

TIMOTHY TRAINING COURSE

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An Eight-Week Course for a Growing Believer

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Lesson 1: THE WHEEL

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LESSON OUTLINE:

Material	Timothy Training Course	Assign	Learn Wheel
Review	Assurances and Fellowship		Illustration
Check	John 5:24, 1 Corinthians 10:13, 1 John 1:9, John 16:24, Hebrews 10:24-25		Bible Study Lesson 1 Memorize Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23
Teach	The Wheel Illustration		Personal Reading Record (Read 1 Chapter/Day)

The Wheel is an illustration for the Christ-centered, Spirit-filled Christian life. It was originated by Dawson Trotman, founder of The Navigators, to show the secret of how a Christian could live a victorious life.

The Wheel illustration began as a 3-legged stool during the days when Trotman was teaching a boy's Sunday school class at a church in California. He had heard an illustration that likened the Christian life to a stool with three legs--the Bible, Prayer and Witnessing. If any of the 3 legs was missing, the stool couldn't stand up by itself.

Trotman described the illustration's transition from a stool to a wheel: "As I thought about the stool, I didn't like the illustration because the Christian life shouldn't be lived sitting down. A stool is great if you are milking a cow, repairing a shoe, or peeling potatoes. But Christians aren't sitting, especially little boys."

He began to think of a 3-spoked wheel, because a wheel is something a boy or a grown man can identify with. Automobiles, bicycles, ships, and trains all use wheels.

The hub had to be Christ. The rim had to be the well-rounded Christian living his life in the power of the Holy Spirit. But what about the spokes? He found that his boys could learn their Bible verses; they could pray; and they could witness to their buddies. But something was wrong. There was something missing. He needed a 4th spoke which he called "Living the Life". Later he called it simply "Obedience". (After Trotman's death, someone moved obedience into the rim calling it "The Obedient Christian in Action.")

With 4 spokes the wheel made sense. It was balanced with 2 vertical spokes and 2 horizontal spokes. These were the 4 basics of the Christian life, with the Lord Jesus Christ right in the middle. If any one of the four is missing or is out of proportion, the entire

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wheel gets off balance and you have a lopsided Christian who is going thump, thump, thump through life.

Ezra 7:10 gives us this picture: **PRAYER**--Ezra "prepared his heart"; the **WORD**--"to seek the law of the Lord"; **OBEDIENCE**--"and to do it"; **WITNESSING**--"and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments". Ezra was a well-rounded godly man, affecting change in his generation because of these 4 basic elements that were rooted in his life.

There are 4 basic elements for physical life: food, air (we breathe without ceasing), rest and exercise. In the spiritual life, **food** can be likened to the Bible (*1Peter 2:2*); **air** can be likened to prayer (*1Thessalonians 5:17* says "Pray without ceasing"); **rest**, to obedience (the wicked cannot rest, *Isaiah 57:20*); and **exercise**, to witnessing (outreach to those around us, *Acts 1:8*).

The hub has two functions: [1] It bears the weight (just as Christ bears our burdens; *1Peter 5:7*, *Psalms 55:22*); and [2] It furnishes the driving power (just as Christ enables us to do all things; *Philippians 4:13*, *John 15:4-5*). We should, therefore, make Jesus the center, the Lord of our lives (*Luke 9:23*, *Galatians 2:20*).

There are 2 vertical spokes. The **WORD** is the foundational spoke. The Bible is necessary for - [1] salvation (*1Peter 1:23*; *James 1:18,21*), [2] growth (*1Peter 2:2*, *Acts 20:32*), and [3] spiritual maturity (*Ephesians 4:13*, *Hebrews 5:12-14*).

The other vertical spoke is **PRAYER**. Just as power is generated when a battery is connected with the wires, likewise, we can experience power through contact with God in prayer (*Matthew 21:22*).

There are 2 horizontal spokes. Not only do we need spiritual input, we also need output. The Dead Sea has no outlet, and it is barren of life. First, the outward expression of our life should be characterized by **OBEDIENCE**. We should obey God (*John 14:21*), and those who are over us (*Hebrews 13:17*, *Ephesians 5:22*, and *6:1,5-8*). And second, by **WITNESSING**--with our lips, we share the Good News with others (*1 John 1:3*, *Acts 1:8*).

**THE CHRIST
CENTERED LIFE**
HOW TO LIVE IN FELLOWSHIP WITH
CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH



TEACHING EACH CHRISTIAN THE "HOW" OF:

THE WORD
(Eating)

1Peter 2:2
Acts 17:11
Acts 20:32

PRAYER
(Talking)

John 16:24
Matthew 21:22
1John 5:14-15

OBEDIENCE
(Walking)

John 14:21
John 15:10
Hebrews 5:8-9

WITNESSING
(Sharing)

1John 1:3
Acts 1:8
1Peter 3:15

young Christian can very quickly learn to present the Gospel using the "Bridge Illustration." Secondly, illustrations help to clarify truths. This will give you confidence in your teaching. Your "Timothy" will also be less likely to be side-tracked. Jesus Himself used simple parables and stories to explain deep truths of the Kingdom of God.

This booklet is your complete master copy of the eight-week course, to use as your ministry kit.

TIPS ON MEETING ONE-ON-ONE

It is best to schedule a specific time and place to meet each week. Review ahead how you are going to use the time. Roughly one half of the time should consist of check up, prayer and letting your student give back to you the illustration presented the week before. The other half will be spent teaching the new lesson and giving the next assignment. We suggest you spend approximately 45 minutes to one hour for your "one-on-one" time.

A word of caution--in your eagerness to see your new believer grow, do not overfeed him with too much teaching. In fact it is better to leave him hungry so that he will look forward to meeting with you the next week. If you share with him too much he may become confused and discouraged. If you have finished the teaching for a particular "one-on-one" time and still have time available, you could perhaps change to another type of activity.

Remember that this is set aside specifically for you and him. Try to discourage anyone else from joining the meeting as this will greatly disrupt the teaching time. If your "Timothy" wants to witness to a friend by bringing him along, then encourage him instead to learn the lessons well so that he can witness to his friend.

And on other occasions employ the "with him" principle: have several quiet times together, memorize verses together, meet his family, take him witnessing, etc.

THE CHALLENGE

Where's *your* "Timothy?"

AFTERWARD

Congratulations! This concludes the eight-week **Timothy Training Course**. The process of reproduction begins with lesson six as you share the Bridge Illustration with someone else. If the person comes to Christ you can pass on to him what you have learned using this course by meeting with him on a one to one basis.

This material will help you train a new believer through a "one-on-one" basis. As you know, the principle of one faithful man training another is expressed in 2Timothy 2:2:

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."
(KJV)

The aim is spiritual reproduction. You are now equipped to train another Christian--your "Timothy"--in such a way that he can pass the training on to yet another. You have learned how to present the basic concepts in a clear and simple pattern. Your "Timothy" will be able to understand, apply and teach someone else what he has learned. This is why the concepts are simple and reinforced with repetition.

John Milton Gregory's classic book "The Seven Laws of Teaching," gives the five stages or levels of learning:

1. Recognize I've heard this before.
2. Repeat parrot like.
3. Give it with your own illustrations and style.
4. Apply it and live it out.
5. Understand why, then you can debate and defend it.

Telling is not teaching. It is not enough to just lecture and assume a student has learned a particular truth. Unless the student has reached a level 3 or 4 of learning he cannot effectively teach it to others. You, therefore, should require your "Timothy" to read the materials, study, and memorize Scripture passages on the topics. This procedure helps increase the level of understanding of the subject matter.

Why depend so much on illustrations? Firstly, it is a teaching tool providing a clear pattern for a young Christian to follow. You yourself know that a

Bible Study Lesson 1: THE WHEEL

1. Since Jesus is the Head of the Body--The Church--what place should each believer give the Lord in his life? (Colossians 1:18) _____

2. What is God's command to His children? (2Peter 3:18) _____

3. How can we get to know the Lord better? (John 5:39; Luke 24:27) _____

4. What should motivate us to have a daily Quiet Time with God? (Mark 1:35) _____

5. For whom is it our privilege to pray? (Ephesians 6:18; 1Timothy 2:1,2; Luke 23:34) _____

6. There are about 575 direct commands in the New Testament. About 45 commands deal with personal discipline. What should your attitude and action be in view of the following commands?
Ephesians 4:29,31 _____
Hebrews 12:14-16 _____
Hebrews 10:24,25 _____
7. What is God's plan for getting the message of salvation to a lost world? (2Corinthians 5:18-20)

8. What is the Gospel that brings salvation?
(1Corinthians 15:3,4) _____

9. In witnessing, what facts would you present to the unsaved from:

Romans 3:23 _____

Romans 6:23 _____

Hebrews 9:27 _____

Romans 5:8 _____

Ephesians 2:8,9 _____

John 5:24 _____

SIN

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

DEATH

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

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

Romans 6:23

Bible Study Lesson 8: ELEMENTS OF REPRODUCTION

1. How could the Apostle Paul be so confident in telling his converts to copy his example? (1Corinthians 11:1) _____
2. What kind of people should we not follow? (Philippians 3:17-20) _____
3. What kind of follow-up did Paul do with his new converts? (1Thessalonians 3:10) _____
4. To what extent did Paul expose his own private life to Timothy? (2Timothy 3:10) _____
5. What does it mean that Jesus' disciples were "With Him"? (Mark 3:14) _____
6. How great a work did Jesus predict His disciples would have? (John 14:12) _____
7. Jacob had 12 sons who went down into Egypt. There they multiplied. How many warriors did Moses bring forth out of slavery in Egypt? (Numbers 1:46) _____
8. We are to keep His Word faithfully and teach it to whom? (Deuteronomy 4:9) _____
9. The blessing of Job's life extended to how many generations? (Job 42:16) _____
10. Trace the four generations referred to in 2Timothy 2:2: _____

Year	Pastor leading 100/year: <i>Pastoring</i>	Disciple leading one who is reproductive: <i>Discipling</i>
1	100	2
2	200	4
3	300	8
4	400	16
5	500	32
6	600	64
7	700	128
8	800	256
9	900	512
10	1000	1024
11	1100	2048
12	1200	4096
13	1300	8192
14	1400	16,384
15	1500	32,768
16	1600	65,536
17	1700	131,072
18	1800	262,144
19	1900	524,288
20	2000	1,048,576 etc.

May the Lord give you a fruitful seed unto many generations.

THE GOSPEL: BELIEVE

John 14:6 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:6

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Romans 10:13 (NIV)

For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
Romans 10:13

PERSONAL READING RECORD

Old Testament

Genesis	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50		
Exodus	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
	40												
Leviticus	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27												
Numbers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36			
Deuteronomy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34					
Joshua	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
Judges	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21					
Ruth	1	2	3	4									
1 Samuel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31								
2 Samuel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
1 Kings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22				
2 Kings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
1 Chronicles	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29										
2 Chronicles	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36			
Ezra	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Nehemiah	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Esther	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Job	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
	40	41	42										

Psalms	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52
	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65
	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78
	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91
	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104
	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117
	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130
Proverbs	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143
	144	145	146	147	148	149	150						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31								
Ecclesiastes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Song of Songs	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8					
Isaiah	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52
	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65
	66												
Jeremiah	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52
Lamentations	1	2	3	4	5								
Ezekiel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48				
Daniel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Hosea	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14												
Joel	1	2	3										
Amos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				
Obadiah	1												
Jonah	1	2	3	4									
Micah	1	2	3	4	5	6	7						
Nahum	1	2	3										
Habakkuk	1	2	3										
Zephaniah	1	2	3										
Haggai	1	2											
Zechariah	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14												

So take time to be with the person you are discipling. Pray together, read the Bible together, share your Bible study, share lessons you are learning about yourself and God, share your problems and sorrows, as well as your victories. Be ready to answer truthfully whatever questions your young disciple may ask.

Offer to go witnessing together and meet with your contact's friends and relatives.

SEND FORTH

After this new disciple has been established in the basics of the Word and prayer life, you are to challenge this person to engage in some form of ministry. Every one should bear fruit for Christ. In a sense, you will send him or her into the harvest. At first, you will need to provide lots of encouragement and backing. There will probably be some failure and heartaches, but continue to encourage him. As the great counselor Paul said, "And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (*Galatians 6:9*).

When your spiritual child brings his first person to Christ, rejoice with him.

SUSTAIN BY LOVE AND PRAYER

As your friend grows in the Lord and matures, he will become less dependent upon you. This is natural. Infants need constant care, but older children will leave the home to play and explore. But your role as a trusted adviser and spiritual parent is very vital. You sustain him by your love and prayer.

When your spiritual child becomes fruitful and begins to disciple others, your role may change again. The grandparent has a different role than the parent, but the stability and blessing of a godly heritage is very great.

SEE INTO THE FUTURE

Notice the explosion of spiritual reproduction shown in the chart below. If a pastor wins a hundred people to Christ every year, it would indeed be dramatic work. Yet if an individual could win one soul to Christ in a year and teach that one to be faithful and productive, this has even greater potential.

Lesson 8: ELEMENTS OF REPRODUCTION

LESSON OUTLINE:

Review	Follow-up & Assurances	Assign	Learn Elements of Reproduction
Check	Bible Study Lesson 7		Bible Study Lesson 8
	Revelation 3:20,		Memorize John 14:6,
	Romans 10:9-10		Romans 10:13
	Personal Reading Record		Continue Personal Reading Record
	Bible Reading Highlights Record		Continue Bible Reading
	Prayer Pages		Highlights Record
Teach	Elements of Reproduction		Continue Prayer Pages

SET THE PATTERN

The Apostle Paul said, "Be you followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (*1Corinthians 11:1*). So, if our spiritual children are to be reproductive, we must set a good example for them to follow. Generally, people don't do what we tell them as much as they copy whatever we do.

Paul developed good habits in the Word, prayer, teaching, preaching, working, and witnessing. He could confidently say to his followers, "Those things which you have both learned and received and heard and seen in me, do. And the God of peace shall be with you" (*Philippians 4:9*).

Whatever you have learned about being a true disciple, you are to pass on to someone else. You have learned how to live a holy life in the midst of a crooked world, how to share the gospel, how to have a regular Quiet time, how to read, study and memorize the Scriptures, how to follow up on a young babe in Christ. Don't keep this experience to yourself: **PASS IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE.**

Remember, it is essential that you continue in the Word, prayer and witnessing so as to set a good example.

SHOW HOW

The best way to teach is to do it together with someone you are instructing. If you want to learn to play the violin well, take private lessons from a master. The same is true of almost any sport or pursuit. We learn by doing under the instruction of a teacher.

When the disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray," the Lord responded by giving examples of effective prayers and then prayed with them. They learned to pray by praying.

Malachi	1	2	3	4
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New Testament

Matthew	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28											
Mark	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16										
Luke	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
John	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21					
Acts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28											
Romans	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16										
1 Corinthians	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16										
2 Corinthians	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Galatians	1	2	3	4	5	6							
Ephesians	1	2	3	4	5	6							
Philippians	1	2	3	4									
Colossians	1	2	3	4									
1 Thessalonians	1	2	3	4	5								
2 Thessalonians	1	2	3										
1 Timothy	1	2	3	4	5	6							
2 Timothy	1	2	3	4									
Titus	1	2	3										
Philemon	1												
Hebrews	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
James	1	2	3	4	5								
1 Peter	1	2	3	4	5								
2 Peter	1	2	3										
1 John	1	2	3	4	5								
2 John	1												
3 John	1												
Jude	1												
Revelations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21					

Lesson 2: THE HAND

LESSON OUTLINE:

Review	The Wheel Illustration	Assign	Learn Hand of Word Illustration
Check	Bible Study Lesson 1		Bible Study Lesson 2
	Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23		Memorize Hebrews 9:27,
	Personal Reading Record		Ephesians 2:8-9
	(Read One Chapter a Day)		Personal Reading Record
Teach	Hand of Word Illustration		(Read One Chapter a Day)
			Bible Reading Highlights Record
			(3 entries per week)

If we really want to grasp something securely, we use all the fingers of our hand. Likewise if we want to get a firm grasp of the Word of God, we should use all the basic ways available to us.

In the Hand Illustration, the five methods of getting a mature knowledge of God's Word are compared to the five fingers of one's hand.

If you use only one or two of these methods, such as sitting in church and hearing sermons from the preacher, it is like trying to retain a hold on the Book with only one or two fingers. This gives a very weak grip so that Satan can snatch the Word from us. However, if you use all these methods you will get a good hold of God's truth in such a way that Satan or false doctrines cannot make you lose your grip on God's Word.

HEARING

Ezekiel 33:31,32 gives the condition of the apostate church as those who listen to the preaching in the same way as they would listen to music. They go just for entertainment. They pat the preacher on the back and tell him it was a fine message but do not heed the instruction given. God condemns such an attitude. He promises that He will give to His people pastors and teachers who will be able to feed them out of the Word of God (*Jeremiah 3:15*). We strongly recommend that you seek out a church where the preaching of God's Word can feed your soul. God has given such pastors to the church and it is His desire that you might be fed under them.

John 8:47 gives us an example of people who heard Jesus preach, yet did not hear what He said. Hearing does not merely mean listening to sounds but understanding the message. Notice Ezekiel 3:10. We should first receive the Word in our heart and then hear it with our ears.

Bible Study Lesson 7: FOLLOW-UP & ASSURANCES

- Follow-up has been likened to spiritual parental care. What else can it be likened to? (1 Corinthians 3:10-14) _____
- In the Bible, growth follows salvation. How is this revealed in 1 Peter 1:23 and 2 Peter 2:2-3? _____
- Explain how Paul does follow-up in Acts 14:21-22 and 15:36? _____
- What reward is promised to those who do follow-up? (1 Peter 5:4) _____
- John 5:24 lists 3 things that result from hearing and believing. What are they? _____
- What assurances did Jesus give to those who believe in Him? (John 10:27-29) _____
- We are in spiritual warfare. How does God help us overcome sin? (Ephesians 6:17) _____
- After we confess our sins to God, what else should we do? (Proverbs 28:13) _____
- What are 2 conditions for answered prayer?
John 15:7 _____
1John 5:14,15 _____

full forgiveness when we name that sin and confess it to Him. He also cleanses us.

ASSURANCE OF ANSWERED PRAYER

A spiritual babe needs to learn that he can speak directly to his Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ. He can confidently enter God's presence and talk to Him about everything that affects his life (*Philippians 4:6*). In memory verse John 16:24, Jesus gives us the assurance that He will answer our prayers.

HOW TO MEMORIZE A VERSE

- Read the verse several times to get the meaning.
- Start with the topic and reference; Assurance of Salvation, John 5:24, and say it several times with the first phrase of the verse.
- Then when you can say that by heart, add the next phrase, and say the topic and reference together with both phrases.
- Continue phrase by phrase until you can say the entire verse from memory.
- Then each time you review the verse, state the topic, the reference, the verse, and the reference again at the end.
- By repeating the reference before and after the verse, it helps you remember the location of it in the Bible.

The key to successful Scripture memory is daily review. Review the verse every day until it becomes part of you. Carry cards with you so that they are handy for use during your spare time. Scripture memory can become a lifetime habit that will give you blessing and strength as you learn to apply the verses to your life.

THE GOSPEL: BELIEVE

Revelation 3:20 (NIV)	Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)
Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.	That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.
Revelation 3:20	Romans 10:9-10

receive the message, you will get little out of it; but if your heart is right, God can speak to you and give you a great blessing. Many people sit under the sound of the Gospel for months, and even years, yet never hear the message because of hardened, rebellious hearts. So, our prayer for you is to open your heart to receive God's message from God's messenger (*Haggai 1:13*).

READING

Just as sitting under the sound of the Gospel is not necessarily hearing it, so the mere scanning through the pages of the Word is not necessarily reading it. You should read slowly and carefully, praying that the Lord will open the meaning of the Word to you. A good thing to do is to pray before reading the Word of God (*Psalms 119:18*).

It is important to read regularly. 1 Timothy 4:13 says, "Give attention to reading." We recommend that you read through the book of John at least twice and then go on to read the New Testament before delving into any of the Old Testament.

STUDYING

There is a difference between reading and studying. "Thoughts disentangle themselves passing through the lips and pencil tips." When we study God's Word, we should have a pen and a piece of paper in our hands. This will help us to better express our thoughts of the Word. We urge you to have a systematic program for Bible study. You build up yourself in the Word as you study the Bible.

MEMORIZING

Memorizing God's Word is a vital key in helping us overcome sin in our lives. Examine the temptation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Even our Savior did not meet Satan with His own understanding. He quoted from the Old Testament to come out victorious over Satan (*Matthew 4:4,7 and 10*). The Lord used a different verse of Scripture to meet each particular temptation of Satan.

Ephesians 6:16 says, "Take the shield of faith that you may be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Satan attacks in many ways, and to be victorious, the Christian must be equipped with much Scripture.

When Satan tempts us, the chances are that we will not have our Bibles in our hands. The only thing we

will have from God's Word with which to fight Satan is what we can remember from the Bible. To be forewarned is to be forearmed, and how important it is to store up God's Word ahead of time so as to meet the temptations when they come. The greatest commandment in all the Scripture is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and strength (*Deuteronomy 6:5*). Deuteronomy 6:6 commands us to lay up these words in our hearts. To know Christ is to love Him. As we come to know and possess the Word of God in our very lives and hearts, we will then come into that intimate relationship with Christ. This will enable us to love Him with all our soul, heart and strength.

Thus, memorizing God's Word helps us overcome sin and to know Him more intimately. Here are 6 more benefits:

1. It is a help in Bible study.
2. It is a help in soul winning. Example: It is a dark night and you are riding with someone in a car and talking about the Lord. You could not do this unless you have memorized Scripture.
3. It helps us to make daily decisions in life.
4. Those we seek to help will have confidence in us.
5. It is a benefit in preaching.
6. It develops your memory.

MEDITATION

When we combine meditation with the other methods of intake of God's Word, rich blessings will follow. With the thumb we grasp firmly whatever we hold. So we hear and meditate on what we hear; we read and meditate on what we have read, etc.

Meditating on God's word is like a cow chewing the cud. Through meditation we take in spiritual food for our spirits.

How to meditate:

1. Memorize a short portion of Scripture (for example: Matthew 4:4). "Man does not live on bread alone...."
2. Quote this passage as a prayer: "Lord, I live not on bread alone, but on every word that comes from Your mouth."
3. Personalize it by inserting your name in it: "Louis does not live on bread alone...."

general prayers that God would bless them. We need to pray by name, as each babe is important to God.

3. **PERSONAL CONTACT**--Paul prayed that he could visit the Roman believers and impart spiritual strength to them (*Romans 1:11*). He not only gave the gospel to the Thessalonians, but he shared his life with them because they were dear to him (*I Thessalonians 2:8*).

4. **PROXY**--When Paul couldn't visit the Colossian believers, he sent Tychicus to help them (*Colossians 4:7-8*). Likewise, he sent Timothy to the Philippians (*Philippians 2:19-21*) and the Corinthians (*I Corinthians 4:17*).

ASSURANCES

As a new believer you need to be taught how to read the Bible and pray. As God's child, you have become a special target of Satan's attacks. When Jesus was tempted, he defeated Satan each time by quoting Scripture (*Matthew 4:1-11*). You can be equipped for your first encounters with the enemy by learning to memorize Bible verses. The memorized Word can become like a shield of faith and a sword (*Ephesians 6:16,17*).

Dawson Trotman, the founder of the Navigators organization, developed a follow-up tool called "Bible Rations." It was a small packet that contained 4 key verses on assurance needed by a new believer.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

One of Satan's first attacks on new Christians is to raise doubts about their salvation. Feelings are changeable, so we can't rely on them for assurance regarding our relationship with God. However, if doubts come to a believer who has memorized John 5:24, he will be assured through the verse that he has eternal life on the basis of God's promise in Scripture, which is sure.

ASSURANCE OF VICTORY

Sometimes Satan attacks the new believer when he is weak and has trouble standing against some besetting sin. Again the child of God needs to learn to rely on Scripture. Memorizing 1Corinthians 10:13 will help him meet this attack of Satan and gain victory over sin.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sometimes we miss the "way of escape" and sin against God. Does failure mean that we are no longer a child of God? No, parents still love their child even though he disobeys them. In 1John 1:9, God promises

Lesson 7: FOLLOW-UP & ASSURANCES

LESSON OUTLINE:

Review	The Bridge Illustration	Assign	Learn Follow-up & Assurances
Check	Bible Study Lesson 6		Bible Study Lesson 7
	Romans 5:8, John 1:12		Memorize Revelation 3:20,
	Personal Reading Record		Romans 10:9-10
	Bible Reading Highlights Record		Continue Personal Reading Record
	Prayer Pages		Continue Bible Reading
Teach	Follow-up & Assurances		Highlights Record
			Continue Prayer Pages

FOLLOW-UP

We have learned that salvation is instantaneous when we put our faith in Jesus Christ as personal Savior. We are born into God's family. However, spiritual growth is a slow and long process. We do not become spiritually mature overnight.

Leading someone to a decision is 5%. Follow-up on the decision is 95%. Just as babies require a mother's loving care or a father's encouragement for physical growth (*I Thessalonians 2:7,11,12*), so spiritual babes need nurture and instruction for spiritual growth. In the Bible we see 2 **KINDS** of follow-up:

1. **PASTORAL**--In church, where we have fellowship with other believers, we receive spiritual food and exhortation. Jesus told Peter, "Feed my sheep" (*John 21: 15-17*). Peter in turn told the church leaders to be shepherds of God's flock under their care (*I Peter 5:1-4*).

2. **PERSONAL**--People come to Christ one by one; and they need individual, personalized care just as babies do. Paul instructed Timothy personally (*II Timothy 2:2*), as well as other individuals like Titus (*Titus 1:4*).

We can lead a soul to Christ in 20 minutes to a couple of hours, but it takes from 6 months to several years to bring him to spiritual maturity. An ostrich does not take care of its young (*Job 39:13-18*), but we are responsible to take care of our babes in Christ.

Follow-up is done through people, and there are 4 **METHODS** of follow-up:

1. **PEN**--Paul wrote follow-up letters to individuals like Timothy and Titus, as well as groups of believers like the Romans and the Ephesians.

2. **PRAYER**--Paul prayed specific requests for those he followed-up (*I Thessalonians 3:10-13*), not just when you go to church unprepared in heart to

4. Repeat it several times, emphasizing different words in the passage:

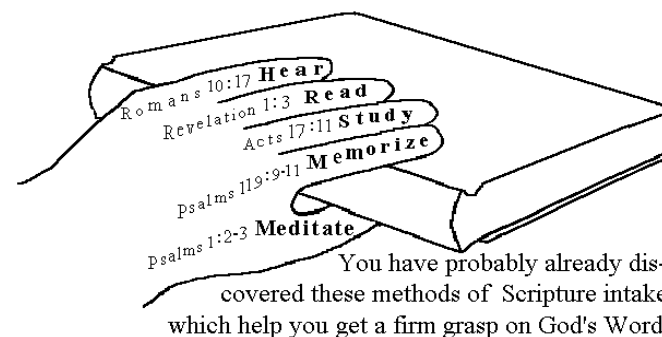
"**Man** does not live on bread alone...." (all men)

"Man **does not** live on bread alone...." (absolutely does not)

"Man does not **live** on bread alone...." (physical vs spiritual life)

God commands His blessing (*Psalms 1:2,3; Joshua 1:8*) on the person who meditates on His Word day and night. When we meditate on His Word, we abide in His Word and the Lord promises to make our lives fruitful (*John 15:7,8*). So hearing, reading, studying, and memorizing, plus meditation, are the means whereby we can abide in Christ through His Word.

THE HAND



	COMMANDED	COMMANDED	BLESSING
HEAR	EZE. 3:10	JER. 22:29	LK. 11:28
READ	NEH. 8:8	1 TIM. 4:13	REV. 1:3
STUDY	2 TIM. 3:16-17	2 TIM. 2:15	ACTS 17:11
MEMORIZE	PS. 119:11	DEUT. 6:6	PS. 10:8
MEDITATE	PS. 1:1-3	JOSH. 1:8	1 TIM 4:15

Bible Study Lesson 2: THE HAND

1. In what way do many church-goers listen to a sermon?
(Ezekiel 33:31,32) _____
2. How should we hear God's Word? (Ezekiel 3:10) _____
3. What is the real test of responding correctly to a sermon? (James 1:22) _____
4. Should we read the Bible as rapidly as possible? How then should we read the Word? (Nehemiah 8:8) _____
5. Do you have a plan for regular Bible reading? If so what? _____
6. How often did the noble Bereans search the Scripture? (Acts 17:11) Check:
Once a month ☐ Once a week ☐ Every day ☐
7. What is an important reason to memorize Scripture? (Psalm 119:11) _____
8. How will God reward one who continuously meditates on the Word of God? (Psalm 1:2,3; 1Timothy 4:15) _____
9. What steps should you take to get a firm grasp on God's Word? _____

JUDGMENT

Hebrews 9:27 (NIV)

Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.

Hebrews 9:27

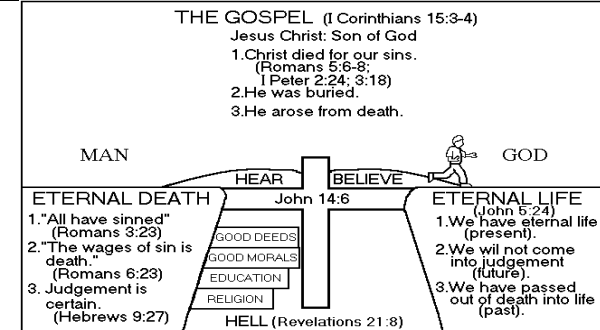
NOT BY WORKS

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

CONCLUSION: Man's Response



QUESTIONS FOR MAN'S RESPONSE

14. How can we obtain eternal life? (John 5:24) _____
15. According to the Scriptures, what must we believe for salvation? (1 Corinthians 15:3,4) _____
16. If a person believes and prays to God, what will happen? (Romans 10:9,10,13) _____
17. What happens to one who truly believes and invites Jesus into his heart? (John 1:12) _____
18. Have you become a child of God? _____ When? _____

THE GOSPEL: THE CROSS

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

THE GOSPEL: BELIEVE

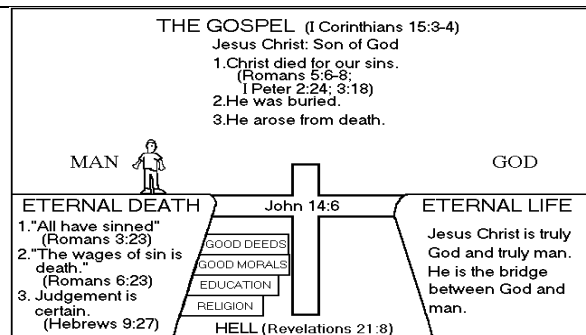
John 1:12 (NIV)

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12

4. What is God's view of worldly wisdom and philosophy?
(1Corinthians 1:19) _____
5. How does God regard religions and traditions in connection with obtaining salvation? (Mark 7:7) _____
6. What is the result of sin? (Romans 6:23) _____
7. What happens after death? (Hebrews 9:27) _____
8. How will God treat those who refuse to believe in Jesus?
(2Thessalonians 1:8,9) _____

GOOD NEWS: God's Solution



QUESTIONS FOR GOD'S SOLUTION

9. In what way did Mary conceive Jesus? (Matthew 1:18) _____
10. What does Jesus' name "Immanuel" mean? (Matthew 1:23) _____
11. Why did Jesus hang on the cross to die? (1Peter 2:24) _____
12. Where was His body laid after Jesus died on the cross?
(John 19:41,42) _____
13. What happened 3 days after Jesus' body was buried in the grave? (Matthew 28:6,7) _____

BIBLE READING HIGHLIGHTS RECORD

Date: _____ All I read today: _____

Best thing I marked today (*Reference*): _____

Thought: _____

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Now that you have heard the Gospel, you need to answer several specific questions:

1. **Do you understand this?**

If you don't understand the basic facts of the gospel, you have no basis for faith. "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17).

If you do understand this presentation, then...

2. **Are you willing to believe right now?**

Through faith alone you are saved; it is a personal decision of the will--your will.

If you are willing to believe now, then...

3. **Will you pray aloud and ask Christ to come into your heart?**

"For whosoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). To be saved:

-the mind must be enlightened,

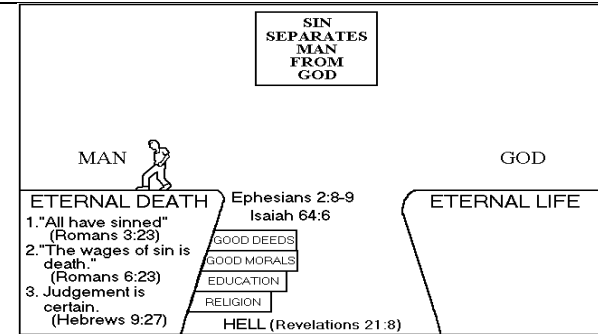
-the emotions must be stirred,

-the will must be changed.

Pray in your own words something like this: ***Dear Father in heaven, I acknowledge that I am a guilty sinner and deserve Your judgment. But I believe that You loved me and sent Your Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for my sins. I pray that Jesus will come into my heart, forgive my sins, and give me eternal life. Amen.***

Bible Study Lesson 6: THE BRIDGE BIBLE STUDY

BAD NEWS: Man's Problem



QUESTIONS FOR MAN'S PROBLEM

1. Who has committed sin? (Romans 3:23) _____

2. Who cannot go with Jesus into Heaven? (John 8:24) _____

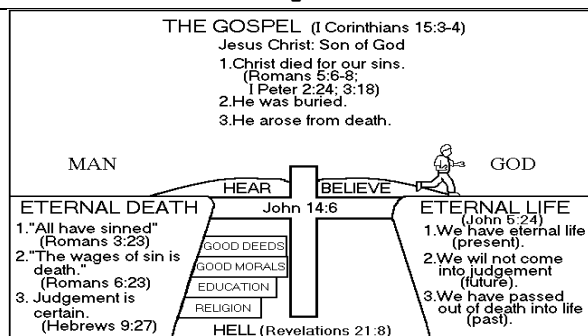
3. What does the law cause people to know? (Romans 3:20) _____

guarantee the healing of the soul. The fact is that we are not saved through all those marvelous things that Jesus did in His life. The life of Jesus demonstrated that He was the Son of God; but more is necessary for my salvation.

Jesus Christ had to die on the cross for my sins. Oh, the wonder of it all! Jesus died for me, and for you. The cross of Christ is the bridge from death to eternal life.

Yet Christ not only died to pay for my sins, He arose from the grave that I might be made righteous (*Romans 4:25*) and might live forever as a child of God. This is the Good News, the historic gospel, "...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He arose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (*1Corinthians 15:3,4*).

CONCLUSION: Man's Response



Jesus died to save all men, yet all men are not saved. Why? Because God will not force you to believe. You have a choice, and that choice will determine your eternal destiny. How can you be saved?

Jesus says, "I tell you the truth, whoever **hears** my words and **believes** him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life" (*John 5:24 NIV*). Since you have already heard Jesus' words, you must only believe in order to possess eternal life.

Believe what? Believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins, was buried and rose again from the dead. Believe He is truly the Son of God, and accept Him as your personal Savior. When you do so, you have everlasting life. You will not be judged by God in the future or sent to hell, because all your past, present and future sins have been forgiven by God and covered by the blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross. You have indeed already passed from death to life.

Jesus says, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone **hears** my voice and **opens the door**, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me" (*Revelation 3:20 NIV*). Jesus knocks at the door of your heart. To believe is to "Open the door" and invite Jesus in.

Lesson 3: DEVOTIONAL LIFE AND PRAYER

LESSON OUTLINE:

Review	Hand of Word Illustration	Assign	Learn Hand of Prayer Illustration Bible Study Lesson 3
Check	Bible Study Lesson 2 Hebrews 9:27, Eph 2:8-9 Personal Reading Record (Read One Chapter a Day) Bible Reading Highlights Record (3 entries per week)		Memorize 1Peter 3:18, John 3:16 Personal Reading Record (Read One Chapter a Day) Bible Reading Highlights Record (3 entries per week) Begin Prayer Pages
Teach	Hand of Prayer Illustration		Prepare a Quiet Time Plan

Daily devotional time alone with God helps you grow in personal fellowship with Him. God loves you and wants you to spend regular time communing with Him. When you converse with a friend, you get to know that person better. God is a **PERSON**, not just an abstract influence.

Determine to keep Christ in the center of your life. Set aside a daily **PERIOD** of time to spend with God and His Word in a regular **PLACE** (*Mark 1:35*). Instead of skipping around in the Bible, have a **PLAN** for reading it regularly and consecutively. Start with the New Testament. It helps to write each day in a notebook some thought or blessing that results from your "Quiet Times" with God.

We need to balance our time in the Word with time in prayer. Make prayer lists so that you can be more specific in praying to the Lord. As you see God's answers, your faith will increase.

HAND OF PRAYER

Just as we compared the hand to 5 methods of getting a grip on the Word, we will compare the hand to 5 phases that should be built into a prayer life. You have the privilege of reaching up to the very throne of thrones and touching God as you pray.

These 5 phases are:

CONFESSION	Isaiah 59:1,2 1John 1:9
THANKSGIVING	1Thessalonians 5:18 Ephesians 5:20
INTERCESSION	Job 42:10 James 5:16
PETITION	Matthew 21:22 1John 5:14,15

PRAISE

Psalm 107:8,15,21,31
Psalm 71:8

We begin by **confession** so that we can get on praying ground for God to hear our prayers. Confession means to agree with God, admitting our sins rather than trying to cover them.

Then we offer **thanksgiving** to God for things that He has done for us. We thank Him at all times and in all circumstances--even in trials and difficulties--for this is God's will for us.

We should not just pray for ourselves but we should pray for others in our **intercession**:

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| ♦for authorities | 1Timothy 2:1,2 |
| ♦for lost souls | James 5:20 |
| ♦for the sick | James 5:16 |
| ♦for laborers to preach the gospel | Matthew 9:36-38 |
| ♦for unsaved relatives | Romans 10:1 |
| ♦for outsiders | Romans 15:20 |
| ♦for missionaries | Ephesians 6:19,20 |
| ♦for church members | 1Thessalonians 1:2-3 |

To be effective in our prayers, there are 3 things to remember when we **petition**:

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| 1. Ask in Jesus' name | John 16:24 |
| 2. Ask in faith | Matthew 21:22 |
| 3. Ask according to God's will | 1John 5:14-15 |

Praise: We thank the Lord for things He gives to us. We praise God for Who He is. We praise and worship Him because He is the true God who is full of mercy, love, truth and holiness; and He is the Source of all life and light and love.

Praise should link with other forms of prayer, just as the thumb with the fingers, to hold on to things.

We **praise** Him for His forgiveness.

We thank and **praise** Him for His great gift of salvation.

We **praise** Him as we intercede for others and as we voice our petitions.

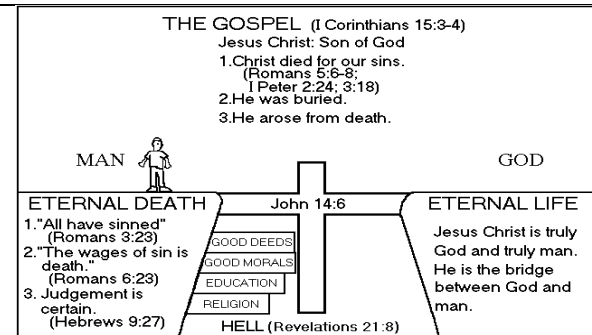
Religion tells us what we should do and should not do. But religion whether Buddhism, Daoism, Hindu, Islam, Jewish, Catholic or Protestant cannot forgive our sins and save our souls. Only God can do that. Sinful man does not need more religion. He needs a Savior.

Not only have all men sinned, but the result of sin is death. "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Man was not created to die but to live in fellowship with God. Yet because of Adam's sin, man inherits death.

And that is not all. The Bible tells us "...it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). Judgment is certain...it is inevitable. Every person is judged by the Almighty God, and those whose sins are not forgiven are sent to hell, a place that was originally prepared for Satan and his demons (Matthew 25:41).

It is a terrible picture. Man cannot bridge the gap to heaven. Left to his own devices, man is helpless. Man is cut off from God and condemned by his own sins. Sin... death... judgment... hell. Man's condition is hopeless (Ephesians 2:12).

GOOD NEWS: God's Solution



In this picture, however, we see that God in His great love provided a way of deliverance. God had a wonderful plan designed before the world began to bring sons and daughters back to live with Him forever. Only one man could bridge the gap that separated man from God. That man must belong both to man and to God. If he is not man he cannot represent us; if he is not God, he cannot save us.

So God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to be born as a man. Jesus is the Son of Man born of Mary, and the Son of God conceived through the Holy Spirit. He is not part man and part God, but 100% man and 100% God. In theology He is called "Very God" and "Very Man." There is but one qualified to become our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

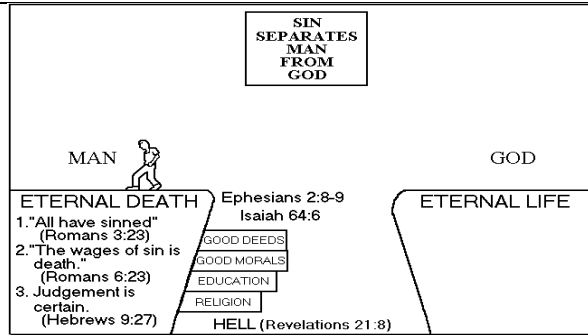
This man Jesus did many wonderful miracles, but we are not saved by the miracles of Jesus. He taught many beautiful lessons, but we are not saved by following the ethical teachings of Jesus. He healed many people from their sickness, but the healing of the body does not

Lesson 6: THE GOOD NEWS BRIDGE

LESSON OUTLINE:

Review	Bring a Friend to Jesus	Assign	Learn The Bridge Illustration
Check	Bible Study Lesson 5		Bible Study Lesson 6
	1Peter 3:15, James 5:20		Memorize Romans 5:8, John 1:12
	Personal Reading Record		Continue Personal Reading
	Bible Reading Highlights		Record
	Record		Continue Bible Reading
	Prayer Pages		Highlights Record
Teach	The Bridge Illustration		Continue Prayer Pages

BAD NEWS: Man's Problem



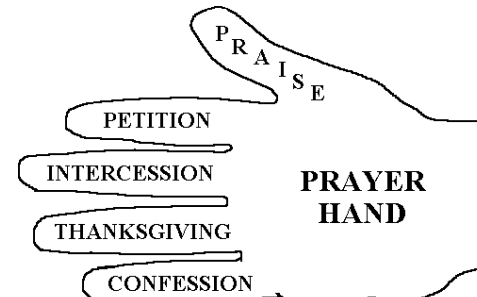
In this picture we see man is separated from God. Originally, man and God had fellowship with each other. God and Adam walked together in the Garden of Eden. Then Adam and Eve both sinned and were separated from God's presence. The Bible teaches in the first three chapters of Romans that all men, whether born in a heathen family or Christian family, have sinned. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Man desperately tries to build his own bridges across to heaven. The most common way that man tries to get to heaven is through his own good works. But our good deeds are as filthy rags in the sight of a Holy God (Isaiah 64:6).

Other men try through ethics or good morals to reach God. But generally man does not live up to his own standard of values, much less God's standard of righteousness. Man is not able to keep the "Ten Commandments" which are only the elementary laws of God. The problem lies in man's deceitful heart (Jeremiah 17:9).

Nor is education the answer. Knowledge increases our feelings of guilt. God does not excuse our sin merely because we have been taught the truth. "For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified" (Romans 2:13).

"But surely religion will save us," some will say. No, not even religion will bring us back into fellowship with the Living God. Religion is good; it offers good advice.



Project: Determine a basic minimum period of time you should spend in a regular, consistent Quiet Time with the Lord. You may spend more time whenever you can, but faithfully maintain that basic minimum.

THE CROSS

1Peter 3:18 (NIV)
For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive by the spirit. 1Peter 3:18

BELIEVE

John 3:16 (NIV)
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Bible Study Lesson 3: DEVOTIONAL LIFE AND PRAYER

1. The real center of the prayer life of an individual is carried on in what way? (Matthew 6:6) _____

2. What is an excellent time to seek fellowship with the Lord? (Psalm 63:1; 5:3) _____

3. For whom is it our special privilege to pray? (Colossians 4:12; Ephesians 6:18; James 5:16) _____

4. What should be our attitude and response regarding our enemies? (Matthew 5:44; Luke 23:34) _____

5. John 17 is the great intercessory prayer of the Lord Jesus Christ. At least 8 definite requests (petitions) are made in verses 1, 5, 11, 17, 20, 21 and 24. List as many of the 8 as you can. _____

6. What is one of Christ's definite commands for us to request of God? (Matthew 9:37,38) _____

7. What importance did group prayer have in the early church? (Acts 1:14; 2:42; 12:5) _____

8. Read through one or more of the following chapters by Paul the Apostle, and list the verses that show that Paul interceded for the saints. (The Bible refers to those who have trusted Christ as Savior as "saints.")
Romans 1 _____ Colossians 1 _____
1Corinthians 1 _____ 1Thessalonians 1 _____
2Corinthians 1 _____ 2Thessalonians 1 _____
Ephesians 1 _____ 2Timothy 1 _____
Philippians 1 _____ Philemon _____

8. What should we be prepared to do? (1Peter 3:15) ____

9. He that wins souls is (Proverbs 11:30) _____,
and he that turns people to righteousness is like
(Daniel 12:3): _____

BRING A FRIEND TO JESUS

1Peter 3:15 (NIV)

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1Peter 3:15

James 5:20 (NIV)

Remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

James 5:20

Bible Study Lesson 9: BRING A FRIEND TO JESUS

1. The Apostle Paul mentioned that he was in debt (under obligation) concerning the gospel. He was not in debt to God because salvation is a free gift. To whom was Paul in debt? (Romans 1:14,15)

2. Why should we not be ashamed to speak about the gospel of Christ? (Romans 1:16) _____

3. Paul also had a burden to share the gospel with (Romans 9:1-3): _____

4. How about those in closed countries under Communism or heathen religions who do not get a chance to hear? How do you think Paul would respond? (Romans 15:20) _____

5. But witnessing begins where we are. To whom did Andrew introduce Jesus? (John 1:40,41) _____

6. What about Philip? When Nathanael objected to Philip's evaluation of Jesus, what did Philip reply? (John 1:45,46) _____

7. We witness not only by lip but by life. How should a Christian walk in his daily living?
 Ephesians 4:1 Walk: _____
 Ephesians 5:2 Walk: _____
 Ephesians 5:15-16 Walk: _____

PERMANENT PRAYER LIST

	Family	Ministry	Church	Missions	Special
Sun					
Mon					
Tue					
Wed					
Thur					
Fri					
Sat					

DAILY PRAYER LIST

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

TEMPORARY PRAYER LIST

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The gospel of salvation is not just for us, so we can selfishly enjoy all the blessings of God, but it should flow through us to others. As Christians we should not be like a sponge soaking up God's goodness ourselves, but rather like a channel through which the gospel flows freely to others.

The Apostle Paul stated, "I am a debtor." He had a great burden upon him after receiving God's salvation. To whom was Paul in debt? Not to God, because salvation is free! Jesus freely died on the cross for our sins and we freely receive Jesus by grace through faith. But Paul was in debt to people who had not heard this gospel. Paul said, "Woe is me if I do not preach the gospel of Christ." It is our sacred duty and obligation to tell others about Jesus.

How do we do this? We can begin by making friends for the purpose of introducing them to Jesus. How do we make friends? The Bible says, "A man that has friends must show himself friendly" (*Proverbs 18:24*).

There are numerous examples of personal witnessing in the Bible. First is the example of Jesus himself. To the horror of the hypocritical religious leaders, Jesus was a friend of "publicans and sinners." The common people flocked to hear Him gladly. Little children came to sit in His lap. Sometimes He would ask a simple favor of someone, as He did with the Samaritan woman by the well, when he asked her for a drink of water.

In this world today, there are many people who are lonely for friendship. Reach out and make a friend. The Great Commission commands us to go into the world to witness for Jesus.

Jesus prayed that His disciples might be "in the world but not of the world" (*John 17:14-16*). Our lives as Christians should be different from those in the world. The New Testament gives clear instructions that we should walk lovingly and blamelessly in the midst of a crooked and perverse world (*Philippians 2:15,16*).

So we make a friend and treat him with love and kindness. But don't stop there. Bring that friend to Jesus. The disciple Andrew brought his brother Peter to the Lord. Andrew did not preach many sermons and did not get the promise that Peter did, but he brought Peter to Jesus. Begin now. Invite a friend to your Church, to your youth fellowship or to a gospel meeting.

Lesson 5: BRING A FRIEND TO JESUS

LESSON OUTLINE:

Review	Timothy Principle	Assign	Learn Bring a Friend to Jesus
Check	Bible Study Lesson 4		Bible Study Lesson 5
	2Timothy 2:2, John 15:16		Memorize 1Peter 3:15,
	Personal Reading Record		James 5:20
	Bible Reading Highlights		Continue Personal Reading
	Record		Record
	Prayer Pages		Continue Bible Reading
Teach	Bring a Friend to Jesus		Highlights Record
			Continue Prayer Pages

The Bible tells the story about 4 leprous beggars who lived in a city where the people were starving. The city was surrounded by a strong army, and there was no food left even in the king's household. So the beggars reasoned among themselves, "If we stay in the city, we will die of hunger. Come, let us go into the camp of the enemy, the Syrian army. If they save us alive, we shall live; but if not, we are going to die anyway."

So the four beggars went by night into the enemy camp to beg for food. What they did not know was that the Lord had visited the enemy camp that night and terrified the soldiers, who fled in panic to escape death and left everything behind. So when the beggars arrived at the enemy tents they found vast quantities of spoils--food, clothing, gold, silver.

They thought, "Aren't we lucky! Let us eat and drink and gather all these treasures for ourselves." And so the beggars banqueted on the food and drink. They discarded their rags for expensive clothing. Then they entered a tent and gathered silver, gold and valuables which they hid in the ground outside. They went into an-other tent to gather more riches for themselves.

Suddenly one of the beggars said, "Fellows, we are doing wrong. Here we are eating and gorging ourselves while the people in the city are starving and dying. They do not know the Lord has defeated the enemy. They do not know God has provided all these things. If we delay here until sunrise, God will judge us. Come, let us go and tell the city that the Lord has brought salvation." Thus the beggars became messengers of the "good news" and the city was saved.

This true story, recorded in 2Kings Chapter 7, is a vivid allegory showing our duty to share the message of the Good News of Salvation with others who are without this knowledge.

Lesson 4: THE TIMOTHY PRINCIPLE

LESSON OUTLINE:

Review	Hand of Prayer Illustration	Assign	Learn Timothy Principle
Check	Bible Study Lesson 3		Bible Study Lesson 4
	1Peter 3:18, John 3:16		Memorize 2Timothy 2:2,
	Personal Reading Record		John 15:16
	Bible Reading Highlights		Continue Personal
	Record		Reading Record
	Prayer Pages, Quiet Time Plan		Continue Bible Reading
Teach	The Timothy Principle		Highlights Record
			Continue Prayer Pages

God wants every Christian to be fruitful. Jesus says, "I have chosen you... to go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain..." (*John 15:16*). A fruit tree bears fruit and each fruit has a seed to reproduce itself. You as a Christian should reproduce by helping to bring souls to Jesus. These new Christians should grow and mature so that they in turn can bring others to Christ. This is your duty. This is your destiny. Your life becomes fruitful when you bring others to Christ. They then in turn will reach others.

This principle is set forth in Paul's instructions to Timothy. We call it "The Timothy Principle". Paul states, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also" (*2Timothy 2:2*). There it is. Paul tells his spiritual son to pass on the instructions he has received to "Faithful men". These men in turn will be able to teach others.

God's first commandment to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden was "To be fruitful and multiply" (*Genesis 1:28*). God made everything to produce after its kind. Adam and Eve produced children after their likeness. Everything in this world that lives--trees, animals, people--must reproduce or die out. God said the seed of reproduction is within. It was placed there by God.

The principle of fruit bearing was also taught by Jesus to His disciples. Every branch in Christ should bear fruit (*John 15:5*). Every child of God should become a fruitful disciple, and in turn produce other fruitful disciples. "Yes," you may say, "I want to become a fruitful disciple. Where do I begin?" You begin by becoming a true disciple. Jesus tells us that the branch can only be fruitful as it is vitally linked to the vine. The life that produces fruit comes from

the trunk to the branches or from the root to the vine. Every Christian must be vitally linked to Jesus Christ. Jesus says, "Abide in Me" (*John 15:4*).

"How do I abide in Jesus?" A study of John 15 will show us. First, His words are to abide in us. The Word of God needs to be in our hearts and minds. In previous lessons you learned various methods to get a firm and vital grasp on the Word of God.

Second, we abide in Christ through faithful prayer. Jesus says, "If ye abide in Me and My Words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (*John 15:7*). Third, we abide in Him as we keep His commandments (*John 15:10*).

Those who faithfully abide in Him will bring forth the fruit of reaching other lives who are true to Jesus (*John 15:16*). There it is! A true disciple is one who abides through the Word, Prayer and Obedience. Then there will be the fruit of bringing others who will in turn follow Jesus. They will also bear fruit.

(Sound familiar? Look again at the Wheel Illustration!)

You now have all the tools you need to be a fruitful disciple. All that remains is to bring a friend to Jesus and lead him into a mature relationship with Jesus. He then will be able to bring others to Christ.

TIMOTHY PRINCIPLE

2Timothy 2:2 (NIV)

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

2Timothy 2:2

John 15:16 (NIV)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

John 15:16

Bible Study Lesson 4: THE TIMOTHY PRINCIPLE

1. What was the first thing God told Adam and Eve to do? (Genesis 1:28) _____
2. God created man and woman equally by a separate act of creation. In what form were they created? (Genesis 1:26,27) _____
3. Apple trees will always produce apples. Dogs reproduce puppies. Cats reproduce kittens. There can be no evolution of species. Why? (Genesis 1:11) _____
4. What kind of tree will bring forth good fruit? (Matthew 7:17,18) _____
5. What kind of Christian will bear fruit? (John 15:4) _____
6. Four ways to abide in Christ:
 John 15:7 _____
 John 15:7 _____
 John 15:10 _____
 John 15:16 _____
7. To what kind of people should Timothy pass on the instruction he had received from Paul? (2Timothy 2:2) _____
8. What should these people do? (2Timothy 2:2) _____