An illustration of a woman with blonde, wavy hair, wearing a patterned pink and red blouse and a yellow skirt, sitting in a wooden rocking chair and reading a book. The background is a simple, light-colored wall with a horizontal line. The artist's signature 'Baltic' is visible in the bottom left corner of the illustration.

The Godly Woman

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PERSONAL BIBLE STUDIES
FOR THE
CHRISTIAN WOMAN

Foreword

Today, perhaps more than at any time in history, multitudes are involved in personal Bible study and prayer, individually and with fellowship groups. A tremendous spiritual hunger is being met by a variety of good study materials that are currently available.

Personally, I believe that *The Godly Woman: Personal Bible Studies for the Christian Woman* is unique. In this book, you have an excellent combination of well-designed lessons with relevance to the issues and problems of the day, deeply rooted in Scripture with practical application of biblical truth to specific areas of life. You also have a large variety of rich resource material in the “Suggestions for Further Study” section at the end of each session.

If you use this study in a group setting, another unique feature you have is a “built-in” fellowship through prayer and sharing. Group members pray for each other daily, and in weekly Bible discussion share their Bible discoveries and what God is doing in their lives.

I am confident that any person who is willing to follow the disciplines set forth in these studies will greatly enhance her relationship to God and man and her effectiveness as a Christian witness.

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How the Study is Designed

Purpose - The purpose of *The Godly Woman* Bible study is to help you become the kind of woman whose life is explainable only in terms of God. To give you a level of Christian maturity that enables you to help other women in need of godly counsel. To help you reflect more perfectly the Lord Jesus Christ in His glory.

Design - The Godly Woman Bible study is designed for individual or group use.

1. This study, *The Godly Woman: Personal Bible Studies for the Christian Woman*, contains twenty-two sessions you can work through at your own pace and in the privacy of your own personal study time. You may download and print out the study guide for each session to write down answers for each study question, or may prefer to obtain a copy of the complete workbook in book form from *Discipleship Tape Library bookstore* for this purpose. You will need no further “tools” unless you desire to do the additional studies recommended at the close of each chapter.

2. This workbook is also part of a complete study program for groups which utilizes a [*Teacher's Guide*](#) and its accompanying audios. It is designed to be studied in twenty-two sessions of one hour each, and contains everything you would need to conduct an effective Bible study group.

The study has two companion volumes, [*The Godly Man - Personal Bible Studies for the Christian Man*](#), and [*The Godly Man Teacher's Guide*](#).

Suggestions for Further Study - At the end of each chapter you will find a section called “Suggestions for Further Study.” The books and pamphlets listed there may be obtained at your local Christian bookstore or online at abebooks.com or amazon.com. The Godly Woman Bible study audios (mp3) are downloadable and may also be obtained on CD or cassette tape on a free loan basis from: *Discipleship Tape Library*, 435 West Boyd, Norman, Oklahoma 73069.

Scripture references other than the King James Version are abbreviated as follows:

AMP	Amplified Bible
BERKELEY	New Berkeley Version in Modern English
F.F. BRUCE	F. F. Bruce Paraphrase
LB	Living Bible
NASB	New American Standard Version
NEB	New English Bible
NIV	Holy Bible, New International Version
PH	New Testament in Modern English, by J. B. Phillips
RSV	Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version
WILLIAMS	Holy Bible, Williams Translation

The Godly Woman as a Disciple

The Foundation of a Disciple

The foundation for living a godly life as a disciple of Christ is a good understanding of who He is and what He has done for us. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 3:11). We want to study who Jesus is, what he has done for us, what his life, death, and resurrection mean to us, and how we are to apply this information in daily life.



Who Jesus Christ is:

A. He is God.

1. Jesus Claimed:

- a. Matthew 28:18
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- b. Matthew 9:6
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- c. John 14:9.....
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- d. John 10:30
-
- e. John 15:21
-
- f. John 10:10
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2. The Bible says He:

- a. John 8:58, Colossians 1:17
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- b. Colossians 1:16
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B. He is a perfect man.

3. Match the following human characteristics of Jesus with the verses:

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Weary | John 4:6 |
| Hungry..... | Matthew 4:2 |
| Sleepy | Mark 4:38 |
| Sorrowful | John 11:35 |
| Tempted | Hebrews 4:15 |

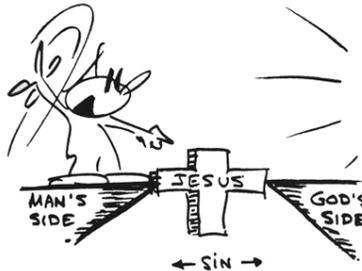
What Jesus Christ Did for Us

- 4. Why did He come? Luke 19:10
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- 5. Romans 5:8 says that God showed His love for us by
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- 6. Who needs Jesus to die for him?



Why is this true? Express Romans 6:23 in your own words.
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- 7. What did Christ do on the cross? I Peter 2:24
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- 8. What sign did Jesus say He would give the Jews? John 2:18-22
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- 9. What sign did Jesus give? Luke 24:1-7
.....



“God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus, Himself man, is between them to bring them together.” I Timothy 2:5 Living Bible

What the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Means.

- 10. Man is separated from God by sin. According to Jesus Christ, what ways are available to man by which he may return to God? John 14:6
- 11. Who does God want in fellowship with Himself? I Timothy 2:4, II Peter 3:9.
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- 12. Why are some people still not in fellowship with God? John 3:18
- 13. What is the condition of those who have not believed Jesus? John 3:36
- 14. When a person realizes that he is separated from God because of his sin, what should his response be? Luke 13:3



“... Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” Luke 13:3

15. What does it mean to repent? Matthew 3:2
16. According to I John 5:11-12 who has eternal life? (fellowship with God)
17. In the light of John 1:12, 13, and Ephesians 2:8, 9, those who have eternal life (fellowship with God) and will be in heaven, are those who:

- | True | False | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do more good things than bad during their lifetime. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Repent of their sins. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Live as good as some church members. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Clean up their lives so as to be acceptable with God. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Receive Jesus Christ. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Join a church and are baptized. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are sincere. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Really believe in something. |

18. In your opinion, what must one do in order to be in fellowship with God and have eternal life?



19. Do you have eternal life?
20. How do you know? (125 words or less)
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Suggestions For Further Study
Tape BSU77A - Discipleship, Walt Henrichsen

The Godly Woman as a Disciple *God's Provision For A Disciple*

Men and women come to Jesus Christ and receive eternal life by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9). It is also through this rich provision of grace that Christian disciples live their daily lives. Grace has been defined as “the unmerited favor of God” and has been illustrated in this way:

*God's
Riches
At
Christ's
Expense*



The source of God's provision is His grace.

Grace is God doing for us what we in no way deserve! Mercy is God not doing to us what we so richly deserve.

1. Why did Paul say he was the man he was? I Corinthians 15:10
2. To whom will God be gracious? Exodus 33:19
3. Why did God choose Israel as His special people? Deuteronomy 7:7-8
4. If we try to earn God's favor in any way, what does this do to His grace? Galatians 2:21

The channel of grace.

5. How do we receive the grace of God? John 1:17
6. According to Romans 3:24, we are justified (declared “not guilty” and made right with God) by through
7. What is another result of the grace of God? Ephesians 2:7
8. Ephesians 2:8 teaches us that we are saved through and that it is the of God.
9. The grace of God comes to those who believe through Jesus Christ. According to the following scriptures, what good things come to us through Jesus Christ?



- Colossians 2:9-10
- Ephesians 1:3
- 1 Corinthians 1:30
- I Corinthians 1:4-5
- Philippians 4:13

How God’s Grace is Bestowed (The means of grace)

10. Our access to the grace of God as given through Jesus Christ is by Romans 5:1-2.

11. What are the three time elements in regard to our faith? II Corinthians 1:10

Romans 5:9-10 teaches that we have been saved. from the penalty of sin (past), are being delivered from the power of sin (present) and will ultimately be freed from the presence of sin (future). Past FAITH is that which we exercised when we received Jesus Christ. Future FAITH is the looking forward to being with Him in heaven. Present FAITH is believing and trusting Him for each day's problems now.

12. Colossians 2:6 says we should walk in the same way we received Christ. We received Him (became children of God) by (Galatians 3:26)
 (Romans 1:17)

Colossians 2:6 in the Living Bible says “and now just as you trusted Christ to save you trust Him too for each day's problems; live in vital union with Him.”



13. Self effort is the opposite of faith. What area of your life are you still trying to handle by your own effort and worry, instead of trusting Jesus Christ?

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14. What will you do this coming week to bring faith into operation in this area, so that you may experience the grace of God? (Express it in personal terms using the pronoun me, my, and mine)

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The Results of Grace in Our Lives

15. What is God's will for every born-again believer?
 Romans 8:29
 Ephesians 4:13
16. What are we commanded to do? II Peter 3:18



Preview of Future Sessions

Much of the balance of this study booklet will deal with the “how to” of growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus and becoming more and more like Him. You are embarking on the world's most exciting adventure!



17. As we grow in discipleship, certain things will begin to be true of our lives. List some of them:
- John 13:34-35

 John 8:31

 John 15:8

 Acts 6:7

18. Which of these areas do you feel you need the most help in at this time?

19. What will you do this next week to allow God to minister His grace to you in this area?
 (Be specific - don't deal in generalities)

Suggestions for Further Study

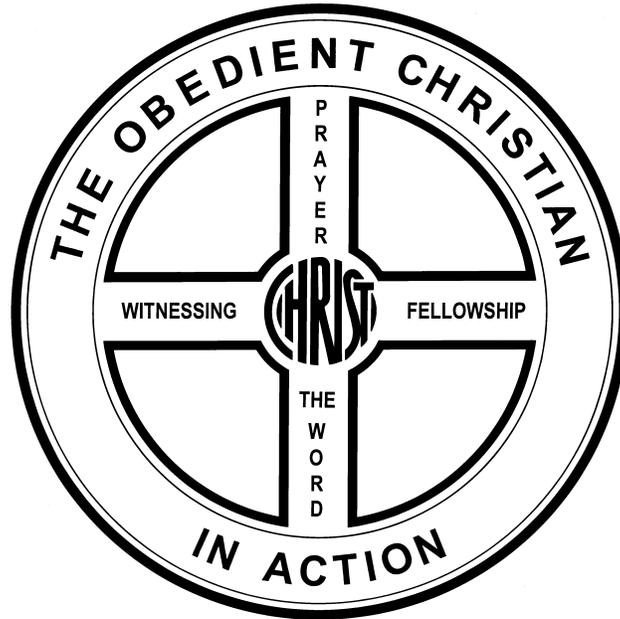
Tape 1272AB - Grace of God, Gene Warr

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The Christ-Centered Life (The Wheel)

The key to living a victorious, Spirit-filled Christian life is Jesus Christ as the Center and Lord of all we do. With Christ in control, life is balanced and effective. **The Wheel** illustrates this Christ-centered life.



- Just as the driving force in a wheel comes from the hub; so the power to live the Christian life comes from Jesus **Christ the Center**. He lives in us in the Person of the Holy Spirit, whose expressed purpose is to glorify Christ.
- The rim represents the Christian responding to Christ's Lordship through wholehearted, day-by-day **Obedience** to Him.
- The spokes show the means by which Christ's power becomes operative in our lives. We maintain personal contact with God through the vertical spokes - the Word and Prayer. **The Word** is our spiritual food as well as our sword for spiritual battle. It is the foundational spoke for effective Christian living.
- Opposite this is the spoke representing Prayer. Through **Prayer** we have direct communication with our heavenly Father and receive provision for our needs. As we pray we show our dependence upon and trust in Him.
- The horizontal spokes concern our relationship to people - believers, through Christian fellowship; and unbelievers, through witnessing. **Fellowship** centered around the Lord Jesus Christ provides the mutual encouragement, admonition and stimulation we all need.
- The first three spokes prepare us for passing on to others all that we have received from the Lord. This is accomplished through **Witnessing**, sharing our own experience of Christ and declaring and explaining the Gospel, God's power to save.

The Godly Woman as a Disciple

The Christ-Centered Life

Hub of The Wheel: *Christ the Center*

1. Why should Christ be the center of the believer's life?

John 13:13
I Corinthians 7:23
Hebrews 13:8
I Peter 5:7

2. In your opinion, what are some of the substitutions people make for Christ in the center of their lives?
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Rim of The Wheel: *The Obedient Christian in Action – Part 1*

3. How will others judge our relationship to Jesus Christ?

Matthew 7:15-20
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4. Our obedience indicates:

John 14:15
John 15:14
Matthew 7:21
I John 2:3-5

5. What are some things God promises those who obey Him?

Deuteronomy 28:2
Exodus 19:5
I Peter 1:22

6. What are we to obey? John 14:21, Joshua 22:5
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7. What are the two greatest commandments? Luke 10:27
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8. I Samuel 15:22 teaches us that obedience is better than There is no substitute for obedience in the Christian life.

9. List three “sacrifices” that people try to substitute for obedience today:
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10. Express Romans 8:32 in your own words
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11. In the light of Romans 8:32
 a. What has God given us?
 b. What will He give us?

12. Why does God want us to obey Him? Jeremiah 29:11
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Ephesians 1:8 in the Living Bible says “And He has showered down upon us the riches of His grace - for how well he understands us and knows what is best for us at all times.”

13. Do you believe God knows what is best for you and wants the best for you?

14. Then why would you not obey Him?
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15. Obedience is a matter of the Deuteronomy 5:29

16. What will you do this week to allow God to begin correcting you in these areas?
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Suggestions for Further Study
Tape 1603 - Wheel Illustration, Gene Warr

The Godly Woman as a Disciple

The Lordship Of Christ

Rim of The Wheel: *The Obedient Christian in Action – Part 2*

The Bible in its entirety speaks of God and sets forth Jesus Christ as being Lord in the full meaning of that term. Jesus wants to be Lord of every believer’s life, not merely in theory, but in practice. In fact, this is the essence of discipleship – a disciple is a Christian who is totally dedicated to the lordship of Jesus Christ, is willing to die to himself, and is positively committed to live in obedience to scripture. The word Lord means: master, governor, chief, boss, ruler, sovereign. The term *lordship* indicates: “ownership, absolute control, authority, rule, or dominion.”

The Bible speaks of Jesus Christ as being Lord.

1. What right does Jesus Christ have to be Lord of our lives?

- Hebrews 1:1,2
- Acts 2:36
- John 13:13
- I Corinthians 6:20
- John 15:5

2. There are certain characteristics present in a life in which Christ is the Lord. Match the proper characteristics with the supporting Scripture:

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| Luke 9:23 | (...) | 1. Not ashamed of the Gospel |
| Galatians 2:20 | (...) | 2. Reflects Jesus |
| Romans 1:16 | (...) | 3. Obedient |
| Luke 6:46 | (...) | 4. Self denied |
| Philippians 3:7, 8 | (...) | 5. Love for others |
| John 8:31 | (...) | 6. Transferred ownership |
| Galatians 5:22, 23 | (...) | 7. Fruit of the Spirit evident |
| John 13:34, 35 | (...) | 8. Continuing in the Word |

3. There are certain practical steps we can take to make Christ the Lord of our lives. Some are listed below. Carefully study each step and then express in your own words what you think it means in a practical way in a person's life.



- a. John 12:24, 25 - death to the self life
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- b. Romans 8:13 and Galatians 5:16, 17. We cannot commit suicide on a cross. The Holy Spirit can mortify (crucify) the flesh (self life).
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- c. We do have a choice. Romans 12:1-2
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- d. The choice is not once for all. Luke 9:23
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4. There are hindrances to Christ's Lordship. Read the verses and list each one next to the hindrance it refers to.

Malachi 3:8	.....	Priorities
Romans 4:4-5	.....	Things (clothes, cars, etc.)
Luke 12:21	.....	Position
Luke 14:26	.....	Power
Proverbs 16:32	.....	Pride
Hebrews 12:15	.....	Family
II Timothy 1:7	.....	Escapism (alcohol, drugs)
Matthew 6:33	.....	Seeking man's approval
Matthew 20:26	.....	Community service
Ecclesiastes 5:10, 11	.....	Pleasure
James 3:2	.....	Money
Proverbs 23:7a	.....	Sex
Proverbs 14:30	.....	Worry
Matthew 7:1	.....	Self-effort
Romans 12:3	.....	Robbing God
Luke 12:15	.....	Fear
Mark 4:19	.....	Thought life
Romans 8:28	.....	Critical Spirit
I Peter 5:5-6	.....	Bitterness
Proverbs 29:25; Psalm 1:1	.....	Tongue
Ephesians 4:26,27	.....	Resisting authority
Proverbs 23:29-35 (Living)	.....	Envy
I Corinthians 6:18-20	.....	Anger
Matthew 5:27, 28	Temper

5. From this list which two hindrances do you feel are the greatest today?

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Circle the one you feel is your biggest problem at this time.

6. What will you do during this next week to allow God to deal with this area? How will you measure the results? (make it practical, personal and possible).

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Suggestions For Further Study

- Tape 1403A - Lordship of Jesus Christ, The, LeRoy Eims
- Tape 2165 - Jesus Is Lord, Gene Warr
- Tape 1206 - Lordship of Jesus Christ, The, S.M. Lockridge
- Tape 684 - Lordship of Jesus Christ, The, Stuart Briscoe

True Discipleship, by William MacDonald, Walterick publishers

The Godly Woman as a Disciple

The Wheel – Vertical Spokes

We continue our study of The Wheel Illustration by looking at the two vertical spokes. These represent our vertical relationship to God, and involve a regular, day-to-day intake of God’s Word, and a consistent, purposeful devotion to prayer.

The Word of God

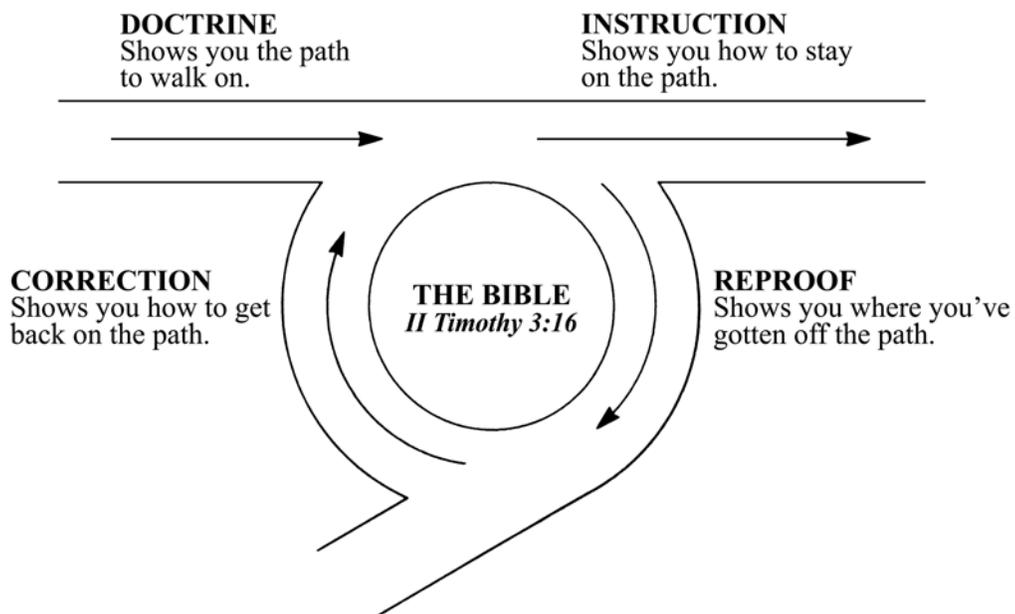
1. Why do you believe what you believe? Or, asking it another way, what is the basis of your final authority for what you believe? *(Check one of the following)*

- A. It seems reasonable to me.
- B. I feel that way about it.
- C. My own experience.
- D. The experience of others.
- E. My church tells me.
- F. My parents taught me.
- G. The Bible.
- H. The sacred writings of the ages.



2. In II Timothy 3:16, what does the Bible say about:

- a. It's origin?
- b. It's profit in:
 - 1) - What to believe and do.
 - 2) - When we get off the road.
 - 3) - How to get back on the road.
 - 4) - How to stay on the road.



3. List opposite the scriptures below some further claims of the Bible:



- II Timothy 3:15
- I Peter 2:2
- Psalm 119:105
- John 15:3
- Psalm 119:165
- Romans 10:17

The Word of God is:

- MATCHLESS** ----- Man cannot duplicate it.
- ULTIMATE** ----- It is final, it will not be changed, John 12:48.
- PERFECT** ----- How would you improve on John 3:16?
- TIMELESS** ----- The Bible works now and forever.
- INDESTRUCTABLE** -- Man cannot destroy it. Luke 21:33.

Whenever the Word of God is ineffective in a life, it is for one of three reasons:

- 1) Neglect
- 2) Doubt
- 3) Disobedience

Prayer

- 1. Define prayer
- 2. What are two reasons why we miss much of what God has for us?
 - a. James 4:2
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 - b. James 4:3
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- 3. Prayer is an act of faith. How should we pray? Matthew 21:22
- 4. Since God knows our needs (Matthew 6:8), why should we bring them before Him?



Match the Phrases with the Verses:

- Luke 18:1 (...) 1. So our joy might be complete
- John 16:24 (...) 2. It is commanded.
- Psalm 62:8 (...) 3. To experience His peace.
- Philippians 4:6-7 (...) 4. To demonstrate trust in Him

- 5. What do you feel Matthew 7:7 teaches about prayer?
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6. Our God is a God of law and order. The physical laws operate in certain ways. Effects obey causes. This is true spiritually. God has placed some conditions on effective prayer. Discover and list some of them below.

- Isaiah 59:1, 2
- I John 3:22
- I John 5:14, 15
- I Peter 3:7



7. How can we know when we are praying “according to God's will?”

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8. What does it mean to pray “In Jesus Name?”

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9. How can we prevent sin from hindering our prayer life? I John 1:9

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10. Most people have experienced the discouragement of seemingly unanswered prayers. Match up some reasons for ineffective prayer with the verses below:

- Job 35:12-13 () 1. Lack of heart preparation
- Ephesians 6:12 () 2. Pride
- Psalms 139:23-24 () 3. Satan's hindering
- Matthew 6:33 () 4. Poor value system
- Mark 11:25-26 () 5. Lack of faith
- James 1:6-8 () 6. Unforgiving spirit

11. We have discovered some conditions of effective prayer and some hindrances. Which two do you feel you fail in most?

Why?

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12. What will you do this week to allow God to begin correcting these in your life?

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13. Who will you ask to check up on you next week?

Suggestions For Further Study

- Tape 368 – Prayer: Knowing Christ as a Friend, Sidlow Baxter
- Tape 1246 - Immediate Asking and Receiving, Rosalind Rinker
- Tape 60 - Authority and Sufficiency of Scripture, Lorne Sanny
- Tape 87 - The Word of God, W.A. Criswell

- Prayer, by O'Hallesby, Augsburg Press
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- How to Pray, by R. A. Torrey, Moody Press
- Prevailing Prayer, by D. L. Moody, Moody Press

The Godly Woman as a Disciple

The Wheel – Horizontal Spokes

This chapter will present the horizontal spokes of The Wheel Illustration, the visual portrayal of the Christ-centered lifestyle of a disciples. These spokes have to do with our relationships with our fellow men – fellowship with believers and unbelievers alike.



Fellowship

Fellowship is defined as comradeship, companionship, a relation in which parties hold something in common, mutual sharing, or friendly association. Someone has said, in the Christian context, that fellowship is two fellows on the same ship going in the same direction.

1. What is the basis of Christian fellowship? I John 1:3

2. The fellowship of the world rests on many different bases. Name some of the things which draw people together.

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3. Why is Christian fellowship more permanent than the world's fellowship?

Hebrews 13:8

4. Discover and list from Acts 2:42 four things in which the early church continued.

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5. The New English Bible translates the part of Acts 2:42 on fellowship as “sharing the common life.” Explain in practical ways what the term “sharing the common life” means to you:

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6. Why is fellowship important to us?

Matthew 18:19-20
Leviticus 26:8
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10
Hebrews 10:25

7. Check two basic things which you feel hinder Christian fellowship most today:

- Pride (..)
- Selfishness (..)
- Lack of Love (..)
- Lack of understanding (..)
- Independence (..)
- Busyness (..)
- Fear (..)
- Hypocrisy (..)
- Sin in the life (..)
- Other (..)



Do you have at least one Christian friend with whom you are able to be completely yourself, knowing he will accept you and love you anyway?

- a. If so, pause now and thank God for him. Thank him for being this kind of friend this coming week.
- b. If not, pause now and ask God to bring someone like this into your life.

Carefully read Jesus' prayer in John 17 with the goal of discovering what He revealed to us about the importance of fellowship.

Witnessing

- 1. Whose job is it to save people? I Timothy 1:15
- 2. We are simply the of Christ. II Corinthians 5:19-20
- 3. The power is in (*Romans 1:16. Check one*)

- The presentation (..)
- The one presenting Christ (..)
- Just the right setting (..)
- The Gospel (..)

4. Define "the Gospel" in your own words. I Corinthians 15:3-4
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The Godly Woman as a Disciple

The Devotional Life

The devotional life has been called by many names: daily devotions, morning watch, quiet time, time with the Lord. The fact that Christians can usually describe it, however, does not necessarily mean that many of them practice it. Actually, few believers meet daily with the Lord on a consistent basis. Whatever you may call this Christian discipline, it refers to a specific daily time when God speaks to the believer from his Word, the Bible, and the believer responds in prayer. This daily, consistent fellowship is of vital importance if a believer is to grow in the likeness of the Lord.

Daily devotions

1. Why should Christians have daily devotions? The following scriptures give us some reasons. Match the following statements with the appropriate scriptures answering the question, “why daily devotions?”

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|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| (...) | Commanded by God | 1. I Corinthians 1:9 |
| (...) | God’s desire | 2. II Corinthians 3:18 |
| (...) | Worship | 3. Exodus 34:2-3 |
| (...) | Man's soul need | 4. John 4:24 |
| (...) | To know God | 5. Jeremiah 2:32 |
| (...) | Part of God's call | 6. Psalm 42:1-2 |
| (...) | An invitation to us to be like Christ | 7. Isaiah 43:10 |

2. The scriptures give us many examples of Bible characters who had daily devotions. After the following passages, write down the name of the man, what he did or desired regarding his fellowship with God and in your opinion, why this was true.

Genesis 19:27

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Psalm 63:1-2

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Psalm 27:4

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Exodus 33:14-15

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Mark 1:35

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Philippians 3:10

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Elements in the daily devotional life.

Scriptures

1. How was the king to read the scriptures according to Deuteronomy 17:18-20?
2. Why was he to read it?.....
3. How does this apply to us today?
4. Our identification with Christ is to be on a basis according to Luke 9:23.

Prayer

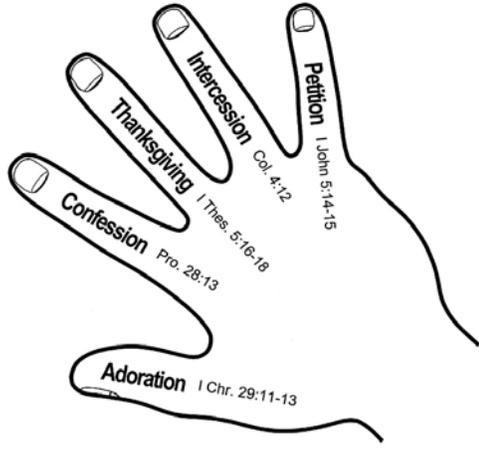
1. When should we pray? Luke 18:1
2. What does I Thessalonians 5:17 mean?



3. Effective prayer includes several components (“ACTS”). These components are illustrated in the Prayer Hand. Number them below in the order that you feel they should be introduced in your own prayer time.

The Prayer Hand
Maintaining a Balanced Prayer Life

- (...) Adoration - Praise
I Chronicles 29:11-13
- (...) Confession
Proverbs 28:13
- (...) Thanksgiving
I Thessalonians 5:16-18
- (...) Supplication: Intercession
(Prayer for others) *Colossians 4:12*
- (...) Supplication: Petition
(Prayer for myself) *I John 5:14-15*



Results of daily devotions

1. From the following scriptures, search and discover some results of a consistent daily devotional life.
- II Timothy 3:16
- Joshua 1:8

Psalm 139:23,24

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Psalm 119:105

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I Peter 2:2,3

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I John 1:7

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Hosea 6:6 (Living)

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Psalm 139:23-24

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Psalm 119:105

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I Peter 2:2-3

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I John 1:7

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Hindrances to Daily Devotions

1. From the following scriptures, list some of the hindrances to an effective daily devotional life and what steps you would take to overcome these hindrances.

<i>Hindrance</i>	<i>How I Would Overcome It</i>
Proverbs 6:9
Revelation 3:17
Psalm 127:2
Matthew 6:33
Mark 4:19
I John 2:15,16
Psalm 66:18

Remember, in order to have an effective daily devotional life you need:

1. **Time** when you are at your best.
2. **Place** - quiet spot all alone.
3. **Plan** - some pre-determined approach.
4. **Bible** - a translation you enjoy and don't mind writing in.
5. **Notebook** - to jot down what God says to you.
6. **Prayer List** - to help you remember.
7. **Expectant Heart** - you have an audience with the King.



Assignment

Fill out the following questions, then read the passages listed on the day assigned, and answer the questions for each passage.

By God's Grace, I Will Have a Daily Devotional Life This Week:

Time

Place

Which Translation

Length of Time

Signed:

Monday - Philippians 2:5 thru 10. Make note of the steps which took Jesus to his place of exaltation. How do these steps apply to us today?

Tuesday - Colossians 1:14 thru 20. Substitute the name of Christ for the personal pronoun in the passage. What new insight did you receive from this reading?

Wednesday - John 15:1 thru 17. Who is the vine? Who are the branches? What does it mean to "abide?"

Thursday - Matthew 25:31 thru 46. How does this apply today?

Friday - Hebrews 12:1 thru 6. What do you feel is necessary for us to "finish the race?"

Saturday - Acts 2:14 thru 36. What were the most important facts which Peter covered in this sermon of his?

Sunday - Psalm 145. List the things the Psalmist was praising God for.

Suggestions For Further Study

Tape 1517A - Quiet Time, Stephen Olford

Tape 1404AB - Bible Study, Gordon Adams

Quiet Time - Inter Varsity Press

Manna in the Morning by Stephen Olford, Moody Press

My Heart Christ's Home by Robert B. Munger, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

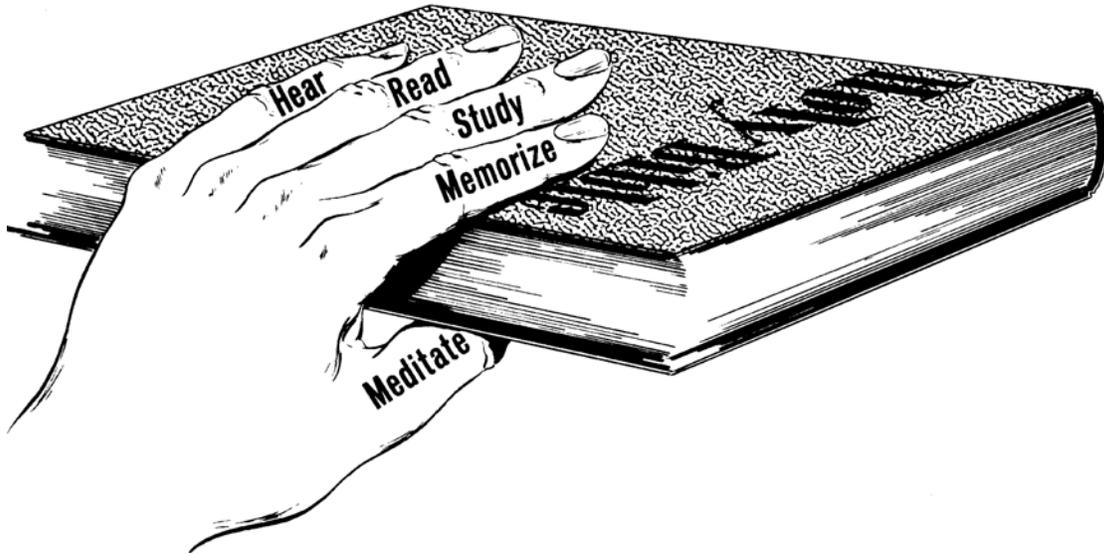
Time Alone With God, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

7 Minutes With God, The Navigators, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Daily Devotional Diary (a reading plan with written reproduction) The Navigators.

The Hand Illustration

Abiding in God's Word



Hear to be informed - *Romans 10:17; Jeremiah 3:15*

Hearing the Word from godly pastors and teachers provides us insight into other's study of the Scriptures as well as stimulating our own appetites for the Word.

Read to be healthy - *Revelation 1:3; Deuteronomy 17:19*

Reading the Bible gives us an overall picture of God's Word. Many find helpful a daily reading program which takes them systematically through the Bible.

Study to be intelligent - *Acts 17:11; II Timothy 2:15*

Studying the Scriptures leads us into personal discoveries of God's truths. Writing down these discoveries helps us organize and remember them better.

Memorize to be skillful - *Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Proverbs 7:1-3*

Memorizing God's Word enables us to have it readily available for personal meditation, for witnessing to and helping others, and for overcoming temptations.

Meditate to be fruitful - *Psalms 1:2-3; I Timothy 4:15*

Meditating on God's Word, thinking of its meaning and application to our daily life, enables us to release its transforming power to continually work within us.

Apply to be obedient - *Ezra 7:10; James 1:22*

Application of the Word of God to our daily life is a continual process that enables us to obediently walk in close personal fellowship with Him.

Proclaim to be reproductive - *Colossians 1:28-29; II Timothy 2:2*

Our objective: To know, love and glorify God, to be used of Him to raise up qualified laborers in significant numbers, as fast as possible, to help fulfill the Great Commission.

The Godly Woman as a Disciple

The Importance Of God's Word

Abiding In The Word Of God – *Take It In, Think It Over, Live It Out, Pass It On*

There are five basic ways we **take in** the Word of God. Since God is more interested in making us something than in simply teaching us something, (Ephesians 1:12) how much of His Word we retain and apply is vitally important. Consider the following statistics which reveal the retention rate of these five intake methods:

<i>Method</i>	<i>Retention</i>
Hear	5-10%
Read	10-15%
Study	20-35%
Memorize	100%
Meditate	Varies



1. Write out the following verses in your own words and write down what method of scripture intake is represented.

a. **Intake Method:**

Acts 17:11

 II Timothy 2:15.....

b. **Intake Method:**

Romans 10:17

 Jeremiah 3:15.....

c. **Intake Method:**

Revelation 1:3.....

 Deuteronomy 17:19.....

d. **Intake Method:**

Deuteronomy 6:6.....

Proverbs 7:1-3.....

e. **Intake Method:**

Psalms 1:2-3.....

Psalms 119:15-16.....

3. How many of these ways do you feel are vital for a growing Christian?

4. Just a word about each of the ways:

a. Hearing - don't neglect the fellowship of believers. Hebrews 10:25.

b. Reading - If you have never read through the Bible completely in a year, why not start now? Four chapters a day will more than put you through. From year to year, why not use different translations? They will help keep your reading fresh and allow God to reveal to you different facets of His truth.

c. Studying - study differs from reading in several ways. We will be experiencing several types of Bible study farther on in this booklet. To study, the following elements should be present:

- 1) Original investigation.
- 2) Written reproduction.
- 3) Consistency.
- 4) Personal Application.
- 5) "Pass-on-able" (it should be so real to our lives that we can pass it on to others).

d. Memorizing - scripture memory pays dividends. It is not easy. It reaches the sub-conscious levels of our very being. Pray before attempting it. You will need God's help. Memory courses are available from:

The Navigators: [Beginning With Christ](#)

The Navigators: [Topical Memory System](#)

Moody Bible Institute: [Memorize the Word](#)



e. Meditation - this is spiritual digestion. It is getting the Word of God from the head to the heart and into the life. Why not pray over the verses you are memorizing phrase by phrase as a form of meditation, or why not personalize the scripture as it is below for your meditation time:



“I am living a brand new kind of life that is continually learning more and more what is right, and trying constantly to be more and more like Christ who created this new life within me. In this new life, one's nationality or race or education or social position is not important; such things mean nothing - whether a person has Christ is what matters, and He is equally available to all. Since I have been chosen by God, who has given me this new kind of life, and because of His deep love and concern for me, I should practice tender hearted mercy and kindness to others. I should not worry about making a good impression on them, but be ready to suffer quietly and patiently. I should be gentle and ready to forgive, never holding grudges, and remembering that the Lord forgave me, so I must forgive others. I should let love guide my life, for then the whole church will stay together in perfect harmony. I will let the peace of heart which comes from Christ be always present in my heart and life, for this is my responsibility and privilege as a member of His Body, and I should always be thankful. I want to remember what Christ has taught and let His words enrich my life and make me wise. I would like to teach them to others and to sing them out in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing to the Lord from a thankful heart.” Colossians 3:10-16

5. Which way of scripture intake do you feel is most needed in your life currently?

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6. What will you do in the next seven days to start correcting this lack? (every journey is made by taking the first step - make a start)

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Suggestions For Further Study

- Tape 1595 - The Hand Illustration, Max Barnett
- Tape 1955 - Scripture Memory, Max Barnett
- Tape 820 - Scripture Memory, Lorne Sanny
- Tape 258 - Bible Study, Chuck Farah

Primer on Meditation, by The Navigators, Colorado Springs, Colorado

How To Make A Personal Application From Bible Study

Every Bible study must include some kind of personal application that will make the study relevant and meaningful to your life. Here are three specific suggestions on how to write personal applications from any Bible study you undertake.

A. What impresses me most?

(Generally, as you study a subject or a portion, God by His Spirit will lay some particular aspect on your heart. Pray that God will open your eyes to a specific application. Ask Him what He wants you to do about it.

B. Where do I fall short in this?

(When God speaks to you about a particular aspect of this study, write out the place where you fall short in this area. Use personal singular pronouns, I, Me, etc. An application should be *personal, practical and possible*. It should be concerned with a truth which may be translated into daily life and should be clearly stated. The application may deal with your relation to God or your relation to man. It should result in personal spiritual enrichment and uplifting by deepening your relationship to the Lord, or should improve your relationship to fellow Christians or those outside Christ.

C. What do I intend to do about it, with God's help?

(Write out your intention as a definite action that you will take now to correct the weakness, build the needed quality into your life, strengthen the understanding, etc. This action may be memorizing a verse on the subject, or making a special study on it, or praying daily about the need. It may be writing a letter of apology, righting some harm done, etc. Whatever the action - *be specific*.

The Godly Woman as Christ's Representative

A Biblical Example – The Shunammite Woman

This lesson is a type of character study. This is a very interesting and rewarding way of studying Biblical personalities. To encourage and aid you in doing other such studies on your own from the Bible, a sample outline you might wish to follow is included here:

Character Study Outline

1. List all the characteristics, good and bad, of the person to be studied.
2. Check a concordance to get verses of Scripture on these characteristics. (For instance: if the person was obedient to God, find a verse that speaks of the blessings of obedience; if the person lied or hurt others by the use of his tongue, find a verse that tells what God thinks of wrong use of the tongue; if the person believed God for great things, find a verse that tells the value God places on such belief, etc.)
3. Write a thumb-nail sketch or a brief summary of the person's life.
4. Write out problems. These can be things you don't understand about the person, or things you don't understand about God's dealings with him. State in the form of questions.
5. State what you think is the leading lesson taught by this life.
6. Make a personal application (*The previous chapter explains how*).

The Shunammite Woman

1. Study II Kings 4:8-37
2. List all the characteristics and attitudes you see in her life - both good and bad.

3. List at least five of the above characteristics. From your own knowledge of the Bible, or using a concordance, find a cross-reference for each one (*see explanation in "2." above*).

<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>Cross-Reference</i>
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4. Write a brief summary of her life:

5. What problems do you find in understanding either God's dealing with the Shunammite woman or her response to God or other people?

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6. What do you think were some of this woman's attitudes

a. Toward God?

b. Toward her husband?

c. Toward her children?

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7. What would you say is the leading lesson taught by her life?

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8. What key insight about God did you discover while studying the life of the woman of Shunam?

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9. What trait do you see in the Shunammite woman that you would like to see in your own life?

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10. Using the "How to Make A Personal Application from Bible Study" outline from page 30, write out what action you will take this week to make a personal application from this study.

a. What impresses me most?

b. Where do I fall short in this?

c. What do I intend to do about it, with God's help?

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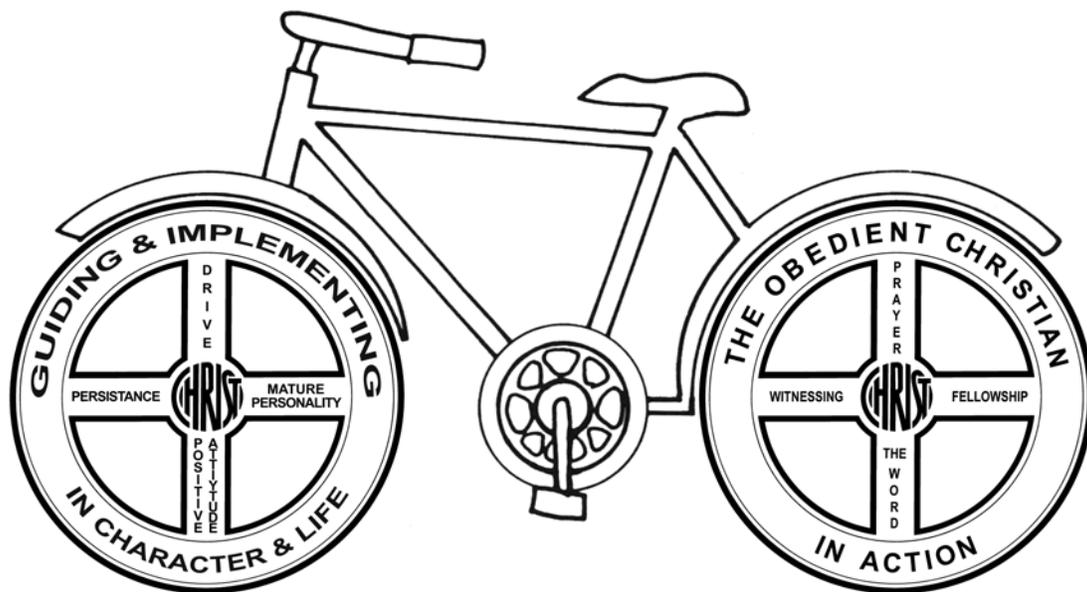
The Godly Woman as Christ's Representative Character & Guidance System of a Disciple

Moving Toward Maturity

It is possible to live the first year of the Christian life 20 times, rather than living 20 years of the Christian life! To insure that this does not happen, a disciple needs to do two things: (1) to acquire basic skills through a daily, habitual walk with God, and (2) to approach all of life in terms of definite goals and a specific system of guidance.

David exemplified this dual life-purpose in a powerful way. Asaph wrote of him, "God chose David his servant and took him from the sheep pens; from tending the sheep he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance. And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them" (Psalm 78:70-72, NIV). David was able to skillfully lead the people only because he sought God daily. He was able to shepherd them with integrity only insofar as he followed the laws and principles of God.

In many ways, successfully living the Christian life is like learning to ride a bicycle. The back wheel of the bicycle might represent the basics of a disciple's life-the daily disciplines which require commitment and "skillful hands." The front wheel of the bicycle would represent the disciple's character and guidance system-the "integrity of heart" so vital to a maturing Christian's life.



Definitions - Before answering the following questions, firmly fix these definitions in your mind:

- **Positive Attitude:** Not negative; positive disposition and outlook.
- **Persistence:** Endurance; perseverance; not quitting or being sidetracked.
- **Drive:** Taking positive action, as an act of the will; not pampering the flesh and letting emotions or feelings control you; being highly motivated.
- **Mature Personality:** Full-grown; completely developed in one's individuality and disposition.

Character and Guidance System of a Disciple

1. What should be the overall objective of the Christian regarding the world? Matthew 28:19-20
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2. What is God’s objective and will for every believer? Romans 8:29
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II Peter 3:18
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3. Write the key thought you see in each of the following Scriptures.

- Philippians 4:8
- Joshua 14:10-12
- Hebrews 10:36
- I Corinthians 16:13
- Ephesians 4:13
- Colossians 1:18
- II Corinthians 10:5
- Psalms 18:29
- Revelation 2:10
- II Corinthians 4:16
- Galatians 4:19
- II Corinthians 3:18
- Philippians 1:21

And place the above Scripture references under the proper heading below.

Positive Attitude

Drive

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Persistence

Mature Personality

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4. Many factors combine to determine the character and guidance system of a disciple. Read the Scripture then place each of the traits of character in one of the four categories listed below:

Reliance on Christ	II Corinthians 3:5
Faith in Christ	Philippians 4:13
Trust in Christ	Job 23:10
Dependence on Christ	Romans 8:28
Expectancy	Philippians 4:19
Cheerfulness	Proverbs 15:15
Enthusiasm	Joshua 6:20
Initiative	I Samuel 14:6
Decisiveness	James 1:8
Faithfulness	Luke 16:10
Patience	Hebrews 6:15
Steadfastness	Ephesians 6:13
Courage	Daniel 3:16-18
Self Control	I Corinthians 9:26-27
Servant Heart	I Corinthians 9:19
Submissiveness to Authority	I Peter 5:5-6
Teachableness	Proverbs 10:8
Peacemaker	Psalms 133:1
Acceptance of Others	I Corinthians 4:5
Humility	Philippians 2:3-4

Positive Attitude

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Drive

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Persistence

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Mature Personality

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5. While it is true that God has made each of us different and unique in personality, it is equally true that there are certain qualities we all need. Which two of the four categories would you most like to see strengthened in your own life?

Why these two?

The Christian life is like riding a bicycle in many respects. If you don't move on, you will fall off. There are three main areas which cause people to falter in their Christian walk. They are the psychological, physical and the spiritual. A number of problems are caused because Christians lack a basic understanding of the emotional facts of what it means to walk with God.

Psychological Factors (*Mental or Emotional*)

Walking with God does not mean that we will always have perfect peace. II Corinthians 6:10. Further, psychological conflict is not abnormal or sinful, but failure to resolve the conflict may be.

6. Match the scripture references with the psychological problems which can cause people to “fall off” in the Christian life.



YOU'RE BOUND TO HEAR A DISCOURAGING WORD SOMETIMES.

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| (...) Wrong mind set | 1. I Corinthians 13:1-3 |
| (...) Fear | 2. I John 2:15-16 |
| (...) Production oriented | 3. II Timothy 1:7 |
| (...) Worldliness | 4. Hebrews 12:1, 2A |
| (...) Guilt | 5. Romans 13:1-2 |
| (...) Disappointment with God | 6. John 5:44 |
| (...) Disappointment with others | 7. Hebrews 12:15 |
| (...) Disappointment with self | 8. Psalm 12:1, 2LB |
| (...) Playing to wrong audience | 9. Romans 7:15 |
| (...) Bitterness | 10. Psalm 38:4 |
| (...) Rebellion against authority | 11. Romans 9:20 |



7. Select two from the above list and explain in your own words how you would deal with them in your life or the life of another:

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Physical Factors

8. An ineffective Christian walk may sometimes be traced to a physical root. List some of these causes below and their solutions:

<i>Causes</i>	<i>Solutions</i>
Hebrews 6:12	II Timothy 2:3-4
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Daniel 7:25	Psalms 71:18
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I Corinthians 15:33	Proverbs 13:20
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Proverbs 21:5	Mark 6:31 & Isaiah 28:16
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Spiritual Factors

9. The psychological, physical, and spiritual lives are interdependent in most people. A few spiritual warnings are to be found in the following verses - name them.

- I Corinthians 15:33
- Proverbs 21:5
- James 3:5-10
- I Corinthians 10:12
- John 15:5
- I Peter 2:1,2
- I Corinthians 4:7
- I Peter 5:8
- I Peter 5:5,6

Helpful Remedies

10. The following remedies may be helpful in encouraging you to maintain balance and momentum in your Christian life:

- a. Make a genuine and total commitment of your life to God.
- b. Apply the necessary disciplines to walk with God in His Word, prayer and keeping short accounts with Him (keeping known sins confessed).
- c. Faith in the following:
 - 1) The sovereignty of God (He is in control) Psalm 115:3.
 - 2) The power of God (He can do anything) Jeremiah 32:17.
 - 3) The knowledge of God (He knows what is going on) Hebrews 4:13.
 - 4) He is personally interested in you. John 10:3, 4; Luke 12:7.
- d. Maintain the vessel. I Corinthians 9:26, 27. (A person in good physical and psychological condition will be in better shape spiritually).
- e. Be submissive to God rather than rebellious. James 4:6, 7.
- f. Determine daily to be obedient to Him. I Samuel 15:22, 23; I Peter 3:10,11.
- g. Determine to put to use any truth you learn (walk in the light) I John 1:7.
- h. Determine to profit from discipline or testing. Hebrews 5:8, Hebrews 12:6, Revelation 3:19.
- i. Have a goal of becoming spiritually educated through Bible study. Colossians 1:9, 10, Colossians 2:2, 3.
- j. Permit yourself to be exhorted or rebuked by other Christians when needed. Galatians 6:1, I Timothy 5:20, Hebrews 10:25.
- k. Acquire the habit of intelligent and bold prayer. Ephesians 6:18.
- l. Fight the good fight of faith. Proverbs 3:5, I Peter 4:19, I Peter 5:7.

Application

11. Review the 12 suggestions and list the two you feel are most needed in your life at this time

12. How, spiritually, do you fail in these two areas?

a. What will you do about them this coming week?

b. How will you check up on yourself?

Suggestions for Further Study

Tape BSU155A - Characteristics of a Disciple, Gene Warr

Spirit-Controlled Temperament and Transformed Temperaments, by Dr. Tim LaHaye, Tyndale House

The Godly Woman as Christ's Representative

Goals, Priorities and the Use of Time

Today it seems that very few people feel they have enough time. There are some basic facts we need to know:

- We all have the same amount of time.
- We have all the time we need.
- When we are pressured by time, it means either:
 - a. We are doing the wrong things.
 - b. We are doing the right things in the wrong way.



1. What do you learn about time and its use from Psalm 90:9-12?

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2. Define time:

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3. Hebrews 1:2 (Amplified), “(But) in the last of these days He has spoken to us in (the person of a) Son, Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things, also by and through Whom He created the worlds and the reaches of space and the ages of time - (that is), He made, produced, built, operated and arranged them in order.”



Where did time come from?

4. Whose time is it anyway? I Corinthians 6:19, 20

Check One: Christ's (...) Ours (...) Everybody's (...)

5. According to I Corinthians 4:2, we are of our time also.

6. Explain what stewardship of time means.

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7. What do the following verses teach us regarding time from our point of view?

Psalm 39:4

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James 4:14

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Psalm 90:9

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8. Psalm 90:10 says our normal life span should be 70 years. How many days do you now have left?

What percentage of your life is already passed?

In your imagination, project your life to its end. Now look back and decide what you would have wanted your life to have meant? This will assist you in setting priorities and goals.



9. Below are listed some areas of priorities with two scriptures for each of them. First match the scriptures with the areas. Then number the areas in the order of their importance as you think God sees them.

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Areas</i>	<i>(2 each)</i>
()	Husband	() ()
()	Home	() ()
()	Personal walk with Christ	() ()
()	Ministry & Outreach	() ()
()	Recreation	() ()
()	Children	() ()
()	Work	() ()
()	Public relations	() ()
	<i>(what others think)</i>	

Verses

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Proverbs 22:6 | 8. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 |
| 2. Proverbs 31:27 | 9. II Corinthians 5:19 |
| 3. Matthew 22:37 | 10. Mark 6:31 |
| 4. Titus 2:4-5 | 11. Proverbs 31:11-12 |
| 5. I Corinthians 1:9 | 12. Matthew 28:18-20 |
| 6. Colossians 3:23 | 13. Proverbs 29:25 |
| 7. II Thessalonians 3:11 | 14. Galatians 1:10 |

10. If you feel your life style is not agreeing with priorities as God views them, what will you do specifically in one area this week to help re-align your life style to fit God's priorities?

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Strong People Have Goals, Weak People Only Have Wishes.

11. Search the following verses and select a basic prerequisite for goal setting from each one. Write out the principle as you discover it from each verse.

Proverbs 16:9 (Living) "We should make plans - counting on God to direct us."
 Principle Discovered:

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Proverbs 23:23 (Living) “Get the facts at any price, and hold on tightly to all the good sense you can get.” Principle Discovered:

Acts 6:10 (Williams) “But they could not cope with his good practical sense and the spiritual power with which he usually spoke.” Principle Discovered:



12. Place the following verses (written out below) under their proper headings in goal preparation.

I Kings 3:23 (Living) “Then the king said, let's get the facts straight: both of you claim the living child, and each says that the dead child belongs to the other.”

Proverbs 22:3 (Living), “A prudent man foresees the difficulties ahead and prepares for them; the simpleton goes blindly on and suffers consequences.”

Proverbs 11:14 (New English Bible) “For want of skillful strategy an army is lost. Victory is the fruit of long planning.”

I Kings 18:21 (Living), “Then Elijah talked to them. ‘How long are you going to waver between two opinions?’ he asked the people. If the Lord is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!”

<i>Headings</i>	<i>Verses</i>
	Plan ahead
	Get the facts
	Use your head
	Make a decision

Summary

1. Plan your time - if you don't, others will.
2. Leave a margin - for the unexpected.
3. Do one thing at a time and finish it.
4. Learn to say “NO.” Giving an unqualified no answer is a mark of Christian maturity.
5. Separate the important from the urgent.
6. Use short cuts and helps which promote efficiency.
7. Be decisive. Do not be paralyzed by indecision.
8. Write it down. The poorest pencil has a better memory than the sharpest mind.
9. Be time conscious.

Assignment

Write out some of your current goals in the following areas and be prepared to share them:

1. Personal (spiritual, mental, emotional, physical, and social)

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2. Family (husband, children and parents)

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3. Home (schedule, projects, etc.)

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4. Ministry (church, outreach, Bible study)

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5. Recreational (sports, vacations, etc.)

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6. Public Relations (community involvement, school participation, etc.)

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Suggestions For Further Study

Tape 1273AB - Priorities and Use of Time, Gene Warr

Tyranny of the Urgent - Intersity Press

The Godly Woman as Christ's Representative

Finding God's Will

God is more interested in our knowing and doing His will than we are in discovering it. He is not trying to hide His will from us. His will is never in opposition to His Word.

Christianity is not a set of rules but the operation of Divine principles. Some things are clear as to their rightness or wrongness as revealed in the Bible. Other areas are not as clear. These areas all need careful examination and decision by each of us.



Biblical Principles Concerning the Will of God

1. From the passages below, in your own words, summarize what each says God's revealed will is.

- a. I Timothy 2:4
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- b. I Thessalonians 4:3
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- c. Galatians 1:4
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- d. I Thessalonians 5:18
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- e. I Peter 2:15
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- f. I Peter 4:19
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- g. Romans 14:9
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2. Principles in determining right or wrong. Mark the following statements true or false in light of the Scriptures given.

- T F** 1. If the Bible doesn't specifically condemn it, it is all right for me to do. I Corinthians 6:12
- T F** 2. If the Bible speaks against it, I must not do it. Acts 5:29
- T F** 3. If it is socially acceptable, it is all right. Galatians 1:10
- T F** 4. If it could hurt my body, I must not do it. I Corinthians 6:19, 20
- T F** 5. How it affects others is not really important. Romans 14:21, II Corinthians 6:3, I Corinthians 11:1, I Corinthians 10:33
- T F** 6. I should be concerned with whether it glorifies God or not. I Corinthians 10:31
- T F** 7. I am responsible for how it affects my mind. Philippians 2:5
- T F** 8. If it is my time, life or money, I am investing, then it is my own business. I Corinthians 4:2

Discovering God's will

1. In Genesis 24:27, Abraham's servant was led by God because he was: (underline the correct answer)

- a. A godly man
- b. Wise
- c. Moving in the direction of discovering God's will
- D. Jewish

2. Psalm 119:105 teaches that clear leading for a life comes from

3. Another way God leads us is through
Proverbs 11:14



4. Proverbs 16:33 (Amplified) “The lot is cast into the lap, but the decision is wholly of the Lord - even the events (that seem accidental) are really ordered by Him,” indicates that God can lead us through: (*check one*)

- a. Throwing dice (....)
- b. Accidents (....)
- c. Circumstances (....)

5. An inner conviction that a certain course of action is right is called
 (Philippians 4:6-7).

Will of God
How to Discern the Will of God



We have discovered that God leads us through prayer, His Word, circumstances, Godly counsel, and inner peace. He also leads those who are moving instead of sitting still. Remember, the most reliable leading is always the Bible.

Procedure for Discovering God's Will

Study the following outline carefully and keep it handy as a reference for discovering God's will for your own life or helping another to determine what God would have him to do.



1. Do you believe that God's will can be known definitely and accurately? If not, look up Psalm 32:8 and Isaiah 30:21.
2. Are you willing to seek God's will and do it or would you just like to have an option on it? John 7:17.
3. Have you made a permanent decision of commitment to be yielded to God for the rest of your life? If not, meditate on Romans 12:1, 2 and seek counsel.
4. Is there any known unconfessed sin in your life? If so, stop here and confess it and forsake it. If you won't do that, then do not proceed in seeking God's will. I John 1:9, Proverbs 28:13, Psalm 66:18.
5. Are you obeying the known will of God for your life on a daily basis? If not, start today and demonstrate it before proceeding. Psalm 119:59-60.
6. Are you in neutral, willing for the matter to fall either way? Ask God to reveal whether you are in neutral. If not, continue to pray that God's desires will be your desires. Philippians 2:13
7. Are you praying specifically and definitely about it in faith? Make a list of your specific thoughts and pray about them. Pray in faith. James 1:5-7 (Living) Mark 10:51.
8. Are you fellowshiping with God daily through reading His Word and prayer? If not, commit yourself to begin today. Psalm 5:3.
9. Has God spoken to you through His Word, in your regular reading, or your scripture review? Keep a written record of what God speaks to you about. If you have been in the Word and have no guidance from it, continue in the Word but wait. Psalm 37:34 (Living).
10. Do you have *all* the available facts? If not, take action to get the facts. Proverbs 24:3-4 (Living).
11. Make a list here of advantages and disadvantages about the issue:

Advantages

Disadvantages

12. What does common sense tell you to do? Acts 6:10, Acts 12:10 (Williams)
13. What do you want to do? Psalm 37:4
14. Why do you want to do it? Proverbs 21:2 (Living)
15. Is it of benefit to you (spiritually, physically, emotionally, mentally, socially)?
I Corinthians 6:12
16. Will it be a thorn causing anxious cares, desire for riches, or desire for pleasure? Mark 4:19,
Luke 8:14 17. Will it be a weight? Hebrews 12:1, 2
18. Will it cause another to stumble? I Corinthians 10:23, Romans 14:21. Will it glorify God?
I Corinthians 10:31
19. Have you asked counsel from three spiritually mature people? If so, record what they said. If
not, write the names of three you can ask (Proverbs 15:22):
 - 1).....
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 - 2).....
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 - 3).....
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20. Does it violate any known scriptural principle? Psalm 119:19 (Living)
21. Are you willing to wait in faith for God to line up His Word, your peace, and circumstances?
Hebrews 10:36
22. Do you have inner conviction or peace about a course of action? If so, proceed with conviction.
Romans 14:23
23. Act in faith, believing God wants you to do it. Hebrews 11:6

Application

Review the principles in determining right or wrong. In the light of these principles, what are you now doing which you should stop or what are you considering doing which you should reject?

What will you do about it?

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Suggestions For Further Study

- Tape 258A - Will of God, The, Lorne Sanny
- Tape 1533 - God's Will, John Repass

Affirming the Will of God by Paul E. Little – Intervarsity Press

The Godly Woman as Christ's Representative

Financial Responsibility

Money represents life because we must invest our lives to acquire it. Money is neither good nor bad, but becomes so only in the context of its use. It is a medium of exchange. Since it represents life, we are responsible for its use and handling. I Corinthians 4:2 "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."



Financial Truths

1. Who really owns the world's riches? Haggai 2:8

2. Who gives us our ability to make money? Deuteronomy 8:18, I Corinthians 4:7

3. Match up some of the pitfalls of money with their appropriate scriptures:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Forgetting God | 1. Proverbs 30:8-9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stop trusting God | 2. I Timothy 6:10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Being deceived | 3. Mark 4:19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Falling in love with money | 4. Deuteronomy 8:12-14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trusting a fleeting commodity | 5. Proverbs 23:4-5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Becoming ungrateful | 6. Matthew 6:24 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Becoming double minded | 7. Malachi 3:8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robbing God | 8. Proverbs 11:28 (Living) |

"Trust in your money and down you go! Trust in God and flourish as a tree."

4. Do you feel prosperity or poverty is more spiritually helpful?

Why?

5. List a principle in finances from the following scriptures: Proverbs 20:4, Proverbs 14:23, II Thessalonians 3:10 The principle is:

6. Proverbs 21:20 (Living) says, "The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets." What principle do we find in this verse regarding finances?

7. Proverbs 16:9 (Living) says, "We should make plans - counting on God to direct us." How does this apply in finances?

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8. Proverbs 17:18 (Living) says, "It is poor judgment to countersign another's note, to become responsible for his debts." What does this warn us against?

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9. What is our condition when we owe money? Proverbs 22:7

10. Many people stay in debt because of a continuing practice of buying items which depreciate rapidly. Watch out for this trap. Romans 13:8 says we are to owe others only



11. God, in Philippians 4:19, has promised to provide our

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12. What is the difference between wants and needs?

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13. In Matthew 4:6, 7, the devil tempted Jesus to the sin of presumption. How can this sin be committed in the financial realm?

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14. If you are short of money, answering the following questions may reveal to you the reason why this is true:

- a. Do I really need it?
- b. Is God testing my faith?
- c. Did I mis-spend the money God has already given me?
- d. Have I violated the financial principles?

Match the scriptures with the principles:

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| (.....) Stinginess | 1. Luke 12:15 |
| (.....) Hastiness | 2. Proverbs 11:24, 25 |
| (.....) Stubbornness | 3. Proverbs 28:19, 20 |
| (.....) Laziness | 4. Proverbs 21:5 |
| (.....) Gluttony | 5. Proverbs 20:13 |
| (.....) Get-Rich-Quick Schemes | 6. Proverbs 23:21 |
| (.....) Covetousness | 7. Proverbs 13:18 |

The Principle of Giving

Another important principle in finances is giving. We will search for truths regarding why, how, and where to give.

1. In the light of Deuteronomy 14:23b (Living), “the purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.”

Why do you feel God instituted tithing?

2. God is not nearly as interested in raising money as He is in raising children.

What has God promised to those who give faithfully? Malachi 3:10

3. What would be the opposite effort which could come upon those who do not give faithfully? Malachi 3:11

4. List some principles of giving to be found in II Corinthians 9:6-15

5. List some principles of giving to be found in II Corinthians 8:1-15

6. Where should we give?

a. Galatians 6:6

b. Proverbs 19:17

c. James 2:15-16

d. I Corinthians 9:11-14

Assignment

In the light of this study, discuss your financial situation with your wife to see if some changes need to be made. If they do, and you are in agreement, put them into effect immediately.

Suggestions For Further Study

Tape 1267AB - Financial Responsibility, Gene Warr

How to Live on your Income, Readers Digest Association, Pleasantville, New York

Guide to Personal Finance by Sal Nuccio, Harper & Row Publishers

You Can Be Financially Free by George Fooshee, Revell

The Godly Woman as Christ's Representative
The Church



1. Define the church in your own words
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2. Who owns the church? Acts 20:28
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3. Who is the head of the church? Colossians 1:18
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4. What is God's desire for the church? I Corinthians 1:9, 10 and Ephesians 5:26-27
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5. What has God promised to give His people? Jeremiah 3:15
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6. What are these spiritual leaders to do in the church? Acts 20:28
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7. What are some of their responsibilities? I Peter 5:1-7
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8. What is to be a spiritual leader's attitude?
..... Luke 22:26
..... Mark 10:45
9. What was the man's problem in Psalm 142:4?
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10. According to I Corinthians 4:15, we have many teachers, but only one spiritual parent. Who is caring for your soul? Write the name of the one person you look to for spiritual leadership more than any other
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11. What should your response to your spiritual leader be?
..... Hebrews 13:17
..... I Thessalonians 5:12-13
12. What do we learn from I Corinthians 12:4-18 about what part we are to play in the operation of the church?
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13. What does Hebrews 10:25 mean to you in the context of your church?
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14. If we are not in agreement with spiritual leadership, what must we watch out for? I Samuel 24:6, I Chronicles 16:22
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15. Whose responsibility is it to choose who fills the positions of spiritual leadership? Psalm 75:6-7
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I Timothy 1:5 in the 20th Century New Testament says, “The object of all instruction is to call forth that love which comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and a sincere faith” and indicates that any instruction we are giving or receiving in the Christian context should eventuate in love.



16. What must a servant of God guard against? II Timothy 2:24, 25
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Assignment

Galatians 5:22-23 lists the fruit of the spirit. Meditate over these verses and ask God to show you how you have fallen short of them in your church relationship. Will you allow Him to correct this by expressing Himself through you in the situation this coming week? How?

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Suggestions For Further Study

- Tape 602 - Serving Church, Howard Hendricks
- Tape 603 - Teaching Church, Howard Hendricks

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Helping Others

Follow-up is parental care for spiritual children – it could even be called spiritual pediatrics. Basically it involves accepting from God the spiritual responsibility of regularly and lovingly helping another Christian grow to maturity. This process becomes “disciplemaking” when the new or non-growing Christian moves beyond spiritual “childhood.”



Follow-Up

1. The book of I Thessalonians is a great revelation and exposition of biblical follow up principles. Read the book carefully, inserting the proper scripture references opposite the stated follow-up principle:

- The objective of follow-up
- Personal example
- Individual care
- Heart involvement
- Practical helps
- Prayer
- Sharing of the life
- Godly teaching

2. Various means of follow-up are available to us today, which were available to the early church. List some of them from the following verses:

- I Corinthians 4:17
- I John 2:1,2
- Philippians 1:3,4
- Acts 15:36

3. Since God is not as interested in how many we are as how much we count, spiritual maturity is a crying need. The Bible gives us examples of deeper relationships than merely follow-up. In these relationships, the imparting of life and encouraging to maximum maturity was taking place. Name the people involved in this type of deeper training, from the following passages:

- II Timothy 2:2
- Acts 20:4
- II Kings 2:6
- Exodus 24:13
- Mark 3:13-15

4. There are certain basic needs which all believers have. These are areas where the enemy generally attacks. Match the scriptures with the needs and then number them in their order of importance as you see it.

Scriptures

Luke 11:1	I Peter 5:8	II Timothy 2:15
I Peter 2:2, 3	Psalm 5:3	Job 22:21, 22
I John 5:11, 12	Psalm 107:2	Colossians 2:6, 7
Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10		Romans 1:16

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Needs</i>	<i>(Scriptures)</i>
(...)	Feeding	
(...)	Protection	
(...)	Fellowship	
(...)	Assurance of salvation	
(...)	Daily Devotional life	
(...)	Ability to share testimony	
(...)	Ability to share the gospel	
(...)	Bible study	
(...)	Scripture Memory	
(...)	Prayer life	
(...)	Growing faith	



Assignment:

Write the name of one or more people you feel God would have you help in their spiritual walk. Get in touch with them some way this week. What you have already learned in this study booklet gives you a great deal to share in the way of follow-up.

Suggestions For Further Study

Tape BSU 56B - Indispensable Principles of Helping Others, Walt Henrichsen
 Tape BSU1 - Born to Reproduce, Dawson Trotman

New Testament Follow-Up by Wayland B. Moore, Eerdmans Publishers
 Encouraging New Christians by Michael Griffiths, Inter-Varsity Press
 Follow-Up by Dawson E. Trotman, The Navigators, Colorado Spring, Colorado
 Disciples Are Made-Not Born, by Walter Henrichsen, Victor Press

The Godly Woman as a Wife
Introduction to Studies on Marriage & the Family



“The Lord said ... I will make him a suitable helper, completing him.”
Genesis 2:18 (Berkeley)

In the world of the 21st Century, with its uncertainty, its crumbling value systems and its many social problems and pressures, thinking people are concerned about the home. They are seeking guidelines for effective and fulfilling marriage relationships.

These studies are designed to help improve our understanding of Christian marriage with its challenges, joys, and satisfactions ... and to produce a distinctively Christian home where Christ lives-not merely a home where Christians live.

The studies leave much unsaid, but this is inevitable within the limits of a single book. We would highly recommend that you read *Heaven Help the Home* by Howard Hendricks, Victor Press and *How to Be Happy Though Married*, by Dr. Tim LaHaye, Tyndale House, as companion study books for these chapters on marriage, children and the home. These books are on the art and joy of successful family living and cover much of what's been left unsaid in these brief studies. Other helpful tapes and books are listed at the end of each chapter.

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her.” Ephesians 5:25 (NIV)

The Basis of Marriage

1. How did God create man? Genesis 1:26-27

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2. Why did God establish the marriage relationship? Genesis 2:18

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3. Men and women desire to be married for various reasons. What are some of these motivations?

Men	Women
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4. In the Bible, God uses marriage to describe the relationship of Christ to the individual believer. What are some of the parallels you see between these two relationships?

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5. God has given us certain biblical principles which provide the basis for a truly godly marriage. From the following scriptures, state as many of these principles as you can find.

- Genesis 2:18, 24
- Ephesians 5:21-33
- Colossians 3:18, 19
- I Corinthians 7:3-5
- I Corinthians 11:3
- Genesis 18:19
- Genesis 1:26-28



6. The following are some general principles God has given to Christians. State the principle and how it also contributes to a Godly marriage.

- Ephesians 5:18
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- I Thessalonians 5:18
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- Ephesians 4:26
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- Colossians 3:23
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- Ephesians 4:31, 32
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- I Peter 4:9, Romans 12:13.....
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- Colossians 2:6-7 (Living)
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- Philippians 4:6-7
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- Philippians 2:3-4
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Romans 13:8

 II Corinthians 6:14

7. Which of these principles for a Godly marriage is most lacking in your marriage? What can you do this week to begin to change this?

In order to have a godly marriage, there must be godly partners. The basis of a godly marriage begins with the individual.

8. From the following Scriptures, what are some basic truths that must be evident for God to express His likeness in us?

- a. John

- b. II Corinthians 3:18

- c. John 3:30

- d. II Peter 1:4 15:5



9. What characteristics relating to godliness do you see in these Scriptures?
- a. Genesis 6:9

 - b. Hebrews 11:8

 - c. Numbers 14:6-8

 - d. I Kings 4:29

 - e. Numbers 32:12

10. In Genesis 18:19 and Ephesians 5:22-24, we found that the husband is to lead the family. In what areas is he to lead ?.....

 Is this true in your family?

11. How can a husband who desires to lead his family be kept from it?

12. Briefly describe the influence of the men and women in the following verses.
- I Peter 3:7

 - Matthew 27:19-26

 - I Samuel 25:14-35

The Godly Woman
Being “A Helper Fit For Him” - Part I - Follow The Leader

Marriage is a trinity - even as God is a trinity. The parts of marriage are: spiritual, emotional and physical. Like a three-legged milk stool, if one part is missing, it becomes ineffective in its operation. Further, the very nature of marriage in its intimacy reveals the weaknesses and shortcomings of each partner. With this knowledge comes the ability to hurt deeply. We are charged before God with the privilege and responsibility of completing our husbands, of being “a helper fit for him” (Genesis 2:18). Therefore, we desperately need to know and understand the needs of our husbands and to take the necessary steps to meet them. Only in this way can we adequately fulfill our responsibility and privilege.

His Part And Mine - Or, Where Do I Fit In?

1. Study the following verses: Genesis 2:18; Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 3:18, 19; 1 Peter 3:7. Using the information found in these verses, write a definition for:

- a. The role of the husband
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- b. The role of the wife
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God's role for a wife is to be a completer, not a competitor.

2. The role of the wife is a supportive role. From the following verses list some of the ways a wife should support her husband.

- Ephesians 5:24
- Proverbs 31:12
- I Peter 3:6 (Living)
- Ephesians 5:33 (Living & Amplified)
- Proverbs 31:11
- I Peter 3:1
- I Thessalonians 5:17
- Colossians 3:13
- Ephesians 4:26-27
- Ephesians 4:2, 3 (Living)

3. According to Ephesians 5:24, 25, what one word summarizes God's chief command to:
husbands?

wives?

4. Check several sources, then formulate a definition of submission.

5. From Ephesians 5:22-24, what do we learn about submission?

*“Many modern women do not like the idea of being subject to a man because they do not know the inner meaning of the command, ‘Be subject’ Both the Greek and Latin words carry the idea of throwing oneself under, as a foundation, as an assistant, or to use the biblical phrase concerning our first parents, ‘a helper fit for him’ (Genesis 2:18, 20).”
- Donald Grey Barnhouse*

6. Why do you think God requires the role of submission rather than the role of leadership for wives?

7. Comment on this statement: “Submission is an attitude before it is an act.”

8. Answer the following yes/no questions and then explain why you gave that answer to each question.

a. Can a woman be truly submitted to God and not to her husband?

Explain:

b. Does the husband's headship mean he is to operate as a dictator?

Explain:

c. Does the headship of the husband and the submission of the wife indicate that man is superior and woman is inferior?

Explain:

d. Should a wife always submit to her husband, or only when she thinks he's right?

Explain:

There is no position of superiority or inferiority when a husband and wife fulfill their God-appointed roles. Each has a different - but equally important role. They are like a lock and key - neither is more important than the other, and neither can fulfill its function without the other.

9. Is there an area of your life in which you are not submissive to your husband (and therefore not submissive to Christ)?

What will you do about it this week?

What other area of the supportive role (question #2) do you need to improve in?

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What will you do this week to improve in that area?

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“God Requires Submission Of Women Because It Suits Their Needs - Not His.” -Howard Hendricks

The Never-Fail Formula

1. Without using reference material write out your definition of love.

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2. Read I Corinthians 13 in several translations. Write out the one thing which stands out to you most

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3. From verses 1-3, list some things-which are good in themselves, but which are worthless without love.

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4. True love always expresses itself. The following action words for love have been taken from several translations of the Bible. Take each one and write out in your own words: 1) *what it means* and 2) *how it works in the home*:

a. Love is patient.

1)

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2)

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b. Love is kind.

1)

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2)

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c. Love is not jealous.

1)

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2)

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d. Love is not boastful.

1)

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2)

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- e. Love has good manners.
 - 1)
 - 2)
- f. Love is not selfish.
 - 1)
 - 2)
- g. Love is not arrogant.
 - 1)
 - 2)
- h. Love is not irritable.
 - 1)
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- i. Love is not resentful.
 - 1)
 - 2)

5. From verse 7 of I Corinthians 13, choose the one aspect which seems most important. Give an example of how it should work in marriage or in the home.

- a. My choice:
- b. How it should work:

6. From I Corinthians 13:1-7 answer the following questions.

- a. What is your greatest need at this time?
- b. How does this need manifest itself ?
- c. What steps will you take this week, with God's help, to improve in this area of need?

Suggestions For Further Study

- Tape 1060 - Difficulties In the Walk of Love, Shirley Rice
- Tape 1061 - Submission, Shirley Rice
- Tape 1155 - Role and Responsibility of the Wife, Howard Hendricks
- Tape 1180 - Role and Responsibility of the Wife, Irma Warr

For Women Only, by Peterson, Tyndale House

The Godly Woman
Being "A Helper Fit For Him" Part II - His Home Is His Castle

Setting The Atmosphere Of The Home

A wife is called upon to create the environment and right climate in which the tender plants of love and marriage can grow and flourish.

1. Think back through the past week:
 - a. In the time shared with your husband before he left the house, what kind of atmosphere did you set for the day?

- b. When you greeted him upon returning home, what kind of atmosphere did you set for the remainder of the day or evening?
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2. What principles for helping to set a good atmosphere in the home do you find in Ephesians 4:26-27, 29-32?
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3. What do you think your own attitude and appearance have to do with setting the atmosphere? Explain.
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4. What have you taught your children regarding how they can help set a good atmosphere when their daddy arrives home?.....
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Fulfilling Your Husband's Needs

1. Try to put yourself in your husband's place: What do you think he needs most during the first 30 minutes after arriving home from work?
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2. How do you greet your husband when he comes home? (e.g. - with a "recital" of all the problems you've faced during the day? with a loving look, or word, or touch? with indifference? with coldness? with joy and warm affection? with "If you think you've had a hard day, wait until you hear about mine!"/?)
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3. How can you apply Mark 10:45 in this matter of meeting your husband's needs?
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4. What is your honest desire- to "minister" to your husband, or to "be ministered unto" by him?

5. How can you apply the promise given in Luke 6:38 to your situation?
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Some of a husband's greatest needs are:

- a. to be admired
- b. to know he's important to you
- c. to have you show interest in him and in his work
- d. to be accepted just the way he is

6. What are you doing to meet your husband's need for admiration?
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7. List the things you admire about your husband's manliness
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Now look for opportunities to tell him these things!

8. How do you communicate to your husband that he is very important, very "special" to you?
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9. What keeps you from showing your husband you are interested in him and his work?
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10. TRUE/FALSE. Demonstrating to your husband that you accept him involves:

- a. Expressing your acceptance
- b. Maintaining a self-righteous attitude
- c. Using other men as a shining example
- d. Looking to his better side

11. On a separate sheet, list all of your husband's good characteristics - all the things that first made you love him, things that make up his "better side."

12. During this week look for many natural opportunities to verbalize your appreciation of these good characteristics he possesses. Make a check mark by each one you are able to share with him. (Keep the list handy to add to, and to refer to when negative thoughts begin to crowd into your mind and dominate your thinking.)

Communication

“The heart of marriage is its communication system. It can be said that the success and happiness of any married pair is measurable in terms of the deepening dialogue which characterizes their union.” - Dwight Small

1. Define Communication:

2. On a scale of 1-10 (with 10 being the highest or best), how would you rate the communication between you and your husband?

3. In your opinion, what are some causes that hinder, or block, or even cause meaningful communication to cease?

4. Words are not the only communicators. How else do we communicate?

Suppose a wife greets her husband with “I thought you'd never get home.” The various messages a wife could be giving in this statement and how a husband would interpret the meaning of the words are:

5. What part does attentive listening play in good communications?

6. What does Amos 3:3 teach us about communications?

7. **Communication Aids.** Under each verse below list:

- 1) The basic principle described in this verse,
- 2) The opposite of this principle, and
- 3) The problems in communication caused by not following this principle.

a. Ephesians 4:15

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

b. Ephesians 4:26-27

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

c. Ephesians 4:29

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

d. Proverbs 15:1

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

e. Proverbs 18:13

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

f. James 1:19

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

8. In the following verses what are the problems or barriers to communication in a marriage.

Problems or Barriers

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Scriptures

- Luke 6:31
- Proverbs 13:10
- Ephesians 4:31
- Ephesians 4:26
- Philippians 2:3,4
- Proverbs 10:8
- Esther 4:11
- John 3:19,20
- Isaiah 53:6
- Jeremiah 17:9

9. If a couple was having problems communicating and asked your help, what advice or counsel would you give them?

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10. Where do you fall short in communication?

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What one thing will you do this week to improve the situation?

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Non-verbal communication can do a great deal to deepen love's dialogue. What things that are important to your husband will you do this week to communicate to him nonverbally "I love you"?

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Godly Homemaking

“Being a homemaker is the great adventure God entrusted to a married woman, and her influence spreads beyond her imagination. It will take the very best any woman has to offer. It cannot be her casual interest; it must be her major concern. It will drive her to a life with God that is deep and rich and will mean the unconscious expansion of her puny soul.” - Gladys M. Hunt

1. Circle the word (s) that make the following statement true: My husband does / does not enjoy our home. What explanation can you give for this?

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Phillips Brooks said, "Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do them beautifully."

2. Use the following words as you write a paragraph on “Being a Godly Homemaker”

- contentment
- perfection
- selfishness
- consistency
- sense of humor
- prayer
- schedule
- consideration of needs and desires of family
- creativity
- outside activities
- compulsiveness
- comfort
- beauty

Being A Godly Homemaker

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3. Ask your husband how you may improve and please him more in your role as homemaker. Thank him for his suggestions and begin to carry them out.

Suggestions For Further Study

- Tape 1063 - Atmosphere of the Home, Shirley Rice
- Tape 1062ABA - Communication Between Husband and Wife, Shirley Rice
- Tape 2136 - Communicating - An Art to Be Learned, Ruth Myers
- Tape 2137 - Simplifying Life, Ruth Myers

Total Woman, by Marabel Morgan, Fleming Revell

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Being “A Helper Fit For Him” – Part III - Being His Queen



One definition Webster gives for the word “Queen” is: “A woman foremost, or judged to be foremost among others in certain attributes or accomplishments.”

The goal of each wife should be “to be foremost among others in certain attributes or accomplishments” which are important to her husband so that he will exclaim “There are many fine women in the world, but you are the best of them all.” Proverbs 31:29 (Living)

The queenly attributes or accomplishments which we will cover are: attitudes, appearance, and character.

Attitudes

1. Match up the following bad attitudes with one of the verses of Scripture.

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| a. Nagging | Proverbs 17:9 |
| b. Self-pity, complaining | Proverbs 12:25 |
| c. Being negative & critical | Proverbs 21:9 (Amplified) |
| d. Being a dream-buster | Jude 16 (Berkeley) |
| e. Talking too much | Numbers 13:27-33 |
| f. Having bitterness, resentment | Proverbs 18:2 |
| g. Never letting a matter die | Hebrews 12:15 |
- (continuing to rehearse an offense or mistake)*

2. Study Proverbs 14:1 and then write in your own words what this means to you

3. The following verses offer some antidotes for bad attitudes: Matthew 21:22; Philippians 4:8; Isaiah 43:18; I Thessalonians 5:18; Proverbs 14:1; Ephesians 4:31, 32; Psalm 141:3. Find the positive antidote in each of the above verses and list it beside the bad attitude it would best help eliminate.

<i>Attitude</i>	<i>Verse</i>	<i>Antidote</i>
Nagging
Self-pity, complaining
Negative, critical
Dream-buster
Talking too much
Bitterness or resentment
Never letting a matter die

4. Which of these negative attitudes are you most guilty of?
5. What will you do this week to break this habit pattern and allow God to change you?

Appearance

1. Is I Peter 3:3, 4 speaking of prohibition or priority? Explain your answer
2. I Samuel 16:7-If God looks on the heart, why does our appearance matter?
3. Answer the following questions with a “yes” or “no”.
 - a. Do you consult your husband about your choice of clothes?
 - b. Does he cast the deciding vote on the clothes you buy?
 - c. Do you dress to please him?
 - d. Do you wear things he disapproves of?
 - e. Are you paying less attention to keeping attractive now than before your marriage?
 - f. Do you seek to freshen up and look attractive before your husband arrives home?
4. What should be the motive and guiding principles for the Christian wife in determining her appearance? See Matthew 5:16, Luke 16:10
5. What will you work on this week to seek to be more attractive to your husband?

Character - *Character is a person's distinctive qualities or traits.*

1. Integrity
 - a. Define integrity in your own words
 - b. What truths about integrity can be discovered from the following verses?
 - 1) Job 2:3.....
 - 2) Psalm 7:8.....
 - 3) Psalm 25:21.....
 - 4) Psalm 41:12.....
 - 5) Proverbs 11:3.....
 - 6) Proverbs 20:7.....

2. Consistency and Faithfulness

- a. What do we learn about our God from Malachi 3:6 and Hebrews 13:8?
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- b. How does this apply to us in our marriage relationship?
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- c. What does James 1:8 warn against?
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- d. Why did his enemies have difficulty in finding fault with Daniel? Danuel 6:4
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- e. What kind of a servant did Jesus commend in Matthew 25:21?
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- f. What can we discover about faithfulness from Luke 16:10-21?
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3. Emotional Stability and Maturity

- a. How would you define emotional stability and maturity?
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- b. List some characteristics that are evident in one who is emotionally stable and mature.
- c. What one thing out of this list are you most lacking in?
What will you do this week with God's help to bring that area of weakness or sin under Christ's control?
- d. What negative emotions do you find most difficult to handle? (e.g. anger, envy, jealousy, nervousness, anxiety, etc.)
- e. What helps you most to overcome times of depression or "feeling low"?
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Remember, our negative emotions and other negative personality traits CAN be changed to the degree that our lives are brought under the control of the Holy Spirit. He is in the business of transforming our temperaments as we learn to walk in the Spirit. Tim LaHaye has two very excellent books on this which we highly recommend: Transformed Temperaments and Spirit-Controlled Temperament.

Suggestions For Further Study

- Tape 1062ABB - Women's Moods, Shirley Rice
- Tape 1295 - God's Beauty Contest, Irma Warr

How to Win Over Depression, by Dr. Tim LaHaye, Zondervan

The Godly Woman
Being "A Helper Fit For Him" - Part IV - Sex Is Fun-Enjoy It!

The sexual part of marriage is perhaps the least spoken to, and yet one of the most important. The Bible gives some clear directions which we will do well to heed.



1. When did God create sex? Genesis 1:27, 28

Was this before or after sin entered the world?Therefore, is the sexual relationship within marriage sinful?

2. Why is sexual intercourse wrong outside of marriage and right within the bonds of marriage?

Marriage and sex are of divine origin. Grace perfects them. Sin perverts them.

3. From the following verses, list some reasons you believe God instituted sex and marriage.

Psalm 127:3-5

I Corinthians 7:2-5.....

Genesis 2:24

4. Write out in your own words the meaning of I Corinthians 7:2-5 and then write how this should operate in marriage.

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5. Explain what you think is meant by this statement: "A woman's greatest sex organ is her mind."

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The sex act to a man is mainly physical. To a woman it is not only physical but emotional and spiritual. It is the closest thing to totally giving herself that a woman can express in an act. This being true, a woman will not and cannot function well sexually while torn up emotionally. A satisfactory sexual relationship is mainly a husband's project. A sexual conflict may exist between husband and wife if there is a feeling of competition, resentment carried over from courtship, too large an age difference or differing sexual drives. The husband may have personal problems of feeling inadequate sexually, or being domineering and selfish. The wife's problem may spring from inner fears, pain in the relationship, puritanical ideas, or feelings of guilt and being used instead of loved. Sexual conflict may also be caused by a physical health problem in either party, a lack of time (too much to do) or simply tiredness. The first step in solving any problem is determining the cause.

6. How would you counsel a woman who came to you with the following problems:

a. Intercourse is just a duty to me which I escape as often as possible.

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b. I feel it would be wrong for me to really enjoy sex.

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c. I withhold sex as a weapon to get my own way or as a punishment when my husband displeases me.

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d. I don't get any fulfillment or satisfaction or release from sexual intercourse.

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e. My husband gets satisfied very quickly and often leaves me frustrated.

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f. My husband seems to think only of sex ! He wants sexual relations far more often than I do.

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g. By the time we're ready for bed, I'm too tired to think of having intercourse.

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h. My sexual desire and ability to be sexually aroused seems to be dwindling. What should I do?

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Using The Home As A Place Of Ministry

A Christian home is a mighty tool in the hands of God to convince a lost and dying world of the reality of Jesus Christ. The warm atmosphere of such a home is often the climate necessary to bring a skeptical unbeliever to the point of considering the claims of Christ. Having friends in for coffee or for a meal, starting a neighborhood Bible discussion group, making the home available for prayer groups, and allowing God to express Himself to others through hospitality, are some ways a home can be used.



1. Home is a place to which people come or from which people go.
 - a. Which of these is more important?
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 - b. How would you define hospitality? Titus 1:8, Romans 12:13
 - c. What is the significance of giving a person a meal? See Luke 19:5-10. Luke 24:28-31
2. In the story recorded in Luke 10:29-37, how would you describe a neighbor?
3. What was the governing power behind Paul's ministry? II Corinthians 5:14, 15
4. What is the purpose of ministering to others? Ephesians 4:11-16, Colossians 1:28, 29
5. Note the following examples of hospitality. Write down:
 - 1) *who gave the hospitality*
 - 2) *who received it, and*
 - 3) *what blessings the ones who gave the hospitality received as a result of it. You may have to read further in the assigned portions to discern this.*
 - a. Genesis 18:1-8
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- b. Genesis 2-1:17-20
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- c. Joshua 2:1-16
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- d. I Kings 17:10-24
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- e. II Kings 4:8-11
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- f. Luke 10:38-42
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- g. Acts 16:14, 15
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6. To whom should we offer hospitality?

- a. Leviticus 19:33, 3-1
- b. Isaiah 58:7
- c. Matthew 25:34-46
- d. I Peter 4:9
- e. III John 5-8



7. What are some of the reasons we should show hospitality?

- a. Isaiah 60:11
- b. Ecclesiastes 11:1
- c. Hebrews 13:1,2

8. To whom are we not to extend hospitality? II John 10-11

9. Who is the most hospitable couple you know?

The Godly Woman As A Mother
Responsibilities To Our Children



“Your children are God's assignment or commission, and He does not waste children on parents. He knows the very kind to send you. Did you think God gave you children because of what you could do for them? That's only one part. He gave them because of what they could do for you. You can meet your children's particular needs and they can meet yours in a unique and special way.” - *Howard Hendricks*

1. What are the various words used in Psalm 127 to describe children?

What do each of these words mean to you?

2. Who is responsible for training the children?
a. Proverbs 1:8

b. Proverbs 29:15-17

What is the mother's responsibility?

3. What are the parents' responsibilities in the following verses:
a. Ephesians 6:4

b. Deuteronomy 6:1-7

c. Proverbs 2:1, 3:1, 4:1, 5:1, 7:1

4. How are we to love our children?
a. Matthew 3:17

b. Genesis 22:2

c. II Samuel 18:33

d. Luke 8:40-42 & -19-56

e. I Corinthians 13:4-7

5. Define the following terms:

- a. Teach
- b. Instruct
- c. Train
- d. Discipline
- e. Nurture

6. What does Psalm 127:3 teach us concerning our responsibility?

7. What are children like?

- a. I Corinthians 14:20
- b. I Corinthians 3:1-3
- c. Mark 10:15.....

8. A lack of security plagues the younger generation today. They are grasping for something stable, un-moveable, and real. From the following Scriptures, list some things we can do as a parent to help our children be secure:

- a. Proverbs 22:6
- b. Proverbs 14:26 (Living)
- c. II Corinthians 1:17-19 (Living)
- d. Matthew 18:10-14
- e. Proverbs 3:11, 12

9. What is the learning process?

- a. James 1:2-4
- b. II Peter 1:12-15

Note the spiral of learning: repetition, experience, relearning, experience and so forth. This should produce progressive change upward toward more complete understanding.

10. Where else do children learn apart from the home?

- a. Proverbs 1:10-14
- b. Psalm 119:105
- c. John 14:26
- d. I Samuel 12:23

11. Read Hebrews 12:5-11 in at least three translations. Then record what, to you, are the four most important aspects of this passage.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

12. Match the following Scriptures with the principles involved regarding discipline:

<i>Principles</i>	<i>Scriptures</i>
Expression of love	Matthew 5:37
Don't nag	Proverbs 13:24
Be consistent	Ecclesiastes 5:5
Be fair	Genesis 37:3
Be impartial	James 1:8
Use an inanimate object	Acts 10:34
Fulfill every promise	Proverbs 23:13, 14
Don't lose your temper	Proverbs 25:28
Get the facts	Proverbs 18:13
Do it now	Ecclesiastes 8:11

13. What can be the result of undisciplined children?

- a. I Samuel 3:13
- b. Titus 1:16, I Timothy 3:4
- c. Proverbs 29:15
- d. Proverbs 19:18 (Living) "Discipline your son in his early years while there is hope. If you don't you will ruin his life."

Proper discipline is a crying need of every child.

14. What are some of the reasons mothers do not discipline their children?

15. Children also need encouragement. Match the ways of encouragement with the following Scriptures:

Ways	Scriptures
Be kind and understanding	James 1:19
Listen to them	Proverbs 31:26
Take time for them	Ecclesiastes 3:1
Take time with them	John 21:3-6
Be interested in their interests	Mark 3:14
Show your love and approval	1 John 3:18

16. In what ways have your children been a spiritual blessing to you?

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17. From the following examples from the Word of God, what would you say is one of the greatest influences in forming a child's character? John 4:53, Job 1:5, Mark 5:22-24, 41, 42

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18. Write in these columns what you feel your strengths and weaknesses are as a parent.

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Suggestions For Further Study

- Tape 1150AB - Child Rearing - Part 1, Howard Hendricks
- Tape 1151AB - Child Rearing - Part 2, Howard Hendricks
- Tape 1152AB - Child Rearing - Part 3, Howard Hendricks
- Tape 971A - Disciplining Your Child, Joe Temple
- Tape 971B - Restricting Your Child, Joe Temple
- Tape 26 - Parent-Child Relationship, George Sanchez
- Tape 1064 - Spiritual Goals for the Child, Shirley Rice
- Tape 1065 - The Child's Two Needs: Love and Discipline, Shirley Rice
- Tape 1807 - Priesthood of Parents - Part 1, Larry Christensen
- Tape 1808 - Priesthood of Parents - Part 2, Larry Christensen
- Tape 1811 - God's Order for Parents - Part 1, Larry Christensen
- Tape 1812 - God's Order for Parents - Part 2, Larry Christensen
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- Parents on the Run by Willard & Marguerite Beecher, Julian Press
- Dare to Discipline by James Dobson, Tyndale House
- Children, Fun or Frenzy by Mr. and Mrs. Al Fabrizio, Box 182, Palo Alto, California
- Heaven Help the Home, by Howard Hendricks, Victor Press
- Understanding Your Children, by Dr. Clyde Narramore, Zondervan publishers.

The Godly Woman As A Mother

Practical Helps

1. We can't make Christ a reality to them if He is not to us. II Timothy 1:5
2. Practice what you want them to practice. I Corinthians 11:1
 - a. Disciples are followers. Children follow and imitate us; we're making disciples after our own pattern of living. Philippians 4:9
 - b. If we want them to have our characteristics, have them around. Mark 3:14a
3. Pray for wisdom. James 1:5
4. Mom and Dad *TOGETHER* in discipline. Psalm 133:1
5. Encourage and support one another regarding the children. Deuteronomy 3:28a
6. Don't be touchy or over-protective regarding the children. Proverbs 28:25a
7. Prayer-keep the children committed. I Samuel 1:27, 28
8. Watch parental pride. It is easy to require too much when we want to make an impression. Philippians 2:3, 4

Principles for Encouragement

1. Be tolerant and understanding. Proverbs 31:26
2. Be a good listener. Give your undivided attention. James 1:19
3. Take time for them. Your presence means everything.
4. Plan family activities. Ecclesiastes 3:1
5. Consider them in family decisions.
6. Be interested in their interests. John 21:3-6
7. Be vocal in expressions of love. Let them know you love them and look for ways to show love. I John 3:18



Principles for Discipline or Training

1. Discipline only in the principles. (i.e. disobedience, dishonesty, disrespect, untruthfulness, etc.) Proverbs 29:17
2. Discipline *FIRMLY* but *NOT* in temper. Colossians 3:21
3. Set realistic standards and requirements. Amos 7:7
 - a. Not too high. Don't expect too much; it results in trouble. Superimposed spirituality now means carnality later. Matthew 15:8
 - b. Plan to keep them. Proverbs 13:19
 - c. Let children know what is expected. Be sure it is clear. Proverbs 22:6
 - d. Be consistent. James 1:6
 - e. Avoid "if you do that again" syndrome.
 - f. Don't expose them to public ridicule.
 - g. Don't indulge them.
 - h. Be willing to apologize when needed.
 - i. Don't nag.
4. Get children to help. I Samuel 16:11
5. The greatest thing parents can do for their children is to love one another.

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