people. God distributes them at His discretion for the benefits of everyone. It is our responsibility to develop them and let God work through us as He chooses. We must never glamorize some gifts or flatter ourselves by thinking ours are more important than others. Nor should we live in false humility by rejecting our own special abilities. **(Read 1 Cor. Ch.12)** Some have chosen to show off their gifts and special talents while neglecting to produce fruit. This behavior only disqualifies your Christian service to God. In Matthew Chapter 5, Jesus said, *“That if we ‘show off’ our gifts to get recognition by men, then we will surely loose our reward in heaven.”* God only allows us to manage His resources for His time and His purposes. We must be thankful for being allowed to share them with others and always give God the credit and the glory.



**Leadership (Ordination) Final Assessment:**

Objective / Subjective assessment for (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Semester \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 1. Personal devotions (journal)

\_\_\_ 2. Serving at Anew – what humble duties do I take on with no recognition?

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\_\_\_ 3. Leading – lifegroup / raising up others and training them.

\_\_\_ 4. **Biblical Knowledge** –

a. Fruit of the spirit, b. 10 commandments, c. 23 Psalm

d. Romans Road, e. Armor of God, f. Religious terminology,

g. Spiritual authority, h. doctrines, i. calling and vision

\_\_\_ 5. Partnership requirements (tithing record)

\_\_\_ 6. Baptism and Communion leadership publically on Sunday

\_\_\_ 7. Spirit of Humility vs “Title and position” (how am I perceived)

\_\_\_ 8. Leadership Responsibility – what ways do I look for things to responsibly lead?

(find a need and fill it) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 9. Do I have unrepented sin in my life? Character issues?

\_\_\_ 10. Do I have the spiritual gifts necessary to lead publically?

\_\_\_ 11. Have I given a book report to the class?

\_\_\_ 12. Have I shared a message from God to the class?

\_\_\_ 13. Do others confirm the call of God on my life, is it obvious?