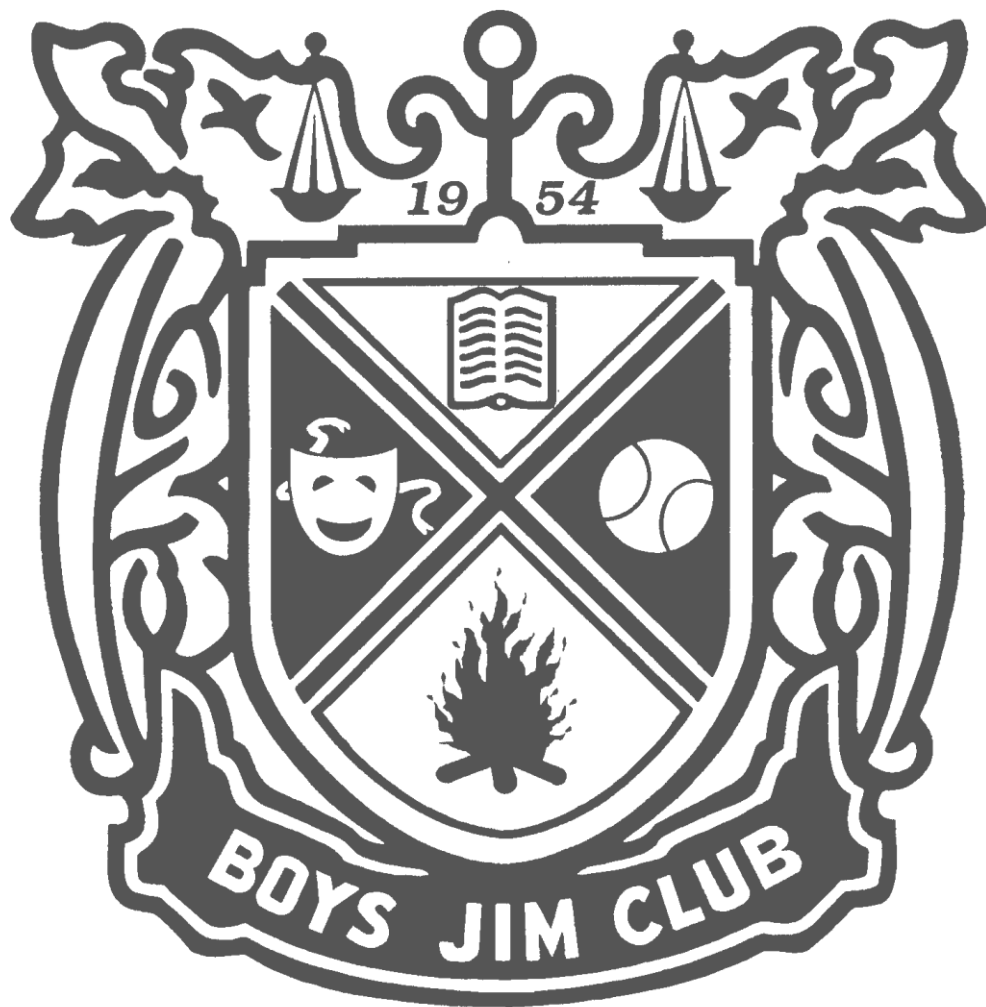


Adventures in Bible Study

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A Word from the Author

Dear Fellow Explorer,

Since the Bible is our guidebook on how to live life, it would seem reasonable that in order to live a successful life, we study the guidebook. What you hold in your hands is a simple tool to help you study God's guidebook. Many people (many smarter than I) have written Bible study guides, many that are better than this. This is merely a simple way for you to start into what can be the most thrilling adventure of your life – the study of God's Word.

If you have any suggestions, comments, or criticisms about this guide, please let me know so that I can improve upon it.









Enjoy!

Brian Griffith

Warning: Read before Using This Study

A very small portion of the population may experience some sort of addiction as a result of the study of God's Word. We suggest that you consult a Christian leader if you develop an addiction or if you experience any of the following symptoms: unexplained blessings, true happiness, real friendships, practical life wisdom, etc.

Guide to Symbols

-  At the top of each page, use the two blank spaces to think of a two-word title for the chapter. If you can make them both start with the same letter, even better! (For example: if you were reading a chapter about Elijah and Elisha, you might entitle it POWERFUL PROPHETS.)
-  In the space after the key, you will find the key verse of the chapter. It would be a wise move to memorize it.
-  In the space after the pinned note, you will find some interesting observations about the chapter.
-  In the space after the question mark, you will need to answer the questions based upon your reading of the chapter.
-  In the next two spaces, you can choose one of two activities for you to do. Of course, if you think you are really up to it, do BOTH.
If you want an easy activity, choose the MILK activity (the milk carton).
-  If you want a real challenge, something to sink your teeth into, choose the MEAT activity (the turkey).
-  In the space after the book, you will find a quote by a famous person (either living or dead) about the subject of the chapter. Hopefully, this will just wrap things up for you and be like icing on the cake.
-  Finally. If you made it this far, you're a real winner! Read the scripture and then complete the blank spaces underneath. Spend a few minutes in prayer for the things that you write down in this section.

Genesis 22 - _____



"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

Genesis 22:12



God promises that he will make Abraham's descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. About three thousand stars can be counted with the naked eye, add to that the sand on the seashore and you have one BIG amount.



1) Why do you think God did not tell Abraham why He wanted him to kill Isaac?

2) Who carried the wood up Mt. Moriah? the fire and knife?

3) What reassurance did Abraham give to Isaac that God was in control of the situation?

4) What reward did God give Abraham as a result of Abraham's faithfulness?

5) Do you think that Isaac struggled on the altar? Why or why not?



Name two other Bible characters who showed the faithfulness and trust that Abraham showed and give the situation involved.



Find and write out 2 verses (with references) that show how a Christian should trust God.



"We trust as we love, and where we love. If we love Christ much, surely we shall trust him much."

T. Brooks

PRAYER POWER



"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."

Romans 08:26

Take time to pray for a few members of your family - parents, siblings, cousins, grandparents, or anyone else you can think of. Write down their names below.

Exodus 15 – _____



"In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling."

Exodus 15:13



Vs. 13 *unfailing love*. The Hebrew word here is *hesed*. It is used 250 times in the Old Testament. It means loyal, steadfast and stresses the idea of a belonging together of those involved in a love relationship.



1) When is this song being sung?

2) What other activity accompanied this song?

3) How did Moses produce water for the people?

4) If the people would obey God and His commandments, what did God promise them?



List all the characteristics / names of God found in the Israelites song. (i.e. strength & song vs. 02)



In a paragraph explain: Why was there a change in the people's attitude from the first part of the chapter to the end of the chapter?



"Love is an image of God, and not a lifeless image, but the living essence of the divine essence of the divine nature which beams full of goodness."

Martin Luther

PRAYER POWER



"Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always."

I Chronicles 16:11

Take time to pray for five unsaved friends. Ask God for opportunities for you to witness to them and to show them His love. Write their names below:

Exodus 20 – _____



"(For I, the Lord your God am showing)...love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments."

Exodus 20:06



An acceptable altar had to be made of earth or natural (unhewn) stone and without steps (to prevent indecent exposure while climbing up to the altar).



1) How did God identify Himself?

2) Why should we rest on the seventh day?

3) What were the Israelites afraid of?

4) What should keep us from sinning?

5) Why will God bless his people?



Make two charts - one listing the commandments that deal with our relationship towards God, the other chart listing those commandments that deal with our relationship towards man. Put a check next to those commandments that you are having a problem with and would like to work on.



Find other Bible verses that reinforce the teachings of the commandments. For example - are there any other verses in the Bible that show us that stealing is wrong?



"No man doth safely rule but he that learned gladly to obey."

Thomas à Kempis

PRAYER POWER



"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you."

Matthew 07:07

Write down some sins that you have committed recently. Ask God for forgiveness for each of these, and cross out each sin as you pray for it.

Leviticus 11 - _____



"I am the Lord who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy."

Leviticus 11:45



Twenty different unclean birds are specifically named. The *coney* is a rodent with jaws like a rabbit. The *kite* is a medium-size bird of prey. The *cormorant* is a large, black, gooselike bird. The *hoopoe* is a beautiful bird with colored feathers.



1) What are the only types of fish that can be eaten?

2) What kind of crawling insects were able to be eaten?

3) If a person touched the carcass of an unclean animal, they were unclean until what time?

4) Could reptiles be eaten? What verse says yes or no?



Name five animals that were commanded unclean. Name five animals that were commanded clean.



What purposes did these seemingly "bizarre" regulations serve? Write a short paragraph explaining why these laws were given.



"Holiness is not the way to Christ, but Christ is the way to holiness."

Anonymous

PRAYER POWER



"In the morning O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in anticipation."

Psalms 05:03

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 06) tells us to ask for "daily bread". Ask God for three things that you need His help with today. Write them down below.

Numbers 14 - _____



"Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them."

Numbers 14:09



Vs. 18 *love*. The Hebrew word is *hesed*. It refers to God's steadfast, loyal love. It stresses the idea of belonging together of those involved in a love relationship.



1) In response to the nation's grumbling, what was the first thing that Moses and Aaron did?

2) What was the response of the people after the action mentioned in question #1?

3) As a result of the people's action, what did God threaten to do?

4) What was Moses' argument for not destroying the nation of Israel?

5) How did God punish the nation of Israel for their grumbling?



Using the word "GRUMBLE," find seven things you grumble about and then tell how you should rejoice about that thing. (For example: R - ripped sneakers - some people don't have anything to wear on their feet)



Look up the following verses that talk about contentment and write a sentence making a statement of the principle found in the verse.

Proverbs 15:16

Philippians 04:11

I Timothy 06:06-08

Hebrews 13:05



"Submission is the only reasoning between a creature and its maker and contentment in his will is the best remedy we can apply to misfortunes."

Sir W. Temple

PRAYER POWER



"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you."

John 15:07

Write down some sins that you have committed recently. Ask God for forgiveness for each of these, and cross out each sin as you pray for it.

Deuteronomy 06 – _____



"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

Deuteronomy 06:05



This passage starts the *Shema*, which is a statement of faith for Jewish people. Jewish people would place a copy of the *Shema* in a small metal box and place it on their door.



1) Name some of the places and/or occasions where the Israelites were to talk about God and His commandments?

2) Name two "don'ts" God gave to the nation of Israel.

3) Name two "do's" God gave to the nation of Israel?

4) What were the "rewards" for obeying God and His commandments?



Choose a verse from this chapter to memorize. Using one of the ways found in verses seven through nine, memorize your verse and "hide it in your heart".



Choose two verses from the chapter to memorize. Use the above suggestion.



"We are shaped and fashioned by what we love."

Goethe

PRAYER POWER



"Pray continually."

I Thessalonians 05:17

I praise You Lord because _____

I know I have wronged You Lord by _____

I thank You Lord for _____

I ask You Lord for:

- Family: _____
- Camper: _____
- Christian friend: _____
- Unsaved friend: _____

Joshua 02 – _____



"When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below."

Joshua 02:11



Vs. 6 *stacks of flax*. Three of four foot stems, previously soaked in water, laid out on the flat roof to dry.



1) Where had Rahab hidden the spies?

2) What powerful events had Rahab heard about?

3) What request did Rahab make of the spies?

4) What was the sign to mark Rahab's house?

5) How long did the spies stay in the hills?



Pretend you were one of the spies and you are telling your story to your grandchildren. Write your story for them. "I remember when..."



Was it right for Rahab to lie (vs. 4-6)? If so, why? If not, why? If possible, use Bible verses to support your argument.



"A great deal of talent is lost in this world for the want of a little courage."

Sydney Smith

PRAYER POWER



"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

Matthew 26:41

Take time to pray for your church and the ministry that your church is doing. Write down the names of five people at your church, and ask God to bless their work.

Judges 16 – _____



"Then Samson prayed to the Lord, O Sovereign Lord, remember me. O God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes."

Judges 16:28



Vs. 23 *Dagon*. A Philistine god of vegetation.



1) What was the first "answer" Samson gave to Delilah concerning the secret of his strength?

2) How many times did it take before he gave Delilah the right answer?

3) What did the Philistines do to Samson after he lost his strength?

4) What great "achievement" did Samson accomplish by his suicide?



Name two people from the Bible who were living for God, made a wrong decision, and then had to suffer the consequences of that decision.



Look up the following verses and write a statement showing the consequences of associating with bad company (like Samson and Delilah).

Numbers 33:55

I Kings 11:02

II Chronicles 19:02

Proverbs 28:07

John 18:18,25

I Corinthians 15:33



"Be cautious with whom you associate, and never give your company or your confidence to those of whose good principles you are not sure."

Bishop Coleridge

PRAYER POWER



"Pray continually."

I Thessalonians 05:17

Write down three negative habits that influence your life. Ask God to replace them with good, holy habits.

Ruth 02 – _____



"The Lord bless him!' Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. 'He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead.' She added, 'That man is our close relative; he is one of our kinsmen-redeemers.'"

Ruth 02:20



Vs. 02:02 *pick up the leftover grain.* Levitical law stated that the Israelites were "not to reap the very edges of (their) field or gather the gleanings of (their) harvest." (Lev 19:09) These were to be left for the poor.



1) How is Ruth related to Naomi?

2) From whose field did Ruth gather grain?

3) About what did Boaz praise Ruth?

4) What orders did Boaz give his men?

5) Did Naomi know Boaz? How?



List three people you could show kindness to today. After their name, list specifically what you plan to do.



Using the letters from the word KINDNESS, list 8 things to remind you of this story. (For example: Kinsman-redeemer.)



"I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again."

William Penn

PRAYER POWER



"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."

Luke 18:01

Take time to pray for the people whom you have difficulty getting along with. Write their names below.

I Samuel 03 – _____



"The Lord came and stood there, calling as at other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'"

I Samuel 03:10



Because of sin among God's people, the word of the Lord was "precious" (yagar: "rare"); no "open (broken open) vision", that is, one broken open like an alabaster bottle of perfume and the fragrance dispersed.



1) How many times did Samuel hear the call?

2) What was Samuel doing when he was called?

3) What was Eli's advice to Samuel?

4) What was God's message to Samuel?

5) What was Eli's response when he heard the message?



Name two other Bible characters that God specifically called and give the situation.



Find and write out 2 verses (with references) that show how a Christian should respond when God calls.



"The maelstrom attracts more notice than the quiet fountain; a comet draws more attention than the steady star. But it is better to be the fountain than the maelstrom, and the star than the comet, following out the sphere and orbit of quiet usefulness in which God places us."

John Hall

PRAYER POWER



"Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

John 16:24

Take time to pray for your church and the ministry that your church is doing. Write down the names of five people at your church, and ask God to bless their work.

II Samuel 09 – _____



"Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table."

II Samuel 09:07



Vs. 9:1 *kindness*. The Hebrew word here is talking about a loyal love. David displayed covenant loyalty (I Sam 20:42) toward Mephibosheth.



1) What did David want to know?

2) What did David tell Mephibosheth he wanted to do?

3) Who did David make as the manager of Mephibosheth's estate?

4) Where did Mephibosheth eat his meals?

5) What did David treat Mephibosheth as?



Think of someone you have problems with, and write out a prayer asking the Lord to help you show kindness to that person.



Write out 3 verses (with references) that encourage us to show kindness to others, especially those who are enemies.



"The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

Wordsworth

PRAYER POWER



"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

Ephesians 06:18

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 06) tells us to ask for "daily bread". Ask God for three things that you need His help with today. Write them down below.

I Kings 17 – _____



"For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'the jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord gives rain on the land.'"

I Kings 17:14



Elijah means "Yahweh is God," a significant name in a time when Baal worship threatened to extinguish the worship of Yahweh in Israel.



1) What was Elijah's prophecy?

2) How was Elijah fed?

3) Where did Elijah go after the brook dried up?

4) What miracle did Elijah perform for the widow?

5) As a result of the miracle, what conclusion did the woman come to concerning Elijah?



Name some other situations where men of God had to trust God to supply something.



Name some other situations where men of God had some interesting adventures with food.



"To trust God when we have securities in our iron chest is easy, but not thankworthy; but to depend on him for what we cannot see, as it is more hard for men to do, so it is more acceptable to God."

Feltham

PRAYER POWER



"Pray continually."

I Thessalonians 05:17

Praise God for three things that you are thankful for. Write down your praises below.

I Kings 19 – _____



"Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him."

I Kings 19:18



Vs. 04 *broom tree*. A desert shrub that sometimes grows ten feet high.



1) What was Jezebel's reaction upon hearing the death of Elijah?

2) What was Elijah's reaction upon hearing about the price on his head?

3) What was Elijah's prayer to God?

4) How did God "pass by" Elijah?

5) Was Elijah the only one in Israel serving God? If not, how many people had not worshipped Baal?



Make a list of the things or people that cause depression and/or fear in your life. Spend some time with the Lord, crossing out the things or people as you give them over to the Lord.



Make a list of at least five Bible characters who were facing a fearful situation, yet with God's help, they went through it. (For example: Daniel - lions den - not touched by lions)



"It is only the fear of God that can deliver us from the fear of man."

Witherspoon

PRAYER POWER



"Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise."

James 05:13

Take time to pray for the people whom you have difficulty getting along with. Write their names below.

II Kings 02 – _____



"At this the king sent to Elijah another captain with his fifty men. The captain said to him, "Man of God, this is what the king says, 'Come down at once!' ""

II Kings 02:11



Vs. 05 *the company of the prophets*. These were apprentices to the prophets. They were in a school for prophets.



1) What was Elisha's response to Elijah's command to him to stay in Gilgal?

2) How many times did Elijah ask Elisha to stay in a city?

3) What was Elijah's last miracle?

4) How did Elijah die?

5) What was Elisha's first miracle?



Name some other Bible characters who passed their leadership to a younger man.



We see the faithfulness of God toward those who serve him. Using the word FAITHFUL, take each letter to describe a part of the story. (For example: Fire - chariot)



"Faith and works are as necessary to our spiritual life as Christians, as soul and body are to our life as men."

Colton

PRAYER POWER



"He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him."

Psalms 91:15

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 06) tells us to ask for "daily bread". Ask God for three things that you need His help with today. Write them down below.

I Chronicles 17 - _____



"And now, LORD, let the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house be established forever. Do as you promised, so that it will be established and that your name will be great forever. Then men will say, 'The LORD Almighty, the God over Israel, is Israel's God!' And the house of your servant David will be established before you."

I Chronicles 17:23-24



The Davidic Covenant found in this chapter promises that a son of David would always rule the throne of Israel.



1) What project did David want to undertake?

2) Did he have the support of Nathan the prophet?

3) Did he have the support of God?

4) What did God want to happen?

5) What did God promise to David?



Name other people who had poor beginnings yet God exalted them.



Make a list of God's promises to David and then a list of the parts of David's prayer to God.

Example: GOD TO DAVID

I have cut off your enemies

DAVID TO GOD

There is no one like you



"If we are content to serve God in mean things, God will bring us forth in greater."

D.L. Moody

PRAYER POWER



"Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear."

Isaiah 65:24

Take time to pray for a few members of your family - parents, siblings, cousins, grandparents, or anyone else you can think of. Write down their names below.

II Chronicles 07 – _____



"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

II Chronicles 07:14



During the two week temple celebration, there were fellowship offerings. These offerings provided food for the people who came to the celebration.



1) Why could the priests not get into the temple?

2) What did God promise to Solomon if he would walk rightly?

3) What did God promise to Solomon if he ignored God's decrees?

4) What did God say would be his response to prayers offered in the temple?



What are the four requirements for blessing? (found in verse 14)



Name three promises God made to someone and the conditions attached to the promise.



"Practise in life whatever you pray for, and God will give it to you more abundantly."

Pusey

PRAYER POWER



"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Matthew 07:07

Write down five negative habits that influence your life. Ask God to replace them with good, holy habits.

Ezra 09 – _____



"What has happened to us is a result of our evil deeds and our great guilt, and yet, our God, you have punished us less than our sins have deserved and have given us a remnant like this."

Ezra 09:13



Ezra had been in Jerusalem for about four-and-a-half months when the officials brought the problem of mixed marriages to his attention. Marriage to a heathen would almost inevitably result in worshipping the heathen's god.



1) What was Ezra's response to the news of the mixed marriages?

2) In what position did Ezra pray?

3) What did Ezra say was the result of the people's sins?

4) Even though the people deserted God, what was His response towards the people?



Using the word SIN, name three things that have caused you to "desert" God. (For example: S - swearing.)



Look at Ezra's prayer, what are some things that he included in his prayer that you would like to add to your "talking with God".



"The confusion of evil works is the first beginning of good works."

Augustine

PRAYER POWER



"Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always."

I Chronicles 16:11

If you could only pray for five things, what would they be? Write down and pray for your "top five".

Nehemiah 04 – _____



"After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.""

Nehemiah 04:14



Vs. 2 *burned*. Fire would weaken and crack the limestone.



1) What was Sanballet saying about the Israelites and the wall??

2) When he heard how well everything was going, what did Sanballet then plan?

3) What did Nehemiah do in response?

4) The passage tells us that someone "frustrated" the enemies' plans. Who was that?

5) The Israelites worked with one hand and carried what in the other hand?



Make a list of the enemies' actions and then show the Israelites' reactions.



Give three verses with references that give a Christian "battle plans" to use against the enemy.



"Don't wait for some work to turn up but go and turn up some work. You may work without praying, but you can't pray without working."

D.L. Moody

PRAYER POWER



"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Luke 11:09

Take time to pray for five unsaved friends. Ask God for opportunities for you to witness to them and to show them His love. Write their names below:

Esther 04 – _____



"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

Esther 04:14



Vs. 1 *sackcloth*. A coarse, loose cloth (like burlap) worn as a sign of mourning.



1) What was Mordecai's response to Haman's news?

2) Why was Esther afraid to appear before the king?

3) What was Mordecai's response to Esther's statements?

4) What was Esther's answer to Mordecai?



Name two Biblical characters that God put in a difficult situation. Name the character, the situation, and why you think that God put that character in that situation.



Look up the following "interesting" verses about God's control in our lives. What do they mean?

II Kings 19:28

Job 12:19

Proverbs 21:01

Isaiah 44:25



"Where you are is of no moment, but only what you are doing there. It is not the place that ennobles you, but you the place; and this only by doing that which is great and noble."

Petrarch

PRAYER POWER



"God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us."

Acts 17:27

Take time to pray for a few members of your family - parents, siblings, cousins, grandparents, or anyone else you can think of. Write down their names below.

Job 01 - _____



"Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.""

Job 01:08



The book of Job was written about the time of Abraham.



1) What testimony did God give concerning Job?

2) What was Satan's response?

3) What was Job's first loss?

4) What was Job's second loss?

5) What three things did Job do in response to his losses?



Name three Bible characters who had "bad" things happen to them and yet God used them for good.



Give three verses about persecution. Also give references.



"The church is God's jewel; His workhouse, where His jewels are polished for His palace and house and those He especially esteems, and means to make the most resplendent, He hath often used His tools upon."

Leighton

PRAYER POWER



"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you."

John 15:07

Praise God for three things that you are thankful for. Write down your praises below.

Job 02 – _____



"Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason.""

Job 02:03



In verse 10, Job calls his wife a "foolish woman." The Hebrew word here shows that Job's wife was morally lacking. Her statement showed that she was unable to tell the difference between right and wrong.



1) What was God's second question to Satan?

2) What did Satan say would cause Job to curse God?

3) What was Job's wife's counsel to Job?

4) Did Job take her counsel?

5) Who came to comfort Job?



What things would it take for you to turn your back on God? Make a list of temptations that Satan might use in your life. Then ask God to help you with these things.



What counsel would the Bible give to Job? What counsel would the world give to Job? Make two lists contrasting the two different sources of advice.



"The saddest thing that can befall a soul is when it loses faith in God."

Alexander Smith

PRAYER POWER



"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven."

Matthew 18:19

Take time to pray for the people whom you have difficulty getting along with. Write their names below.

Psalm 19 – _____



"They (the ordinances of the Lord) They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb."

Psalm 19:10



Vs. 13 *errors and hidden faults* refer to sins of ignorance, or sins committed unintentionally. The Jewish people had a sin offering that was for known sins committed out of weakness or waywardness.



1) What two things praise God?

2) God's Word is sweeter than this item.

3) If we want a great reward, what should we do?

4) What was the Psalmist's prayer to God?

5) What two things does a man want to please God?



List the eight things that God's word is and/or does.



List the verses that deal with God in nature and then the verses that deal with God in his word. (creation vs. revelation)



"For the sake of those who take their nature of religion from our lives we need to put up this prayer earnestly, 'Cleanse thou me from secret faults.'"

Mark Guy Pearse

PRAYER POWER



"In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation."

Psalm 05:03

Write down some sins that you have committed recently. Ask God for forgiveness for each of these, and cross out each sin as you pray for it.

Psalm 22 – _____



"In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed."

Psalm 22:04-05



Vs. 12 *strong bulls of Bashan*. This was a picture of the well-fed men of Samaria who were never satisfied, falsely religious, and ignored warnings.



1) What type of prayer is this to God?

2) Who cried to the Lord and was not disappointed?

3) Who should praise the Lord?

4) Who will turn to the Lord?

5) Who will kneel before the Lord?



Make a list of all the terrible things in your life. Then put a big X through them and pray David's prayer in verse four and five.



List the sufferings of Jesus found in this chapter and match them up with verses from the New Testament accounts of Jesus' sufferings.



"How calmly may we commit ourselves to the hands of Him who bears up the world."

Ritcher

PRAYER POWER



"O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come."

Psalm 65:02

Take time to pray for five unsaved friends. Ask God for opportunities for you to witness to them and to show them His love. Write their names below:

Psalm 25 – _____



"To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul."

Psalm 25:01



This psalm is an acrostic in which an arrangement of the letters of the Hebrew alphabet is used for the specific purpose of prayer to God.



1) Who were not to be put to shame?

2) Who does the Lord guide and instruct?

3) For whom are all the ways of the Lord loving and faithful?

4) Who does the Lord confide in?

5) Who does the psalmist want to be saved from trouble?



Find five other verses that talk about trusting God. Use the chapters before and after this psalm.



Using our English alphabet, make a list of the attributes of God to use in praising Him. (For example: Almighty, etc.)



"'What is eternity?' was asked of a deaf and dumb pupil, and the beautiful and striking answer was, 'It is the lifetime of the Almighty.'"

Paley

PRAYER POWER



"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

James 05:16

Take time to pray for your church and the ministry that your church is doing. Write down the names of five people at your church, and ask God to bless their work.

Psalm 33 – _____



"But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,"

Psalm 33:18



Vs. 02 *lyre*. This small stringed instrument which resembled a harp was often used by shepherds. It eventually became one of the main instruments of the ancient Greeks.



1) What is the right thing to do if you are upright?

2) How were the heavens made?

3) What causes a nation to be blessed?

4) God's eyes are on whom?

5) Why are our hearts happy?



If you could physically see the Lord Jesus Christ walking with you everywhere you would go and watching your every move, would you do things differently? Make a list of things you would change and then a list of things you would replace those things with. (For example: questionable reading → Bible reading)



Find five other verses where an instrument is used to praise God.



"To you, to you, all song of praise is due: Only in you my song begins and endeth."

Philip Sidney

PRAYER POWER



"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:13

Take time to pray for five unsaved friends. Ask God for opportunities for you to witness to them and to show them His love. Write their names below:

Psalm 34 – _____



"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him."

Psalm 34:08



This psalm of thanksgiving was written by David after he had pretended to be insane before Abimelech.



1) Who are the shameless people in this world?

2) Who are the angels watching?

3) What is a way to lack nothing?

4) If you want a long life, what should you do?

5) What is the end of the wicked?



Using the word THANKS, write six things you are thankful for. (For example: Time)



Using some of the reasons for thankfulness found in the chapter, write a short poem thanking God.



"The worship most acceptable to God comes from a thankful and cheerful heart."

Plutarch

PRAYER POWER



"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Mark 11:24

If you could only pray for five things, what would they be? Write down and pray for your "top five".

Psalm 45 – _____



"Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom."

Psalm 45:06



This psalm is a royal wedding song sung to a Shoshannim, a wedding tune.



1) How long will God's throne last?

2) What does God love?

3) What does God hate?

4) What does the psalmist promise to do with God's memory?



Write out the verse and reference of another place where it says that God loves unrighteousness. (HINT: It is in one of the chapters that come before this one in the chapter list.)



Name ten Bible characters and the memory that they left behind for future generations.



"Trust the Lord much while He is with you. Keep no secrets from Him. His secrets are with you; let your secrets be with Him."

Spurgeon

PRAYER POWER



"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

II Chronicles 07:14

Write down some sins that you have committed recently. Ask God for forgiveness for each of these, and cross out each sin as you pray for it.

Psalm 66 – _____



"Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf!"

Psalm 66:05



We are not sure exactly what happened, until somehow the entire nation of Israel was delivered in some way. As a result, the psalmist writes this song of praise to God.



1) Why do enemies cringe before God?

2) What is the first mentioned awesome deed that God did?

3) What does the psalmist want to tell those who fear God?

4) As a result of God not rejecting our prayers, what should we do?



Using the word PRAISE, think of six things about the Lord that you want to exalt him with.



Find other verses that say the same things that these verses say. For example, is there another verse that says "Shout with joy to God all the earth!" (vs. 01)?



"Gratitude is not the only memory but the homage of the heart rendered to God for His goodness."

N.P. Willis

PRAYER POWER



"And receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him."

I John 03:22

If you could only pray for five things, what would they be? Write down and pray for your "top five".

Psalm 90 – _____



"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Psalm 90:12



This is the oldest of all the psalms and was written by Moses.



1) One day in God's eyes is like how many days in our eyes?

2) What happens to our secret sins?

3) What is considered an average life span for a human?

4) How might we gain a heart of wisdom?

5) God's love causes us to do what?



David realized the importance of living each day of this life to honor God. Make some God-honoring goals today. Goals for this week, month, year, etc.



Write a paragraph answering this question - "If I could live my life again, I would change..." THEN change those things that can be changed and give the rest to the Lord and FORGET IT!



"Mercy is like the rainbow, which God hath set in the clouds; it never shines after it is night. If we refuse mercy here, we shall have justice in eternity."

Jerry Taylor

PRAYER POWER



"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."

Mark 01:35

Write down three negative habits that influence your life. Ask God to replace them with good, holy habits.

Psalm 91 – _____



"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.""

Psalm 91:01-02



In the first two verses, there are four names for God: MOST HIGH - El Elyon - God Most High; ALMIGHTY - El Shaddai - Powerful One; LORD - YHWH - Holy Redeemer; GOD - Elohim - True God.



1) Who will rest in God's shadow?

2) As a result of our trusting God, what is the first mentioned thing we should not fear?

3) What will God command to guard us?

4) Why will God rescue us?

5) What will happen when we call upon God?



Imagine that you are your own guardian angel, tell about one time you had to protect yourself.



Name three other Bible characters who called on God and show His response.



"Let us not be afraid of Satan. We may be but as atoms in the feet of Christ, but even then we are above the devil. Let us not look up at Satan from below, but let us descend on him from above. He matched his power against Christ and failed, and he will fare similarly in conflict with all those in whom Christ dwells."

F.B. Meyer

PRAYER POWER



"One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God."

Luke 06:12

Praise God for three things that you are thankful for. Write down your praises below.

Psalm 103 – _____



"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."

Psalm 103:11-12



We find the vocabulary of sin in verses 10 and 12.

Sins - outward acts of wrongdoing.

Iniquities - inward acts of wrongdoing

Transgressions - willful rebellion against God



1) What does God crown us with?

2) Who does God work justice for?

3) How far has God removed our sin from us?

4) On whom does the Lord have compassion?

5) Who does the Lord's bidding?



Name some of the actions God takes towards His children. (For example: vs. 03 - "who forgives all your sins.")



Find passages in God's word that give us advice on how to combat sin, iniquities, and/or transgressions.



"Sin is, essentially, a departure from God."

Martin Luther

PRAYER POWER



"Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith."

I Thessalonians 03:10

Write down some sins that you have committed recently. Ask God for forgiveness for each of these, and cross out each sin as you pray for it.

Psalm 139 – _____



"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Psalm 139:23-24



Vs. 01 *searched*. This word in the Hebrew is used to describe careful scrutiny involved in mining and in exploring a country.



1) Why do I praise God?

2) What do the thoughts of God outnumber?

3) What types of people misuse the name of God?

4) The psalmist wants God to see if this item is present in his life?



What are some of the ways God showed His love to people in the Bible? In your life? Make a list.



Find passages in the Bible that talk about God's great love towards mankind.



"Love gives itself; it is not bought."

Henry Longfellow

PRAYER POWER



"But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul."

Deuteronomy 04:29

Take time to pray for a few members of your family - parents, siblings, cousins, grandparents, or anyone else you can think of. Write down their names below.

Proverbs 04 – _____



"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

Proverbs 04:23



This section contains a little piece of autobiographical material. The teacher is so consumed with desire for the moral and spiritual welfare of his students that he shares some lessons about wisdom from his own life.



1) What two things should we "get"?

2) If we love wisdom, what will she do for us?

3) How do we add years to our lives?

4) Why should we guard our hearts?



Find five wisdom truths and paraphrase them into modern language.



Find fifteen wisdom truths and paraphrase them into modern language.



"He that thinks himself the greatest, is generally the greatest fool."

Colton

PRAYER POWER



"Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion"

Psalms 103:04

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 06) tells us to ask for "daily bread". Ask God for three things that you need His help with today. Write them down below.

Proverbs 10 – _____



"The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value."

Proverbs 10:20



Chapter 01-09 of Proverbs is really a preface or introduction to the book. Starting with this chapter, we come to the main part of the book, which contains 375 of Solomon's proverbs.



1) How do we bring joy to our parents?

2) What kinds of people accept commands?

3) What does love do when it finds wrong?

4) What adds years to our lives?

5) What words do the lips of the unrighteous speak?



Make a list (from this chapter) of the rewards of listening to wisdom.



In a paragraph, explain vs. 12. Does love ignore wrongdoing?



"True wisdom is to know what is best worth knowing and to do what it best worth doing."

Humphrey

PRAYER POWER



"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near."

Isaiah 55:06

Take time to pray for your church and the ministry that your church is doing. Write down the names of five people at your church, and ask God to bless their work.

Proverbs 22 – _____



"A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold."

Proverbs 22:01



Vs. 26 *strikes hand in pledge*. Literally, shake or hit hands to confirm an agreement.



1) What is better than being rich?

2) What do rich and poor people have in common?

3) What is a way to keep a grownup doing the right things?

4) Why should you not be friends with an angry man?



Take *five* proverbs that really speak to you and apply them to your life. (For example: vs. 13 - I don't want to be lazy.)



Take *fifteen* proverbs that really speak to you and apply them to your life.



"Casting down of our spirits in true humility is but like throwing a ball to the ground, which makes it rebound higher towards heaven."

J. Mason

PRAYER POWER



"Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers righteousness on you."

Hosea 10:12

Take time to pray for the people whom you have difficulty getting along with. Write their names below.

Ecclesiastes 11 - _____



"As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things."

Ecclesiastes 11:05



Vs. 01 *cast your bread upon the waters*. This is an expression taken from the grain trade of a sea town. It illustrates the successful prospect of a bold business venture.



1) What are two things we don't understand?

2) When is there time to be lazy?

3) What should be banished from our hearts?

4) In light of eternity, what two things are meaningless?



Name five things you don't want your hand to be idle about.



Verse 09 tells us "...but know that for all these things God will bring to your judgment." What does this mean? What are these things?



"What we hope ever to do with ease, we must learn first to do with diligence."

Johnson

PRAYER POWER



"For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Luke 11:10

If you could only pray for five things, what would they be? Write down and pray for your "top five".

Ecclesiastes 12 - _____



"Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."

Ecclesiastes 12:13



After all the searching and trying of worldly things, Solomon finally comes to the conclusion that the whole duty of man is to "fear God and keep his commandments."



1) When should we remember God?

2) Of what is there no end?

3) What is the whole duty of man?

4) Can we keep things hidden from God? Why or why not?



Verse 01 tells us remember our Creator in the days of our youth. What are the top five things you want to remember about your Creator?



Verses 03-07 are poetic pictures of getting older. What does each mean? (For example: grinders cease = remaining teeth)



"There is no book like the Bible for excellent wisdom and use."

Sir M. Hale

PRAYER POWER



"Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before."

Daniel 06:10

Praise God for three things that you are thankful for. Write down your praises below.

Song of Solomon 02 – _____



"He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his banner over me is love."

Song of Solomon 02:04



Vs. 2 *his banner over me is love.* A large banner was used to regroup troops. In other words, everyone could see that Solomon loved the Shulammitite women.



1) In verse two, how does Solomon describe the woman?

2) In verses three through six, how does the woman describe Solomon?

3) In verses eight through thirteen, how does the woman describe Solomon?

4) In verse fourteen, what does Solomon tell the woman?



List three things that God says or does to show his love for us (His bride).



List three things that we can do to show our love for God (our groom).



"It is a beautiful necessity of our nature to love something."

Jerrold

PRAYER POWER



"And receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him."

I John 03:22

I praise You Lord because _____

I know I have wronged You Lord by _____

I thank You Lord for _____

I ask You Lord for:

- Family: _____
- Camper: _____
- Christian friend: _____
- Unsaved friend: _____

Isaiah 06 – _____



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

Isaiah 06:08



Vs. 02 *seraphs*. Used here of heavenly angels and in Proverbs 21:06 of fiery serpents. Derived from a verb that means "to burn" the seraphs were of cleansing.



1) In his vision, who did Isaiah see?

2) What were the seraphs singing?

3) What was Isaiah's response to this scene?

4) What question did God ask?

5) How was it answered?



Write a song of praise to God similar to the one found in verse 03.



Find five other verses with references that give praise to God similar to that found in verse 03.



"Holiness is the architectural plan which God buildeth up his living temple."

Spurgeon

PRAYER POWER



"Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before."

Daniel 06:10

Take time to pray for your church and the ministry that your church is doing. Write down the names of five people at your church, and ask God to bless their work.

Isaiah 11 - _____



"In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious."

Isaiah 11:10



Vs. 06-09. Messiah's reign in the yet future kingdom will be characterized by harmony in the whole creation. See Romans 08:18-22.



1) What everyday picture does Isaiah use to show the "growing" reign of the Messiah?

2) Name one of the "incredible" things that will happen during Messiah's reign. (Hint: vs. 06-09)

3) Name one more thing. (See question #02)

4) What does Messiah use to judge and give decisions?



Even though Messiah's millennial kingdom has not yet begun, Jesus is still king. What kind of job would you like to do for King Jesus? What can you do to better prepare for this job? To make His will for your life, your will for your life.



Find other verses that talk about King Jesus.



"That is best which God sends; it was His will; it is mine."

O. Meredith

PRAYER POWER



"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

Matthew 06:06

Take time to pray for a few members of your family - parents, siblings, cousins, grandparents, or anyone else you can think of. Write down their names below.

Isaiah 53 – _____



"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Isaiah 53:06



Around the 12th century, there were people who held to the *wrong* belief that this chapter was talking about the nation of Israel, not Jesus Christ.



1) What does Isaiah tell us about Jesus' reign?

2) Without the guidance of the Good Shepherd, where would we naturally go?

3) What did Jesus do for us?

4) What was our response?



Make a list of the things that Jesus suffered for us. Include references. (For example: vs. 03 - "rejected by men")



In a paragraph, explain why Jesus did not defend himself when accused (vs. 07).



"Repentance, to be of any avail, must work a change of heart and conduct."

T.L. Cuyler

PRAYER POWER



"Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

John 16:24

If you could only pray for five things, what would they be? Write down and pray for your "top five".

Isaiah 55 – _____



"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near."

Isaiah 55:06



Vs. 03 *everlasting covenant*. Also called the New Covenant, it is as enduring as the covenant made with David.



1) What is the reward for hearing God?

2) The wicked should forsake his way and turn where?

3) What will God's Word not do?

4) What will God's Word accomplish?



The word of God is a very special book. Look up the following references and discover some of the things that make it unique.

II Samuel 22:31

John 17:17

Hebrews 04:12



Find five Bible verses (with references) that talk about the Bible and some of its special characteristics.



"Our God has written the promises of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time."

Luther

PRAYER POWER



"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

Matthew 26:41

Write down three negative habits that influence your life. Ask God to replace them with good, holy habits.

Jeremiah 01 – _____



"But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you."

Jeremiah 01:07



Jeremiah means "the Lord exalts" or "the Lord founds."



1) When did the Lord choose Jeremiah to do His work?

2) What was Jeremiah's excuse for not wanting to be a prophet?

3) What was God's response to Jeremiah's excuse?

4) What was the reason for God's punishment?



What are three excuses you have for not doing what God wants you to do? List the excuses, draw a line through them and on top of that excuse, write "God is with me!"



Name three Bible characters who were called by God to do a specific task. List the character and the job God wanted that character to do.



"Obedience to God is the most infallible evidence of sincere and supreme love to Him."

Emmons

PRAYER POWER



"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."

Romans 08:26

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 06) tells us to ask for "daily bread". Ask God for five things that you need His help with today. Write them down below.

Lamentations 03 – _____



"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail."

Lamentations 03:22



Vs 07 *he has walled me in.* The Assyrians had the practice of walling up prisoners so that they would die more quickly. Jeremiah feels like he has experienced that torture.



1) Why are we not consumed?

2) Who is the Lord good to?

3) When Jeremiah called to the Lord, the Lord came near and said what?

4) What did Jeremiah pray concerning his enemies?



Look up the following verses. What do they say concerning God's faithfulness to His children?

Deuteronomy 07:09

Psalm 36:05

Hebrews 06:18

II Thessalonians 03:03



Look at Jeremiah's prayer for his enemy. Is it O.K. to pray like this? Write a paragraph telling why or why not.



"I have never committed the least matter to God, that I have not had reason for infinite pause."

Anna Shipton

PRAYER POWER



"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near."

Isaiah 55:06

Take time to pray for five unsaved friends. Ask God for opportunities for you to witness to them and to show them His love. Write their names below:

Ezekiel 36 – _____



"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

Ezekiel 36:26



The behavior of the Israelites gave the impression that their God was no different than the gods of the heathen. Consequently the heathen said, sarcastically, *these are the Lord's people* (vs. 20), meaning they certainly do not act like it.



1) What would happen to the nations that laughed at Israel?

2) What would cause the people to know "that I am the Lord?"

3) For what reason was God going to do all these things?

4) What attitude should the people have for their conduct?



List five things that God promised He would do for the nation of Israel.



List five more things God promised.



"The greatest attribute of heaven is mercy."

Beaumont

PRAYER POWER



"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you."

Matthew 07:07

Take time to pray for the people whom you have difficulty getting along with. Write their names below.

Daniel 03 – _____



"If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Daniel 03:17-18



Vs. 01 *an image of gold*. The image was probably in human form overlaid with gold. It was ninety feet by nine feet probably including a pedestal.



1) Who was commanded to bow to the image?

2) What were the consequences for not bowing?

3) What did Nebuchadnezzar see when he looked into the furnace?

4) What was Nebuchadnezzar's response when the three men were released from the furnace?



Write about a time that God delivered you from a "fiery furnace."



Name four Bible characters who God delivered from a different situation.



"I will cast all my cares on God; he hath bidden me; they cannot burden him."

Bishop Hall

PRAYER POWER



"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."

Mark 01:35

Praise God for five things that you are thankful for. Write down your praises below.

Hosea 11 - _____



"I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from their neck and bent down to feed them."

Hosea 11:04



Vs. 01. Here, Israel also refers to Christ, who by contrast to the earthly Israel, always did that which pleased God.



1) What was Israel's response to God's reaching to their nation?

2) What is the picture of God's love likened to in vs. 04?

3) What actions did Israel take even when God extended his love towards them?



What other time(s) has God shown His love towards someone and they rejected it?



What are the other pictures of God's love? (For example: He is the shepherd, we are the sheep - The shepherd cares for His sheep.)



"Man may dismiss compassion from his heart, but God will never."

Cowper

PRAYER POWER



"He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him."

Psalms 91:15

I praise You Lord because _____

I know I have wronged You Lord by _____

I thank You Lord for _____

I ask You Lord for:

- Family: _____
- Camper: _____
- Christian friend: _____
- Unsaved friend: _____

Joel 02 – _____



"Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity."

Joel 02:13



Vs. 12-14. A call to personal repentance that comes from the heart. The heart was considered to include the intellect as well as the emotions.



1) If the people were to repent, what would the Lord possibly do?

2) After the possible are and were full, what would they do?

3) What will happen after the Spirit is poured out on the people?

4) Who will be saved?



Name two other times that people repented, God "changed his mind," and the people were blessed instead of punished.



Look up the following verses. What spiritual preparations were taken for repentance?

I Samuel 07:03

II Chronicles 29:15

Luke 01:17

II Timothy 02:21



"True repentance is to cease from sinning."

Ambrose

PRAYER POWER



"In the morning O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in anticipation."

Psalms 05:03

Write down some sins that you have committed recently. Ask God for forgiveness for each of these, and cross out each sin as you pray for it.

Amos 03 – _____



"You only have I chosen of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your sins."

Amos 03:02



Vs. 05 *no snare*. This was a snare where there was no mechanism to release the trap.



1) Who did God choose?

2) Because God chose these people, what did he say He was going to do to them?

3) God told the people He had warned them. How?

4) God said that people did not know how to do what one thing?



Why does God punish us for sin? Write a paragraph explaining your reason.



Find at least one verse from the Bible that tells us why God punishes sin. Write out the verse with reference. Do more if you have time.



"The seeds of our punishment are sown at the same time we commit the sin."

Hesiod

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"Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion"

Psalms 103:04

Take time to pray for a few members of your family - parents, siblings, cousins, grandparents, or anyone else you can think of. Write down their names below.

Obadiah 01 – _____



"The day of the LORD is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head."

Obadiah 01:15



Vs. 01 *Obadiah*. One of the twelve men in the Old Testament with this name. We know nothing about him except that his name means "servant of the Lord."



1) Though Edom "soars like the eagle" what would God do to them?

2) How will Edom's friends treat them?

3) Because of what Edom did to the nations, what would happen to them?



Look up the following verses. Name the Bible character and the action that happened to him as a result of sin he committed towards another person.

Judges 01:07

Judges 09:24

II Samuel 18:17



Here's more! Same activity as above.

I Kings 02:32

II Kings 09:26

Esther 07:10



"God is a sure paymaster. He may not pay at the end of every week, or month, or year, but remember He pays in the end."

Anne of Austria

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"Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers righteousness on you."

Hosea 10:12

If you could only pray for five things, what would they be? Write down and pray for your "top five".

Jonah 01 – _____



"He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land.""

Jonah 01:09



Vs. 07. Casting lots by mixing small stones in a container, then taking one out, was a popular form of divination used both by pagans and the Hebrews.



1) What did God ask Jonah to do?

2) What did Jonah do instead?

3) What did the Lord do in response?

4) What did the sailors do?

5) What did the big fish do?



Name five Bible characters who God did something incredible to in order to get their attention.



Find five Bible verses with references that talk about listening to God and doing what He asks.



"As Thou wilt; what Thou wilt; when Thou wilt."

Thomas à Kempis

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"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

Matthew 06:06

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 06) tells us to ask for "daily bread". Ask God for three things that you need His help with today. Write them down below.

Micah 01 – _____



"Hear, O peoples, all of you, listen, O earth and all who are in it, that the Sovereign LORD may witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple."

Micah 01:02



Micah uses puns in denouncing these cities. For example, Shaphir (vs. 11) sounds like the Hebrew word for beauty and is contrasted with their shame.



1) What do the mountains and valleys do when God walks through them?

2) Because of the sin of the people, what action did Micah take?

3) To show their deep repentance, what did Micah say the people should do?



List the names of Bible characters who mourned and why.

Genesis 23:02

Judges 21:02

Job 01:20

Jeremiah 31:15



Using the word MOURN, list five things you are deeply sorry for doing this week. (For example: M – mouthing off to counselor.)



"The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved, loved for ourselves, or rather loved in spite of ourselves."

Victor Hugo

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"Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice."

Psalms 55:17

I praise You Lord because _____

I know I have wronged You Lord by _____

I thank You Lord for _____

I ask You Lord for:

- Family: _____
- Camper: _____
- Christian friend: _____
- Unsaved friend: _____

Zechariah 14 – _____



"The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name."

Zechariah 14:09



Vs. 01-05. This is a description of one of the last battles of the campaign of Armageddon during the last days of the earth.



1) Whose name will be the only remaining name during these days?

2) In the Millennial kingdom everything will be holy, even down to what unusual thing which will have the Lord's name written on it?

3) Name another unusual thing that will be holy with God's name on it.

4) What unusual things will happen in the sky during these times?



Name some of these things found in the Scriptures that are supposed to be holy.

II Peter 03:11

I Timothy 02:08

II Thessalonians 01:10

Jeremiah 17:22

Deuteronomy 23:14

Leviticus 22:32



List some other famous Bible battles where good fought evil and WON!



"Holiness is the architectural plan which God buildeth up his living temple."

Spurgeon

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"Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always."

I Chronicles 16:11

Write down three negative habits that influence your life. Ask God to replace them with good, holy habits.

Matthew 02 – _____



"When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh."

Matthew 02:10-11



Vs. 11 *gold* – symbolic of Christ's position as God and King.

incense - symbolic of Christ's purity.

myrrh - symbolic of Christ's death (as myrrh was used in preparing dead bodies for burial).



1) Where did the wise men find Jesus? (Careful, it is not the manger.)

2) Why did the angel warn the wise men to take a different route home?

3) How did King Herod react to the disobedience of the wise men?

4) What did Joseph do in response to Herod's proclamation?

5) How was the prophecy "He will be called a Nazarene" fulfilled?



If you could only give three gifts to the Lord what would they be? Give a brief description of each.



Vs. 06 mentions a prophecy. See if you can find the original (HINT -- Micah). Did the priests and teachers get it right? Can you find any more prophecies of Christ's birth?



"The name of Christ -- the one great word -- well worth all languages in earth or heaven."

Bailey

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"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you."

Matthew 07:07

Praise God for three things that you are thankful for. Write down your praises below.

Matthew 28 – _____



"The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

Matthew 28:05-06



Vs. 01 *After the Sabbath.* It was now Sunday morning, and the work of preparing Christ's body for burial could be done.



1) What two women went to the tomb?

2) What story did the chief priests tell the soldiers they were to give by way of explanation of the missing body?

3) Did all the disciples believe in Jesus even after seeing Him?

4) What command did Jesus give His disciples?



Pretend you are a reporter for a Jewish newspaper. In one paragraph, write a newspaper article reporting the missing body of Jesus from the high priest's/soldier's perspective and story.



Pretend you are a reporter for a Jewish newspaper. In one paragraph, write a newspaper article reporting the missing body of Jesus from the disciples'/women's perspective and story.



"The world does not require so much to be informed as reminded."

Hannah More

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"God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us."

Acts 17:27

Take time to pray for your church and the ministry that your church is doing. Write down the names of five people at your church, and ask God to bless their work.

Luke 02 – _____



"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.""

Luke 02:10-12



Vs. 07 *manger*. A feeding trough for animals in a stall or stable. Tradition says that Jesus was born in a cave, in which case the manger may have been cut out of a rock wall.



1) Who were the first people to receive the birth announcement of Jesus?

2) What was the shepherd's first response to the announcement of Jesus' birth?

3) What was Simeon waiting to do before he died?

4) Where did Jesus travel to when he was twelve years old?

5) What did Jesus say he was doing at the temple?



Imagine that you are one of the shepherds and you are telling your grandchildren about that night the angel choir sang for you. Write down your story. "One night we were in the field..."



Find at least five verses with references that prophesy the birth of Jesus Christ.



"All who would win joy, must share it; happiness was born a twin."

Byron

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"Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

John 16:24

Take time to pray for a few members of your family - parents, siblings, cousins, grandparents, or anyone else you can think of. Write down their names below.

Luke 15 - _____



"I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

Luke 15:07



Vs. 04 *lost*. Eight times in this chapter the lostness of a man is emphasized.



1) These parables of Jesus followed the statement of the Pharisees found in verse two. Why is *this* parable after their statement?

2) What is the first parable about?

3) What is the second parable about? The third parable?

4) What brought the prodigal son to his senses?

5) What was the response of the father when he saw his returning son?



List three people that you know are "lost" and after their name write how you can personally help them to become "found."



Extend your "Lost and Found" list and add three more names and three more courses of action.



"True repentance hates the sin, and not merely the penalty; and it hates the sin most of all because it has discovered and felt God's love."

W.M. Taylor

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"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."

Luke 18:01

Write down some sins that you have committed recently. Ask God for forgiveness for each of these, and cross out each sin as you pray for it.

John 10 – _____



"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

John 10:11



Vs. 10 *he escaped their grasp*. Apparently He moved without walking, another supernatural phenomenon.



1) Why do the sheep follow the shepherd?

2) Jesus said He came for what purpose?

3) To what extent did Jesus go to show His love for the sheep?

4) Will Jesus' sheep ever perish? Why or why not?



Write a thank you note to Jesus, showing your gratitude for His shepherd protection.



Make a list of the other "careers" Jesus had. (For example: The Good Shepherd, The Great Physician) Think of the things He did and make those activities into a job title.



"That man safely venture on his way, who is so guided that he cannot stray."

Walter Scott

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"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

Ephesians 06:18

If you could only pray for five things, what would they be? Write down and pray for your "top five".

John 15 – _____



"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:05



Vs. 25. The reference is to Psalm 35:19, 69:04. This statement is found in many early Christian writings, as an instruction to the faithful.



1) What is the requirement for bearing fruit?

2) Apart from Jesus, what can we accomplish?

3) What is the requirement for asking God for things and receiving them?

4) What is an example of great love?

5) Why does the world hate us?



Make a list of the things you want to "prune" out of your life and after each one, put a reference that will help you with the "pruning". (For example: Disobedience – Ephesians 06:01)



Make a list of people persecuted for their faith and what they had to endure. (For example: Noah – ridicule)



"Persecution often does in this life, what the last great day will do completely, separate the wheat from the tares."

Milner

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"Pray continually."

I Thessalonians 05:17

Take time to pray for five unsaved friends. Ask God for opportunities for you to witness to them and to show them His love. Write their names below:

Romans 03 – _____



"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

Romans 03:23-24



Vs. 24 *justified*. To justify was a legal term meaning to secure a favorable verdict, to acquit, to vindicate, to declare righteous.



1) In what aspect are Jews and Gentiles alike?

2) Will anyone be declared righteous by observing the law?

3) By what is a man justified?

4) What did God present Jesus as?



From verses 09-18, make a list of all the "crimes" men have committed. When you are finished, write after each crime - NOT GUILTY because of Jesus.



Find 10 other verses that talk about some of the concepts addressed in this chapter. Concepts such as JUSTIFICATION, GRACE, FAITH, REDEMPTION, etc. Write out the reference and one sentence to explain the verse.



"Underneath all the arches of Bible history, throughout the whole grand temple of the Scriptures, these two voices ever echo, man is ruined; man is redeemed."

C.D. Foss

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"Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise."

James 05:13

Write down five negative habits that influence your life. Ask God to replace them with good, holy habits.

Romans 06 – _____



"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 06:23



Vs. 11 *count*. This means "calculate," i.e. by adding up the facts presented and then acting accordingly.



1) Because of Christ's death, we are no longer slaves to what?

2) We should count ourselves dead to what?

3) Alive to what?

4) What should we offer to God?



Make a list of all the gifts God has given you. On the top of your list, put ETERNAL LIFE.



"Count" all of the facts listed in vv. 01-10 and make a list of them.



"The sum and substance of the preparation needed for a coming eternity is, that we believe what the Bible bids us."

Chalmers

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"He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him."

Psalms 91:15

I praise You Lord because _____

I know I have wronged You Lord by _____

I thank You Lord for _____

I ask You Lord for:

- Family: _____
- Camper: _____
- Christian friend: _____
- Unsaved friend: _____

Romans 12 – _____



"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Romans 12:01-02



Vs. 02 *Do not conform*. The only other occurrence of this Greek word in the New Testament is in I Peter 01:14.



1) The renewing of our minds will enable us to be able to test and approve what?

2) How should we think of ourselves?

3) Paul relates Christians working together with what picture?

4) What should be our attitude towards those who persecute us?



Make a list of the spiritual gifts found in vv. 06-08. Decide which one(s) you think you have and in a sentence or two, tell why you think you have that gift.



Write out the "Rules for Good Living" found in vv. 09-21. Check five of them you want to work on today and after each one, write a sentence on how you plan on working on it.



"Sometimes the best gain is to lose."

Herbert

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"Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear."

Isaiah 65:24

Take time to pray for the people whom you have difficulty getting along with. Write their names below.

Romans 14 – _____



"Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way."

Romans 14:13



Vs. 22 *whatever you believe*. A conviction or standard in regard to these matters. Every believer should have standards, but should see that they are used to help others, never to hinder them (Romans 15:02).



1) Whether we live or die, who do we belong to?

2) What will every person do at God's judgment seat?

3) Paul says to STOP doing what?

4) Worrying about rules of eating and drinking is not what the kingdom of God is about. What is it about?



God has other STOP signs in His Word. Look up the following references and tell what we are to STOP.

Isaiah 01:16

Isaiah 02:22

John 06:43



In addition to the three STOP signs above, look up the rest below and tell what we are to STOP.

John 07:24

John 20:27

I Corinthians 14:20



"Men are not to be judged by their looks, habits, and appearances; but by the the character of their lives and conversations, and by their works. It is better to be praised by one's own works than by the words of another."

L'Estrange

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"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Luke 11:09

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 06) tells us to ask for "daily bread". Ask God for three things that you need His help with today. Write them down below.

I Corinthians 02 – _____



"The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned."

I Corinthians 02:14



Vs. 03. Paul arrived in Corinth after a discouraging experience in Athens and was anxious about the believers he had just left in Thessalonica. The overwhelming wickedness of Corinth undoubtedly added to his anxiety.



1) Paul wanted to know nothing but...

2) Paul's preaching was not with wise and persuasive words but with what?

3) What does the unsaved man not accept?

4) What should our faith not rest on? What should it rest on?



Make a list of five "incredible" things you would like to do for God. Now take them to God and ask His power.



Name ten Bible characters who had God's power upon them and as a result did some "incredible" things.



"In actual life every great enterprise begins with and takes its forward step in faith."

Schlegal

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"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you."

John 15:07

If you could only pray for five things, what would they be? Write down and pray for your "top five".

I Corinthians 12 – _____



"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

I Corinthians 12:27



Vs. 13 *we were all baptized*. The Spirit joins all believers to the Body of Christ. The tense of the verb indicates a past action, and it is something all believers have experienced.



1) In the family of Christ, there are many parts, but only one...

2) What parts are indispensable (meaning you are unable to live without them)?

3) God has given great honor to what parts of the body?

4) What should be the response of the body when one of its parts suffers?



Choose a body part you think you are or would like to be in the Body of Christ and then list your top three jobs. (For example: MOUTH - Preach the Gospel)



Look up the following verses concerning unity and write a sentence for each reference, explaining the principle in the verse.

Psalms 133:1

Romans 15:5

Colossians 3:14



"Men's hearts ought not to be set against one another, but set with one another, and all against evil only."

Carlyle

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"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven."

Matthew 18:19

Take time to pray for your church and the ministry that your church is doing. Write down the names of five people at your church, and ask God to bless their work.

I Thessalonians 04 – _____



"For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life."

I Thessalonians 04:07



Vv. 16-17 *caught up*. From the Latin for "caught up" comes the term "rapture".



1) What has God called us to live?

2) What had God taught the Thessalonians?

3) Who will be "raptured" first?

4) The words here spoken by Paul / the Holy Spirit should cause us to do what for each other?



Make a list of five people you want to encourage today. After their name, write a sentence describing your plan of encouragement.



What do the following verses tell us should be pure?

Psalms 24:04

Psalms 119:09

Hebrews 13:04

James 01:27

I Peter 01:22

Titus 02:14



"I pray thee, O God, that I may be beautiful within."

Socrates

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"In the morning O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in anticipation."

Psalms 05:03

Take time to pray for five unsaved friends. Ask God for opportunities for you to witness to them and to show them His love. Write their names below:

I Thessalonians 05 – _____



"You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled."

I Thessalonians 05:05-06



Vs. 26 *holy kiss*. The kiss was a symbol of welcome in Jewish life.



1) The Lord's return will come as what?

2) God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to...

3) Who are we to warn? to encourage? to help? to be patient with?

4) What are we to avoid?



In sentence form, write out the Ten Top Commands you want to concentrate on (from vv. 12-22).



You are an activities director. Write out a paragraph-long description of the coming Day of the Lord. When? Where? How? Who? etc.



"A soul without watchfulness is, like a city without walls, exposed to the inroads of all its enemies."

Secker

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"O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come."

Psalms 65:02

Take time to pray for the people whom you have difficulty getting along with. Write their names below.

II Thessalonians 03 – _____



"And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right."

II Thessalonians 03:13



Vs. 02 *wicked and evil men*. Those "who did not believe the truth", Jews and Gentiles whom Paul encountered in virtually every city he visited.



1) Why did Paul want prayer?

2) What kind of people were the Thessalonians to keep away from?

3) What are the consequences of not working?

4) What should we never tire of doing?



Look up the references below and find other consequences of laziness.

Proverbs 12:24

Proverbs 19:15

Proverbs 10:04



Name five Bible characters who worked hard at something and were rewarded for their hard work.



"Sloth makes all things difficult, but industry all easy; and he that riseth late must trot all day, and shall scarce overtake his business at night; while laziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes him."

Ben Franklin

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"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

II Chronicles 07:14

Take time to pray for your church and the ministry that your church is doing. Write down the names of five people at your church, and ask God to bless their work.

I Timothy 04 – _____



"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

I Timothy 04:12



Vs. 07 *old wives' tales*. Mythical legends added to O.T. history that may have led to Gnostic (see I John 04 devotional) teachings.



1) What has the Spirit told us will happen in the last days?

2) What should we train ourselves to be?

3) In what things should we set an example?

4) What should we not neglect?



We are told not to neglect our gift. At JIM Club we try to work on the gifts and the talents God has given us. In what ways have you neglected your gift the past few days? What are some ways you can actively work on your gift (write it down - make a commitment).



Make a daily spiritual workout for yourself. Include such things as Bible reading, Bible memory, prayer. Set goals for a couple days at a time. Each day, go through your "workout", checking off the items as you accomplish them. Remember to set realistic goals. (For example: a goal of trying to learn 20 verses a day is not realistic.)



"Men of talent are men for occasions."

Unknown

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"God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us."

Acts 17:27

Based on what you have written in the "milk" and "meat" sections above, take a few minutes to pray to God and ask Him for help in living out what you have written. After praying, sign your name to show that you are committed to making these changes.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

II Timothy 02 – _____



"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

II Timothy 02:15



Vs. 17 *Hymenaeus and Philetus*. These troublemakers were probably teaching that the doctrine of resurrection had only an allegorical or spiritual meaning.



1) What are we to entrust to reliable men?

2) What are we to endure hardship as?

3) What are we to warn people about?

4) If you confess the name of the Lord, what must you do?

5) Instead of quarreling, what must the servant of God do?



Name three Bible soldiers and the battles they fought.



Look up the following references and make a one-sentence comment about the "endurance" principle found in the verse.

Psalm 123:04

Revelation 02:03

II Thessalonians 01:04



"He conquers who endures."

Persius

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"Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice."

Psalm 55:17

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 06) tells us to ask for "daily bread". Ask God for three things that you need His help with today. Write them down below.

Hebrews 01 – _____



"But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom."

Hebrews 01:08



Vv. 01-04. These verses compromise one majestic sentence in the Greek text and read like the opening of a formal Greek oration rather than the customary "greetings" of a letter.



1) Whom did God appoint as heir of all things?

2) What will last forever and ever?

3) What will perish?

4) What will remain?

5) What are angels and their purpose?



Look up the following references to find out other things about angels.

Psalms 91:11

I Corinthians 06:03

Hebrews 01:06



MORE angel references!

Hebrews 13:02

I Peter 01:12

Psalms 34:07



"Millions of spiritual creatures walk the earth unseen, both when we sleep and when we wake."

Milton

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"Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always."

I Chronicles 16:11

Praise God for three things that you are thankful for. Write down your praises below.

Hebrews 02 – _____



"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone."

Hebrews 02:09



Vs. 07 *a little lower*. This may mean (01) for a short time, or (02), more likely, as some versions render, a little lower in rank. In the order of creation, man is lower than angels, and in the incarnation, Christ took this lower place.



1) What are we to pay more attention to?

2) Who was made lower than the angels for a time?

3) What is Jesus not ashamed to call us?

4) Why is Jesus able to help people when they are tempted?



In one paragraph, answer the question - Why was Jesus willing to be made lower than the angels?



Using the word ATTENTION, list nine things you want to pay more careful attention to in your life. (For example: A - my ATTITUDE.)



"The power of applying attention, steady and undissipated, to a single object, is the sure mark of a superior genius."

Chesterfield

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"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you."

Matthew 07:07

If you could only pray for five things, what would they be? Write down and pray for your "top five".

Hebrews 13 – _____



"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."

Hebrews 13:07



Vs. 21 *equip*. Or, fully provide, adjust, make ready. Some other occurrences of the Greek word are in Matthew 04:21; Galatians 06:01; I Thessalonians 03:10.



1) What should we keep our lives free of?

2) Why should we not be afraid?

3) What are we to continually offer to God?

4) With what type of sacrifices is God pleased?



List the top five things you want your life to be FREE of. Then, put a big X through and write on top the word FREE. Work on trying to eliminate those things from your life.



Find three Bible verses with references that talk about sacrifice. List the participants, the type of sacrifice, and the outcome. (For example: ABRAHAM and ISSAC - burnt offering - God was pleased by Abraham's demonstration of love)



"Self-preservation is the law of nature; self-sacrifice is the highest rule of grace."

Unknown

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"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

Matthew 26:41

Take time to pray for five unsaved friends. Ask God for opportunities for you to witness to them and to show them His love. Write their names below:

James 01 - _____



"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

James 01:22



Vs. 13 *tempted*. To tempt is to test, try, prove, or solicit to evil. In this verse, the word could actually mean "to peddle or sell evil".



1) What emotion should trials bring into our lives?

2) What should we do if we lack wisdom?

3) What is the reward for persevering under trial?

4) What tempts us?

5) What is true religion?



Name three Bible characters you think of as "wise men". Why do you think of them as wise?



Find (and write out) three verses from Proverbs that talk about wisdom.



"The intellect of the wise is like glass; it admits the light of heaven and reflects it."

Hare

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"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:13

Write down three negative habits that influence your life. Ask God to replace them with good, holy habits.

James 04 – _____



"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded."
James 04:07-08



Vs. 04 *adulterous people*. Literally, adulteress. Symbolic language for unfaithful creatures, used often in the Old Testament.



1) What causes fights and quarrels?

2) Why do we not receive when we ask?

3) What is friendship with the world?

4) Who does God give grace to?

5) What is our short life likened to?



Find two "fights" in the Bible. List the participants, the causes and the results.



Taking the word FRIEND, make a list of some problems/consequences of being friends with the world. (For example: F – fighting)



"The strength of a man consists in finding out the way God is going, and going in that way too."
H.W. Beecher

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"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."
Mark 11:24

Take time to pray for the people whom you have difficulty getting along with. Write their names below.

I Peter 01 – _____



"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."

I Peter 01:18-19



Vs. 13 *prepare your minds for action.* A figure of speech (literally, gird up the loins of your mind) based on the gathering and fastening up of the long Eastern garments so that they would not interfere with the individual's activity.



1) Why have trials come our way?

2) Where should we place our hope?

3) God's holiness should cause us to want to live how?

4) How do we purify ourselves?

5) What one thing stands forever?



Look up the following references and write what they tell us about hope.

Job 13:05

Psalm 42:05

Romans 15:04



We are to be holy as God is holy. Using the word HOLINESS, make a list of holy activities you could participate in. (For example: H - hate sin)



"It must be a prospect pleasing to God to see his creatures forever drawing nearer to him by greater degrees of resemblance."

Addison

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"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

James 05:16

Write down some sins that you have committed recently. Ask God for forgiveness for each of these, and cross out each sin as you pray for it.

I Peter 02 – _____



"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us."

I Peter 02:12



Vs. 11. Beginning here, and ending at 04:11, Peter sets forth the duties of Christians in the world.



1) As Christians, what should we crave?

2) What does Peter urge us to abstain from?

3) What will the pagans do when they see our good deeds and lives?

4) What did Christ do when insults were hurled at Him?



Name five Bible characters who had an excellent testimony among unbelievers.



Make a list of five of your actions yesterday (be honest - include the bad just as well as the good). After each one, write a sentence answering the question, "By watching that action, what sort of impression would people have of me?"



"The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world, is to be in reality what we would appear to be"

Socrates

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"And receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him."

I John 03:22

Take time to pray for a few members of your family - parents, siblings, cousins, grandparents, or anyone else you can think of. Write down their names below.

II Peter 01 – _____



"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."

II Peter 01:03



Vs. 13 *tent of this body*. Peter's human body.



1) What helps us escape corruption in the world?

2) What will keep us from being ineffective and unproductive?

3) What was Peter an eyewitness of?

4) What was the origin of Scripture?



The origin of the Bible is unique and special. Its every day applicability and usefulness is even more special. Look up the following verses and make a sentence comment on what that verse tells us about the "specialness" of God's Word.

II Samuel 22:31

Hebrews 04:12

Psalms 119:103

Matthew 24:35



Find and write out 2 Taking the list of character qualities found in vv. 05-07, find other Bible verses that talk about each one. (For example: LOVE - I Corinthians 13)



"It could not be easy, even for an unbeliever, to find a better translation of the rule of virtue from the abstract into the concrete, than to endeavor so to live that Christ would approve our life."

John Stuart Mill

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"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."

Mark 01:35

Take time to pray for the people whom you have difficulty getting along with. Write their names below.

I John 03 – _____



"This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother."

I John 03:10



Vs. 04 *sin is lawlessness*. Lawlessness is used here in its broadest sense, defection from any of God's standards.



1) Why does the world not know us?

2) Why did Jesus come to this earth?

3) Who is righteous?

4) How do we know that God lives in us?



Sin has been defined as "anything that separates us from God". Make a list of the top three things that have separated you from God the past few days and then tell your "plan" for removing that wall of separation.



Using the word **RIGHTEOUS**, list nine things you want to accomplish this week that are "right in God's eyes". (For example: R - read my Bible every day)



"Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of the law of God."

Shorter Catechism

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"One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God."

Luke 06:12

Based on what you have written in the "milk" and "meat" sections above, take a few minutes to pray to God and ask Him for help in living out what you have written. After praying, sign your name to show that you are committed to making these changes.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

I John 04 - _____



"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

I John 04:11

Vs. 01 *do not believe every spirit.* Apparently some of John's readers were being led astray by Gnosticism, the belief in such things as: the Bible can only be understood by a select few, God is not the only creator, there is no resurrection and MORE!



1) What is the test for a true spirit?

2) Who is greater than Satan (be specific)?

3) Where does love come from?

4) Whoever loves God must also love...



Name three spirits / people in the Bible who had a false message. Next to their name, write down what their false message was. (For example: SATAN - I am greater than God)



Find five verses with references that talk about loving our brothers (and sisters).



"Love sought is good, but given unsought is better."

Shakespeare

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"Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith."

I Thessalonians 03:10

I praise You Lord because _____

I know I have wronged You Lord by _____

I thank You Lord for _____

I ask You Lord for:

- Family: _____
- Camper: _____
- Christian friend: _____
- Unsaved friend: _____

I John 05 - _____



"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

I John 05:14



Vs. 06 by *water and blood*. The water refers to the beginning of Christ's earthly ministry at His baptism by John (Mark 01:09-11); the blood refers to the close of His earthly ministry at His crucifixion.



1) How do we prove we love the children of God?

2) Who is it that overcomes the world?

3) Who has life?

4) How do we "get" God to hear us?

5) What should we not continue to do if we are born of God?



Complete the Prayer Power section. Now look at your list and put a big checkmark next to those items that you believe that you have asked for "according to His will". Give a sentence explanation for each, explaining why you believe it is God's Will. (HINT: Cross out those that don't fit.)



Name five Bible characters who prayed for something in God's Will and it happened. List their name, their request, and the answer. (For example: BELIEVERS - release of Peter - angel released him)



"I have been driven many times to my knees by the overshadowing conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for the day."

Abraham Lincoln

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"But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul."

Deuteronomy 04:29

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 06) tells us to ask for "daily bread". Ask God for three things that you need His help with today. Write them down below.

Revelation 01 – _____



"Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near."

Revelation 01:03



Vs. 09 Patmos. A small island in the Aegean Sea, southwest of Ephesus.



1) Who is blessed?

2) What did the loud voice command John to do?

3) When John fell at Jesus' feet, what message did Jesus give him?

4) What does Jesus hold the keys to?



Using verses 12-16, make a list of what Jesus looked like in John's vision. (For example: HAIR – white as wool / snow)



Find five other Bible verses (with references) that talk about what Jesus looks like.



"As the print of the seal on the wax is the express image of the seal itself, so Christ is the express image - the perfect representation of God."

Ambrose

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"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near."

Isaiah 55:06

If you could only pray for five things, what would they be? Write down and pray for your "top five".

Revelation 05 – _____



"In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!""

Revelation 05:12



Vs. 01 *a scroll*. This may be called the "Book of Redemption," as it contains the story of man's fall through sin and rise through Christ.



1) At first, who was found worthy to open the scroll?

2) Who then was found worthy to open the scroll?

3) According to the elder's song, why was the lamb worthy?

4) Who was in the choir singing the last song?

5) After singing, what did the creatures and elders do?



Using words of praise and gratitude to Jesus, write your own song of worship to the Savior, the one who purchased you with His blood.



Find other songs in the Bible, particularly ones of praise to Jesus. List the reference and the subject of the song.



"Praise is the best auxiliary to prayer. He who most bears in mind what has been done for him by God will be most emboldened to ask for fresh gifts from above."

H. Melville

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"Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers righteousness on you."

Hosea 10:12

Write down three negative habits that influence your life. Ask God to replace them with good, holy habits.

Revelation 22 – _____



"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done."

Revelation 22:12



Vs. 15 *dogs*. Not animals, but people of low character (Philippians 03:02).



1) Why will there be no need of light in New Jerusalem?

2) Who is blessed?

3) How will people be rewarded when Jesus comes?

4) According to the passage, what does Alpha and Omega mean?

5) What will happen to those who add or subtract from these words of prophecy?



If you could choose what rewards you could have, what would they be? Make a list of your top three and after each one, write your plan on how you are going to try and get that reward.



Look up the following references. Find the reward mentioned and what the "rules" for getting that reward is.

Proverbs 09:12

Matthew 05:12

Psalm 19:11



"God does not require us to live on credit; he pays what we earn, good or evil, heaven or hell, according to our choice."

Charles Mildmay

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"For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Luke 11:10

Praise God for three things that you are thankful for. Write down your praises below.
