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## Lesson 1

### ***Tongue Tamers***

#### Part 1 Controlling your Tongue

**Read James 1:19-27 and answer the following questions in relation to the Biblical text.**

*James 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:*

1. What does James 1:19 mean to you?

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*James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

2. What is the importance of verse 22? \_\_\_\_\_

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*James 1:26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.*

3. Your religion is in vain if you can't control your \_\_\_\_\_ .

*James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.*

4. In your own words describe pure religion.

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**Read James 3:1-12 and fill in the blanks in relation to the Biblical text.**

5. If any man offends not in \_\_\_\_\_, the same is a perfect man.
6. If you can control your \_\_\_\_\_, you can control your whole body.
7. Your \_\_\_\_\_ can defile your whole body.
8. Out of the same mouth precedes \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ and this ought not so be.

*Key verse: James 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.*

## Part 2 Choosing words Wisely

**Read Matthew 12:31-37 and fill in the blanks in relation to the Biblical text.**

9. Whosoever speaketh against the \_\_\_\_\_, it shall not be forgiven him.
  
10. Out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the heart the mouth speaketh.
  
11. A tree is known by this. \_\_\_\_\_
  
12. Every \_\_\_\_\_ word that you speak, you will give an account thereof in the day of judgment.
  
13. By your \_\_\_\_\_ you are justified, and condemned.

*Key verse: Matthew 12:37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*

**Read the following Biblical text from the book of Proverbs and fill in the blanks.**

14. A \_\_\_\_\_ reveals secrets. *(Proverbs 11:12, 13)*
15. The tongue of the wise is \_\_\_\_\_. *(Proverbs 12:18)*
16. He that keepeth his \_\_\_\_\_ keepeth his life. *(Proverbs 13:3)*
17. The mouth of \_\_\_\_\_ poureth out foolishness. *(Proverbs 15:2)*
18. A man hath joy by the answer of his \_\_\_\_\_. *(Proverbs 15:23)*
19. The heart of the \_\_\_\_\_ studieth to answer. *(Proverbs 15:28)*
20. Pleasant words are like a \_\_\_\_\_ sweet to the soul. *(Proverbs 16:24)*
21. Even a \_\_\_\_\_ is counted wise when he holdeth his peace. *(Proverbs 17:27, 28)*
22. Your \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ keeps your soul from troubles. *(Proverbs 21:23)*
23. The words of a \_\_\_\_\_, are as wounds. *(Proverbs 26:21, 22)*
24. There is more hope for a \_\_\_\_\_, than someone who can't control his words. *(Proverbs 29:20)*

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## Lesson 2

### ***Sin Separates***

#### **A. The Source of Temptation**

**Read James 1:1-27 and answer the following questions in light of the outlined scriptures mentioned above.**

1. What should be your response when encountering trials and temptations? (*James 1:2*)

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2. What should you ask from GOD during these trials? (*James 1:5*)

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3. What will you receive from GOD if you overcome? (*James 1:12*)

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4. What is the source of the temptation? (*James 1:14*)

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5. There are 2 things James says we are to do slow, and 1 thing we are to do fast. What are these 3 things? (*James 1:19*)

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6. What is able to save your soul? (*James 1:21*)

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**Fill in the blanks from the following scripture excerpts in James 1:22-27.**

7. Be ye \_\_\_\_\_ of the word, and not \_\_\_\_\_ only, deceiving your own selves.

8. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and \_\_\_\_\_ therein, he being not a forgetful \_\_\_\_\_, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in deed.

9. If any man among you seem to be \_\_\_\_\_, and bridlETH not his own \_\_\_\_\_, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is in vain.

**Answer the following questions found in James chapter 1**

10. What is wavering faith?

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11. What is a double-minded man?

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12. What are the results of the trying of your faith?

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**B. If we Confess or Continue**

**Read Genesis 6:3, Psalm 32:1-5, Psalm 51:1-17, Proverbs 28:13, John 20:23, James 5:16, 1 John 1:9 and answer the following questions in light of the above scriptures.**

13. In Psalms 32 what happened to David when he kept his sin silent (or secret)?

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14. What 4 types of people are blessed in Psalms 32?

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15. According to Psalm 51 what is ever before the psalmist?

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16. David in Psalm 51 compares his sin to a broken \_\_\_\_\_.

17. Create in me a clean \_\_\_\_\_, and renew a right \_\_\_\_\_.

18. What does David ask to be restored in Psalms 51? Why?

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19. What is the sacrifice GOD is asking for in Psalm 51?

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20. According to Proverbs 28:13 you will not prosper if you do this.

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21. What does John 20:23 mean to you?

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22. James 5:16 says if you do this you will be healed. What is this?

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23. According to 1 John 1:9 GOD is faithful only if we do this. What is this?

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24. Considering all scripture references in this lesson, answer the following question. If we confess our sin, GOD will do what?

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25. Considering all scripture references in this lesson, answer the following question. If we continue in sin GOD will do what?

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## Lesson 3

### *I am Free*

#### A. Free from Fear

**Key scriptures 2 Timothy 1:7, 1 John 4:18, Proverbs 1:7, Ecclesiastes 12:13, Psalms 111:10, Mathew 10:16-31, and Philippians 1:28**

There are two kinds of fear in the Bible, healthy fear and unhealthy fear. Healthy fear could be described as to fear the LORD as mentioned in Proverbs 1:7, Ecclesiastes 12:13, and Psalms 111:10. The true meaning of healthy fear is to respect, reverence, or to stand in awe. Unhealthy fear is described in Matthew 10:16-31 and in Philippians 1:28. As we read in 2 Timothy 1:7, Paul tells Timothy that God has not gives us this unhealthy fear and in 1 John 4:18 we see how to get rid of this fear. Unhealthy fear brings a sense of terror or dread.

1. What kind of fear is mentioned in Genesis 3:1-10, healthy or unhealthy fear?

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2. What kind of fear is mentioned in Psalms 2:11, healthy or unhealthy fear?

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3. What should we be afraid of? Why?

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4. What should we **not** be afraid of? Why?

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5. What does Philippians 2:12 mean to you?

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6. According to Psalms 112 what are the blessings of fearing the LORD?

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## **B. Forgiving Others (Free from others)**

Holding grudges against others will bind us, and hinder the work of God in our lives.

**Read Romans 12:19, Hebrews 10:30, 31, Philippians 3:7-14 and answer the following questions.**

7. Is retaliation necessary for a believer? Why?

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8. According to Philippians 3 what is the one thing we must do?

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9. What does Philippians 3:14 mean to you?

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10. What happens if we do not forgive others, and hold grudges?

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### **C. Forgiving Yourself**

**Read Romans 8:1-9, Galatians 5:16-18, John 8:31-36**

11. What makes you free?

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12. What does Romans 8:1 mean to you?

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## Lesson 4

### ***Fruit of Faith***

#### **The True Vine**

Read John 15:1-27 and answer the following questions. The key text is verses 4 & 5.

Jesus makes the statement, "*I am the true vine*", in verse 1. The branches are new people of God, or new converts and the church as a whole. As branches, we grow in order to bear fruit (vs 2-4), to bear more fruit (vs 2-4), and to bear much fruit (vs 8). This fruit is a result of prayer (vs 7), loving obedience (vs 9-10), and a new relationship as no longer servants but friends (vs 14-15).

1. What causes the branch to bear more fruit? (Vs 2)

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2. What else causes the branch to bear more fruit? (Vs 5)

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3. What cause the branch to bear much fruit? (Vs 7-8)

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4. How is our love toward the Lord demonstrated? (Vs 9-12)

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5. What is the difference between a servant and a friend? (Vs 14-15)

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6. Why did God choose you? (Vs 16-17)

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7. Who is the “world” and why will they hate you? (Vs 18-27)

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## THE 9 FRUITS

Read Galatians chapter 5, and focus on the key text in verses 22-23 and answer the following.

As the apostle Paul was writing to the Galatians he list nine specific fruits of the spirit that should be manifest in every believer’s life. Remember, the fruit contains the seed to reproduce itself.

**Fruit #1 LOVE** – The Greek word love used here is “*agape*”, which means charity or unconditional love. This is the same love in which Christ showed for us in yet we were sinners He still loved us. The fruit of love demonstrates Christ’s love through us to others.

8. How would you rate yourself on demonstrating *agape* love?

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10)

Never

Sometimes

Always

**Fruit # 2 JOY** - The Greek word for joy means to rejoice or to be glad. Nehemiah 8:10 says the joy of the Lord is our strength. Your joy in the Lord is an indicator of the strength of God in you.

9. How would you rate yourself on demonstrating the fruit of joy?

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10)

Never

Sometimes

Always

**Fruit # 3 PEACE** – The Greek word for peace in this text means exempt from rage, to be at harmony, or tranquil. See Isaiah 26:3

10. How would you rate yourself on demonstrating the fruit of peace?

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10)

Never

Sometimes

Always

**Fruit # 4 LONG-SUFFERING** – The word long-suffering simply means patient.

11. Do you demonstrate the fruit of long-suffering?

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10)

Never

Sometimes

Always

**Fruit # 5 GENTLENESS** – The word gentleness means moral, gracious or pleasant to be around.

12. How pleasant would others say you are to be around?

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10)

Never

Sometimes

Always

**Fruit # 6 GOODNESS** – The word goodness in this text means kindness and the simple quality of been good.

13. Rate yourself on the fruit of goodness.

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10)

Never

Sometimes

Always

**Fruit # 7 FAITH** – The fruit of faith is not to be confused with the gift of faith in 1 Corinthians 12. The fruit of faith simply means to be faithful, one who can be relied on, and loyal.

14. How faithful would you rate yourself?

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10)

Never

Sometimes

Always

**Fruit # 8 MEEKNESS** – Jesus said in Matthew 5 that the meek would inherit the earth, and now we see that meekness is a fruit that we should produce as a believer. Meekness is an attitude of humility toward God and gentleness toward people. Meekness is not to be confused with weakness. Meekness is power under control.

15. How meek are you?



(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10)

Never

Sometimes

Always

**Fruit # 9 TEMPERANCE** – The word temperance means self-control, one who has mastered his desires and passions, especially sensual appetites. Through temperance Christians can discipline body, and soul so they can reap there spiritual rewards.

16. How well do you demonstrate the fruit of temperance?

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10)

Never

Sometimes

Always

Look at Matthew 7:15-20 and answer the following questions. Additional scripture readings on fruit Philippians 1:9-11, James 3:13-18, Matthew 3:8 and Ephesians 5:9.

17. What kind of fruit does a good tree bear?

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18. How will we be able to know people?

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### Lesson 5

# Putting Christ First

## Memorize Matthew 6:33

*“Putting Christ first”*

*“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

With the privileges the LORD has given us we also have responsibilities. In the Bible we can find what God expects of us. Many of the promises that we read in the Bible are unconditional promises, but most of them are based on the condition of our obedience to His word. To be a true disciple of the LORD we must count the cost and be willing to pay the price (*Luke 14:25-29*).

The good news is that we do get tired and begin to struggle Christ will help us. Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-30 *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

## A CLOSER LOOK AT MATTHEW 6:33

1. What are the “things”? (Matthew 6:25-32)

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2. Are these necessities or luxuries? Explain

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3. What has God promised to do if you put Him first?

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### **SEEK HIM FIRST**

4. What does God want us to do according to the following text?  
Psalm 37:3

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Psalm 37:4

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Psalm 37:5

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Proverbs 16:3

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5. According to 1 Samuel 12:24 what is the reason the prophet Samuel gives for serving the LORD whole heartedly?

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6. What does God desire more than sacrifice? (1 Samuel 15:22)

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7. How should we obey God's commandments?

Psalm 119:34

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Psalm 119:60

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8. How are we to be trained in righteousness? (2 Timothy 3:16)

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**ALL THESE THINGS ARE ADDED**

9. According to Ephesians 3:20-21 what can God do for you?

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10. How does God treat His people? (Isaiah 40:11)

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11. What three things are we as believers told to do? (Philippians 4:4-6)

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12. In Philippians 4:7 what is the result of applying Philippians 4:4-6?

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13. What should be our attitude in Philippians 4:11-13?

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14. How well does God know your needs? (Matthew 6:8)

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**Additional notes and questions:**

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Lesson 6  
***Gift of Giving***

## Memorize Luke 6:38

*“Giving Tithes and Offerings”*

*“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”*

Before the Law of Moses was given (the first five books of the Bible also called the Torah) Abraham and Jacob were noted for giving their tithes to the LORD, and the LORD blessed them for their commitment to tithes before the Law was even written. (Read Genesis 14:20, 28:22)

Now the book of Leviticus which contains the majority of the Law of Moses states in chapter 27 verse 30-32, “**And all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD’S: it is holy unto the LORD.** <sup>31</sup>And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof. <sup>32</sup>And concerning the tithes of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, **the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.**”

## THE LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING

1. What are the stipulations of sowing and reaping?

2 Corinthians 9:6

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Luke 6:38

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Galatians 6:9

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2. According to Hebrews 7:1-9, Leviticus 27:30-32, Genesis 28:22 what is tithes?

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## WHAT IS THE TITHE ALLOCATED FOR

3. Who is to receive tithe?

Hebrews 7:5

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Numbers 18:21 Why?

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Nehemiah 10:37, 38 Why?

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4. Are the priest required to give there tithe? (Hebrews 7:9)
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5. Where is the tithe to be stored? (2 Chronicles 31:11-12, Nehemiah 10:38, Malachi 3:10)
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## Tithe and Offerings

According to the above scriptures we understand that God requires each of us to give our tithe to the local church. One thing you must understand is that you cannot even give an offering to the LORD until you have first given your tithe. Offerings are anything given above and beyond the tithe. Always remember you can never out give God.

6. What should I give beyond my tithe? (2 Corinthians 9:7)

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7. What kind of giver does the LORD love? (2 Corinthians 9:7)

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8. What kind of attitude about giving should we avoid?

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9. Paraphrase Luke 6:38

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10. What did Jesus say about spiritual and material wealth in Matthew 6:19-21?

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11. What warning did Jesus give in Luke 12:15? Why?

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12. What did Jesus say about giving? (Acts 20:35)

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13. What kind of giving does God reward? (Matthew 6:1-4)

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14. How should Jesus example motivate us to give liberally? (2 Corinthians 8:9)

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15. How did Jesus view the widow's small gift? (Luke 21:1-4)

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16. List some benefits that come from giving liberally? (Philippians 4:18-19)

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Lesson 7  
***Partakers of the Promise***

**Memorize Genesis 12:3**

*“The Power of a Covenant”*

*“And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.”*

Just as there are physical laws we must obey, there are spiritual laws that also govern our lives. The law of gravity is a physical law that pulls on all earths bodies in the direction of the earth’s center. The law of gravity can work for you or against you. For example right now gravity is holding you in place, and without it you would just be floating around, but if you fall off a ladder or a building, gravity can then work against you and inflict great pain. It does not matter if you understand gravity or not it’s still in effect and can work for you or against you.

Spiritual laws work in the same principals as physical laws. And just because you don’t understand spiritual laws does not mean you are exempt from them. In Genesis 12:3 we see one of the first examples of a spiritual law. If you want to be blessed, bless God’s people, and if you want to be cursed, curse God’s people. God makes a covenant with Abram and says get out of your father’s house, and I will make you great and everyone that blesses you will be blessed and every one that curses you will be cursed. The law of sowing and reaping is another spiritual law, along with many others that we will examine in this study

**Research your Bible concordance and Bible dictionaries and answer the following:**

1. What is a covenant?

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2. What is a promise?

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3. What are the conditions of a promise and a covenant?

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### **The Blessings and Curses of the Law**

Read Deuteronomy 28:1-13 which explains the blessings of the law.

Read Deuteronomy 28:14-68 which explains the curses of the law.

4. Why do think that there are more scriptures dealing with the curse of the law?

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5. What curse stood out most to you?

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6. What blessing stands out the most to you?

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**Read Galatians 3:13-29**

7. How have you become part of the covenant God made with Abraham?

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8. Christ has \_\_\_\_\_ us from the curse of the law, that \_\_\_\_\_.

9. According to verse 22 what must we do to receive the promise? Abraham did the same thing (vs 6) and God accounted it for righteousness.

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10. What happened before faith came? (vs 23)

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**Promise of Prosperity**

Read Deuteronomy 8:18, Ecclesiastes 2:26, Proverbs 11:24-25, 19:17, 28:27, Psalms 37:25, Matthew 6:1-4
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11. Why does the LORD give you power to get wealth?

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12. What four things does God give to those that are good in His sight?

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13. What happens to the liberal soul?

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14. How can you lend to the LORD?

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15. What will bring on a financial curse?

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16. What does Psalms 37:25 mean to you?

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17. Explain Mathew 6:1-4

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**Promise of Protection**

Read Psalms 91, Proverbs 18:10, Isaiah 43:1-2

18. What kind of protection plan does God have for you?

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Lesson 8  
***Discovering the Difference of a  
Spirit Filled Life***

## Memorize Luke 11:13

*“Discovering the Difference”*

*“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”*

In this lesson we will reveal the promise of the Father, the purpose of the Holy Spirit, and the 9 gifts of the spirit. In Acts 1:4 Jesus tells his disciples to wait for the promise of the Father.

Jesus said in John 16:7 *“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.”*

In Luke 24:49 Jesus tells his disciples, *“And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.”*

Jesus said in Acts 1:8 *“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”*

## The Promise of the Father

In the last days of Jesus life on the earth he calls His disciples together and explains to them that He will not be with them much longer because the time was at hand for Him to be sacrificed on the cross. He said things like, destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up (*John 2:19*); I go to prepare a place for you (*John 14:2*); It’s expedient for you that I go away (*John 16:7*); I will not leave you comfortless (*John 14:18*). Jesus prepared His disciples by letting them know that He would not always be physically with them but after he was sacrificed the Holy Spirit would then come to be with them to empower them for service.

So what was the promise of the Father? The promise of the Father was to send the Holy Spirit. In Old Testament times we read about the Spirit of the Lord coming on someone, or moving upon them, but after Jesus ascended to the Father the Spirit of the Lord not only moves upon us but lives within us. (*Romans 8:16*)

1. What are the 7 spirits of the LORD in Isaiah 11:2?



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2. Why did the Spirit of the LORD come on Isaiah in Isaiah 61?

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### The Purpose of the Holy Spirit

3. What will we receive after receiving the Holy Ghost? (*Acts 1:8*)

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4. What is the purpose of the power?

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5. Look up the word *power* in your concordance on Acts 1:8 and give the definition.

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6. What happened to people in Acts 4:31?

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7. What are the benefits in praying in the Spirit?

- Romans 8:26, 27

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- Jude 1:20

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- 1 Corinthians 14:2

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8. Ephesians 6:11-18 talks about the whole armor of God. Verse 18 says praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit...According to this scripture prayers are to be prayed, but all supplications are to be made in the Spirit. Look up the word *supplication* in your concordance and explain why supplications must be made in the spirit.

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9. What does the Holy Spirit do according to the following scriptures?

- Mark 13:11, Acts 4:31

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- Acts 16:6

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- 1 Corinthians 2:9-11

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- Luke 4:1

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- John 14:26

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- Acts 20:28

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- Romans 15:16

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- Titus 3:5

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- Hebrews 2:4

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- Ephesians 1:13

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- John 16:8-13

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10. In your own words describe what happened in Acts 19:1-7?

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11. In your own words describe what happened in Acts 10:44-48?

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12. How did everyone know that they had been filled with the Holy Ghost?  
(Acts 19:1-7, 10:44-48, 2:1-4)

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13. What did the Apostle Paul say about speaking in tongues in 1 Corinthians 14:5, 39?

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14. Do all have the gift of Divers kinds of tongues? (*1 Corinthians 12:30*)

To better understand the operations of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit read 1 Corinthians 12:1-31 and chapter 14:1-40. Notice the LOVE chapter is sandwiched in the middle. Without love the gifts are useless!

15. Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-10 and list the gifts of the spirit in one of three categories.

**POWER GIFTS**

**VOCAL GIFTS**

**REVELATION GIFTS**

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**Lesson 9**  
***The Leading Lesson***

**Memorize 2 Timothy 2:15**

*“The Leading Lesson”*

*“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”*

The Bible says in *Proverbs 22:6* “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” This principal not only serves as a rule for our natural children but as a rule for our spiritual children as well. For so many years in the church we have spiritually abandoned the new babes in Christ by not providing the proper

care, nourishment, and training needed to mature. As a result many babes have died spiritually premature because of the neglect from their spiritual mothers and fathers.

The whole purpose in this course is to raise up new converts into disciples (*spiritual maturity*) so that we may function in the body of Christ the way we were designed. When each person is groomed to fit in there place in the body of Christ we can win this city, this county, this state, this nation and even the world! Jesus said in *Matthew 28:19, 20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...teaching them...I am with you always...*

The days of lone star ministry are over! If you're going to make a difference in the word you must be a part of team ministry. Even Jesus never tried to do it all Himself, He surrounded Himself with a team of twelve, and empowered them for ministry. **Teamwork makes the dream work!** The bigger your dream, the more people you will have to surround yourself with.

## Discipleship Training

Jesus personally hand picked his twelve disciples and your time will come to pick, train, and mentor others but first concentrate on growing yourself. The law of master teaches, "*If you stop growing today, you will stop teaching tomorrow.*" Apprenticeship is like manna, we need God's *rhema* word everyday to feed ourselves as well as our disciples.

## Forge Brave Ones

\*A coward cannot have a school of braves, nor can the brave have a school of cowards. If we want to forge brave leaders, they must be taught by brave leaders who are fearless, confident and have neither an inferior nor superiority complex. Faith and self control are necessary for what is at hand. God's strategy to train warriors has always been the same. He always tests us with the small things before advancing us. (*\*page 33 Successful Leadership by Cesar Castellanos*)

**Read Matthew 10:32-39 in as many different translations possible and answer the following questions. (A Parallel Bible will be ideal for this exercise.)**

1. What are the marks of a true disciple of the LORD?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Explain verse 39.

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3. In Matthew 14:19 what is the order of ministry?

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4. What are spiritual Fathers responsible for in Ephesians 6:4?

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***Look up the following words in your Concordance & Bible Dictionary and define.***

A. Nurture - \_\_\_\_\_

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B. Admonition - \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Word in Action

5. What does the word witness mean in Acts 1:8? (*Use your Strong's Concordance*)

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6. In which cities were the disciples to be witnesses? Why?

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7. What does the word witness mean in John 1:7? (*Use your Strong's Concordance*)

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8. What kind of witness do you want to be for Christ?

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9. How did Jesus show His love as a witness to others? (*John 15:13*)

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10. After reading John 13:34-35 answer the following questions.

What is Christ's new commandment?

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What is the result of demonstrating Christ love?

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11. Read 1 John 3:16-18. How are we taught to love our brothers?

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12. How does Matthew 5:16 teach us to be a witness? How effective do you think this is? Why?

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13. Write out John 13:35 in your own words.

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14. What did Jesus tell this man to do? Why? (*Mark 5:19*)

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15. What does God say we are? (*2 Corinthians 5:20*)

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16. What was Peter and John's response in Acts 4:18-20 when told never to speak or teach in the name of Jesus?

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17. Should we have confidence in the gospel of Jesus? Why? (*Romans 1:16*)

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18. What does Romans 5:1 mean to you?

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The Apostle Paul prayed in (*READ*) Colossians 4:3-6 that God would open doors of opportunity to witness. Read the scriptures listed and tell how they apply to the following objections you may encounter.

19. "I'm basically a good person." (*Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5*)

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20. "There are many paths to heaven; each person must choose the right religion for them because all religions will all take you to heaven."  
(*John 14:6, Acts 4:12*)

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21. "There are too many hypocrites in church today." (*Romans 14:12*)

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22. "I'll become a Christian one day; I've got plenty of time, I'm still young, I have my whole life ahead." (*2 Corinthians 6:2, James 4:14*)

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**Additional notes or questions:**

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