

Lesson 6

Elements That Build Toward Christian Maturity

What could a worker do without tools? No matter how beautiful the plans for the building, no matter how wonderful the seed for planting, workers must have tools to accomplish their tasks.

Christian maturity, as we have seen, is a goal for the believer. The Bible provides us with many helpful motivations for growth. Growing up in Christ will enable you to assume adult privileges and responsibility. It will preserve you from being tossed and blown about as a child. Maturing Christians are able to receive teaching that the Holy Spirit has for them. This teaching leads to goals of Christlike usefulness. Growing Christians must be aware of the final exam they must take before their Lord.

Reaching these goals is the problem. We must become a grand building of God. We are to be His fruitful field. Mature family responsibility is a position that must be attained. But how do we accomplish these goals? This chapter deals with practical steps for accomplishing them. The following outline presents human actions and attitudes that God can use as tools to bring us into the likeness of His Son.

lesson outline

Total Commitment to Jesus Christ
Growth Through Bible Study and Living
Spiritual Power of Prayer
Recognition of Servanthood Under Christ
 Sanctified Living
 Living by Will
Understanding the Ministries of the Holy Spirit
Cooperation With the Holy Spirit's Leadership
Relationship With Other Christians
 Mutual Help and Growth
 Sharing Faith With Others



lesson objectives

When you finish this lesson, you should be able to:

- Describe the human responses needed to develop Christian maturity in the believer.
- Explain how Bible study and prayer help to develop Christian character in the believer and in others through the believer.
- Identify ways in which the Holy Spirit and the believer interact to help the believer grow in Christ.

learning activities

1. Read the lesson in this textbook.
2. Answer the study questions in the lesson development, referring as needed to the textbook. Check your answers periodically with those given at the end of the lesson.
3. Turn in your notebook to the chart you made in Lesson 2. Under the heading *Spiritual*, write the Scripture passages that seem most helpful to you for spiritual growth.
4. Take the self-test at the end of this lesson, and check your answers carefully with those given in this textbook. Review any items answered incorrectly.

key words

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| audience | obvious | tool |
| direction | prevail | vital |
| excellent | remarkable | weapon |
| interact | response | |
| lens | sacred | |

lesson development

In this lesson I wish to share with you some simple, practical *tools*. These tools are the main headings of the lesson outline. They have greatly helped me in my own effort to attain Christian maturity. I would like to suggest that you write these headings on a card and carry them with you. Or perhaps copy them in the front of your Bible. Use them as a list by which to examine your own life. I hope you will find these tools helpful.

TOTAL COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST

Objective 1. *Explain the relationship of our position to Christ's position.*

We are born again by the Spirit of God. This cannot happen until we *believe* and trust Jesus Christ as our Savior. We accept His sacrifice for our sins and are broken in repentance over them. But in addition we must confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is our Lord. Do you remember what we have already studied in Romans 10:9-10? "If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from death, *you will be saved*" (Romans 10:9, italics added).

Kurios is the word for "lord" in the original language of the New Testament. In that day it was used of an important person such as the Roman emperor. In fact, by the time the book of Romans was written, each Roman citizen had to go once a year to the temple. There he threw a pinch of incense into the fire and shouted, "Caesar is Lord." The word *kurios* meant "absolute king, unreserved ruler." When the Jews translated the Old Testament into the Greek language, they needed a word that meant "God." They chose *kurios* and used it where "Jehovah" appeared in the Old Testament.

Do you see how meaningful it is for a Christian to say, "Jesus is Lord"? This means that Jesus is king, master, and ruler. When we say, "Jesus Christ is Lord," we are not just repeating a creed. We are saying: "For me Jesus Christ has a unique and powerful place as my Master and sovereign ruler. He is my Lord."

Now, please turn to Colossians 1:9-20. This is a wonderful Scripture passage that lifts up Jesus. Here we find that Jesus is called the "firstborn Son, superior to all created things." In fact, God made the world through Him, we are told.

1 Read Colossians 1:9-20. Write the last sentence of verse 18 in your notebook. What position is Jesus to have?

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This *first-place* position means that my desires, relationships, and very life must be second to His place. Jesus becomes a lens through which I see my world and my personal life. Here is a simple way to say this:

CHRIST CONSTANTLY IN COMMAND — CHRIST COMPLETELY IN CONTROL

I receive instruction from Him by His Spirit. The Holy Spirit is in control of my life. Can you join me in the following prayer?

Oh, God, help me to make Jesus Christ, Your Son and my Savior, truly Lord of all my life. I open every area to His command and control. My heart is open for the Holy Spirit to work and give Jesus first place in me. May others see only Jesus in my life. Amen.

GROWTH THROUGH BIBLE STUDY AND LIVING

Objective 2. *State how the Bible can keep us from sinning against God.*

My Christian growth is directly related to the time I have spent with the Word of God. The Bible is the Christian’s main textbook. It is your weapon, your map and guidebook, your daily food. The Scriptures will guard your spirit, give you light, and plan your life. We have already seen in 1 Peter 2:2 that new Christians should be like new babies, crying for the pure milk of the Word. We have further learned from Hebrews 5:11-15 that by use of the Word we grow up from babies to mature adults.

Let us look at some basic statements about the Word of God.

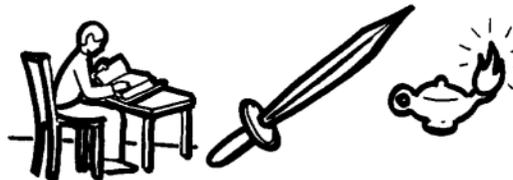
2 Read Hebrews 4:12. According to this passage, the Bible is compared to and it judges

The Word of God has a way of cleansing our lives. This is very important for growth.

3 Read John 15:1-4. Jesus uses the branch and vine to tell His disciples that because of His teaching, they can be

- a) clean.
- b) mature.
- c) friendly.
- d) Christian.

Psalm 119 is one of the most wonderful Scripture passages about the Word of God. Almost every verse (and it is the longest chapter in the Bible) contains a reference to the Word of God. God’s Word is called His law, His command, His instruction, His teaching, and so forth. Now is a good time to read the entire psalm, then answer questions to help your understanding of God’s Word.



- 4 Psalm 119:9 asks, “How can a young man keep his life pure?” We can keep our lives pure by
 - a) reading books.
 - b) going to church.
 - c) obeying God’s commands.

5 Look again at Psalm 119:11. How can we keep from sinning against God?

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 A simple truth is that God’s Word will keep us from sinning, and sinning will keep us from God’s Word. His Word will also provide direction for our lives.

6 Using Psalm 119:105, fill in the missing words. “Your Word is a to guide me and a for my path.”

7 Using Psalm 119:130, fill in the missing words. “The explanation of your teaching gives and brings to the ignorant.”

There are many ways you can study the Bible. Some read a certain amount of the Scriptures every day. There is one suggested study called “2-2-1.” Beginning with Genesis and Matthew, this plan calls for two chapters of the Old Testament and two chapters of the New Testament, plus one psalm or chapter of Proverbs each day. Another plan is called “Topical Study.” This uses a subject, such as the Holy Spirit, and studies all available Scripture passages on that subject.

There is another ICI course called *Understanding the Bible*. It is a good plan to teach you how to use God’s Word. *Understanding the Bible* is a course in this same Christian Service Series. Perhaps that would be a good direction for you after the *Christian Maturity* study is completed.

Remember: Your Christian growth depends on God’s Word. Through the written Word, God reveals the Living Word—our Lord Jesus Christ. You will grow in relation to the amount of time you give to God’s Word, both in studying it and obeying it.

SPIRITUAL POWER OF PRAYER

Objective 3. *Describe the results of the believers’ prayer in Acts 4:24-31.*

Prayer is talking with God. It is a privilege for the believer to have an audience with the King. Prayer is a powerful way by which a believer matures. Being with the Father frequently in prayer helps us grow more like Him.

The believer prays to the Father in the name of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. There are seventeen words translated as *prayer* in the original languages of the Bible. Each of these words has the definite meaning of “asking.” A child talking to his or her parents illustrates prayer at its best. As the child matures, the level of the conversation grows. We could spend an entire book on the subject of prayer. Our emphasis in this study is on the necessity of being consistent in personal prayer life.

8 Answer the following questions based on Hebrews 11:6:

- a What must we have when we come to God?
- b Whom does God reward?

God has ordained that humankind can communicate with Him through prayer. It is a sacred privilege and a great responsibility. It is most important to understand that our prayer *does make a difference* in our lives and the lives of others.

9 Reserve a two-page section in your notebook for *Christian Maturity*, and entitle it: “Promises for Prayer.” For now, write in the following Scripture references, leaving room between them to look the verses up and write them in later.

PROMISES FOR PRAYER

- EPHESIANS 1:7; 2:18; 3:12; 3:20; 6:11; 6:18
- HEBREWS 4:16; 7:25; 10:9;10:19-20; 11:6
- JOHN 9:31; 14:13; 14:14; 15:7; 15:16; 16:24; 17:1-26
- ROMANS 5:8; 8:26; 12:12
- 1 PETER 3:7; 4:7; 5:7
- PHILIPPIANS 4:6; 4:7; 4:19
- PSALMS 3:4; 5:3; 62:8

There are yet many more Scripture passages concerning prayer, faith, and answers to prayer. Some of these Scripture passages give us examples that are encouraging to our spirit and will teach us how the tool of prayer can become important to our growth.

10 Read the earnest prayer in Acts 4:24-31.

- a Who prayed this prayer?
- b What were the results of this prayer?

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George Mueller, a great Christian in the eighteenth century, cared for thousands of orphans. Yet he never asked anyone for support. He prayed, and all the needs of the work were met. He was a man of faith, man of prayer, and a faithful student of the Scriptures. The reading of the Word of God in humility and meditation brings faith and power and the *desire to pray*.

An old Christian motto says, “Prayer changes things.” But we must remember that *prayer also changes people*. To be used of God, we must learn the lesson of prayer. It is a lesson learned more by practice than by study. The Holy Spirit teaches us to pray. Don’t worry about how much or how little you know about prayer—begin *praying*. Be consistent every day.

11 Read Daniel 6:10. How consistent was Daniel’s prayer life?

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It is possible to pray anywhere and in any position. I can pray during the activities of life. It is, however, important to set aside times when you and the Lord are alone in communion. This is how you can be refreshed, made strong, and given direction for your day. Little prayer will equal little power; more prayer, more power; much prayer, much power.

RECOGNITION OF SERVANTHOOD UNDER CHRIST

Objective 4. Use *Colossians 1:10* to describe the life and deeds of the believer.

Consistent Christian living requires that we recognize that we are Christ’s love servants. The word *consistent* is a very important one. It describes “agreement” or “harmony.” Our conduct cannot be consistent unless it is in agreement with what we profess. Stated simply, we must “practice what we teach.” We need to prove by our life the faith we profess.

12 Read Colossians 1:9-14. According to verse 10, how are believers to live, and what will they always do?

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The phrase “always do what pleases him” (Colossians 1:10) emphasizes doing something the Master desires before being commanded to do it. Any servant does what he or she is commanded to do. But love servants, believers, live differently. They see what they should do and do it even before being commanded. Thus, their lives show that they really mean it when they say, “Jesus Christ is my Lord.”

13 In 1 Chronicles 11:15-19 is a wonderful story of three of David’s mightiest men. Read the story and write a paragraph in your notebook about *walking worthy of the Lord*. The Holy Spirit can use this story in your life. Please do not go on until you have done this.

Now, read Colossians 3. If you are alone, read it aloud. This section of Scripture is a pattern for the Christian walk.

Remember our previous study. To have the likeness of Jesus Christ is to have His mind or attitude (Philippians 2:5-8). This means, as we have seen, acceptance of our servant relationship to our wonderful Lord. Our acceptance of this relationship is based on sincere recognition of our servanthood under Christ. This recognition produces not only enjoyable Christian blessings but also Christian maturity that performs Christian duties. If Jesus is really my Lord, then I will do my duties gladly and to the best of my ability.

Sanctified Living

Objective 5. *Point out how a believer’s sin affects his or her Christian maturity.*

Another aspect of consistent life concerns *sanctification*. This is an important word. It refers to our special relationship to God’s holiness. Romans 6 is a very important chapter on this subject. The underlying thought behind the chapter is this: “Since God has saved us by His grace and mercy, we should not keep on living in our sinful way.” The apostle teaches that we are to live as *dead* men and women to our old sinful desires. Our new life is to live for Christ.

14 Now read carefully Romans 6:11-13. Verses 11 and 13 speak about this death to sin and life in Christ. According to verse 13, we are to surrender our whole being unto God for certain purposes. How may these purposes be classified?

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A way for me to stay sanctified and holy is to be sensitive to sin in my life. God’s Holy Spirit is always faithful to convict us as Christians. A cloud forms when we have sinned. However, Christians respond differently to that conviction. If something has come between a Christian and God, it will keep that believer from responding to the Spirit’s conviction as he or she ought. We often say, “The sun isn’t shining today.” Yet we know that the sun always shines. What happens is that something comes between the sun and us. A cloud forms and keeps the sun’s rays and power from us.



The Holy Spirit is always faithful to convict of sin. But we sometimes allow pride, self, and excuses to cover the “rays” of conviction as a cloud covers the sun. If we choose to respond in humility to conviction, we have two wonderful promises in 1 John 1:7 and 1:9.

15 According to 1 John 1:7, that which purifies us from every sin is the

- a) Word of God.
- b) blood of Jesus.
- c) light.

16 In 1 John 1:9 what is the one thing we must do and the two things God will do about sin?

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How does *sin* in a Christian's life relate to his or her growth in Christ? It *prevents* that *growth* by blocking the way to spiritual maturity. If I am to be consistent—if I am to “practice what I teach”—I must keep my life emptied and cleansed of sin. Sanctified living is essential to Christian maturity.

Living by Will

Objective 6. *State how we relate our will to God's will in order to mature in Christ.*

A truly consistent Christian life depends largely on the use of our human will. God will not do for us what we must do for ourselves. We have already said that the human will is the highest gift of our spirit. This is where we are most like God. Every Christian must have definite “I will’s” and some equally definite “I will not’s.” God promises His help and power to support our decisions.

17 In each of the following verses of Scripture, state in your own words how human will relates to human action. (I have given you the answer to the first verse.)

- a Daniel 1:8 Daniel willed not to become unclean.
- b Daniel 3:18
- c Luke 15:18
- d Esther 4:16

Philippians 2:12-13 says, “Keep on working with fear and trembling to complete your salvation, because God is always at work in you to make you willing and able to obey His own purpose.”

These verses show us the cooperation between our part and God's part in our accomplishment of His desires for us. God wants our lives to have consistent growth, and He is willing to help us to bring about His purposes. Through the submission of our will to God's will, we experience increasing Christian maturity.

18 Another verse for this area of our growth is Colossians 3:17. According to this verse, you should do in the name of the Lord Jesus

- a) everything you do or say.
- b) most of what you do or say.
- c) only those things that are spiritual.

UNDERSTANDING THE MINISTRIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Objective 7. *Relate the Holy Spirit's ministry of truth to the believer's growth in Christ.*

Since humans are fundamentally spirit, Christian maturity is fundamentally spiritual. Spirit is humanity's highest quality. The human spirit includes mind, will, and God-consciousness. It is in our *spirit* that we find the image or likeness of God in humankind.

19 John 4:24 points out that God is

- a) like humankind.
- b) Spirit.
- c) eternal.
- d) kind.

God and humanity are similar in that both are mind, personality, and spirit. Thus, they can blend together and have fellowship. God is Spirit: the Holy Spirit. A person's inner being is also spirit. Individuals can worship God only through the spirit and truth of their own beings.

We have already studied the role of the Holy Spirit in our life to some degree in Lesson 4. Jesus told His disciples in John 16:7-15 that it was a good thing He was going away. Although this was shocking to His disciples, it was necessary for the sending of the Holy Spirit. From that moment believers were to "grow up" under the influence of the invisible Spirit—not the visible Jesus. Thus, increased faith would become necessary. Humanity is convicted of sin, shown the way to salvation, placed in Christ's body (the church), taught spiritual truth, and given power for service—all through God's Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the source of energy for the Christian life.

Jesus Christ can be revealed and glorified only through God's Word and the Holy Spirit, and it is only through this same Spirit that the believer can mature. John 16:8 tells us that the Holy Spirit will show people that they are wrong about *sin*, about what is *right*, and about God's *judgment*.

20 What two ministries of the Holy Spirit to the believer are pointed out in John 16:13?

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In the first part of the answer to the preceding exercise, the Spirit ministers knowledge of truth to the believer. In the second part of the answer, He helps the believer to practice (believe and obey) truth. We must know truth before we can practice it, and its practice must be added to the knowledge of it in order to develop Christian maturity.

21 Acts 1:8 teaches us about another ministry of the Holy Spirit. It is the work of

- a) destroying sin by fire.
- b) inspiring us to worship.
- c) filling us with power to witness.

When you have completed this course, you may be interested in doing an entire course on the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts, or the fruit of the Spirit. These courses are available, and they would help you greatly to mature in your Christian experience. There is not enough space in this course to cover each of these subjects.

COOPERATION WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT'S LEADERSHIP

Objective 8. *Describe the believer's cooperation with the Spirit and relate it to spiritual growth.*

Turn back to the section of study on the Holy Spirit in Lesson 4 and review some of the truths in it.

Now that you have reviewed some of the truths concerning the Holy Spirit, we are ready to study Ephesians 5:18. It says, "Do not get drunk with wine, which will only ruin you; instead be filled with the Spirit." Here, the word "filled" does not mean as water fills a bottle, or a bushel of oats an empty basket. It is from the Greek word that suggests "to pervade or take possession of." The Holy Spirit is not a substance to fill an empty receptacle. He is a *Person* to control another personality—namely, the believer.

In Ephesians 5:18, the Greek word for "filled" represents a moment by moment experience. We are to be *continually* filled or controlled by the Holy Spirit. When we are filled with anything, we are controlled by it. This statement applies to being filled with love, filled with hate, filled with ambition, and so forth. We saw in Lesson 4 that certain evil works prevail when human nature controls us. But the believer filled with the Holy Spirit will be controlled by the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:16-17 speaks forcefully to the necessity of our *cooperation with the Holy Spirit's leadership*: "Let the Spirit direct your lives, and you will not satisfy the desires of the human nature, for what our human nature wants is opposed to what the Spirit wants."

22 Describe briefly the fruit that we might expect in our lives if we allow the Holy Spirit to *control* us (see Galatians 5:22-23).

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We can see that although the Spirit of God is within every believer, the individual believer must cooperate with Him by yielding to His leadership. If I completely surrender my spirit to God's Spirit, I will become motivated, energized, taught, and strengthened toward my goal of spiritual maturity.

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS

Mutual Help and Growth

Objective 9. *Explain why Christ placed ministers in the church.*

The individual believer does not mature alone. Like the child maturing in a family, the Christian needs others to help him or her grow. We need the fellowship, encouragement, and contribution of others. God made us to need fellowship with each other as well as fellowship with Him.

23 Hebrews 10:24-25 contains commands about the believers' fellowship. Verse 25 states that we are NOT to give up the habit of

- a) meeting together.
- b) praying.
- c) reading the Bible.

It is wonderful when there are many believers in our home area. Many Christians meeting together is often very enjoyable. But perhaps this is not possible where you live. Our Lord gave a helpful promise for even small meetings of believers: "For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them" (Matthew 18:20).

There is a remarkable strengthening of our life when we meet with just one other person. When two believers pray and work for Christ together, they multiply their effectiveness. (See Leviticus 26:8 and Deuteronomy 32:30.) Jesus Christ sent His disciples to spread the gospel in a certain way.

24 Read Luke 10:1. How were the first gospel teams sent out?

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There are many other passages on the principle of working together for God. See Acts 10:23, 11:12, and 15:36-41. When the Holy Spirit separated people unto ministry and witness in the early days of the Christian church, He separated them by twos, threes, and fours. There is an obvious reason for this: when two are together, they support each other. They encourage and help establish each other. It is scriptural to believe and ask God to bring one or more believers to work closely with you in your Christian life.

Bible study comes alive when we can discuss and compare views with someone else. Our witness becomes bolder when two stand together. Life becomes more consistent when lived before another.

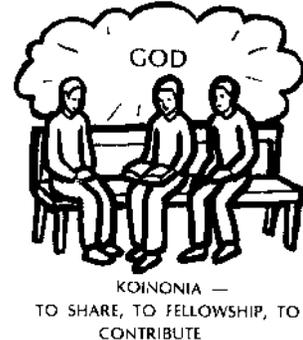
If you are fortunate enough to be a part of a good church, you are in a helpful setting for growth. God has put excellent gifts in the body of Christ to strengthen the believer. Teachers are a gift of God for our growth. And even this course of study can help you mature.

25 Read again Ephesians 4:11-12. Why did Christ give ministers to the church?

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In short, the believer is called to grow in the fellowship of others. *Koinonia* is an important Greek word that appears often in the New Testament. It means “to share, to fellowship, to contribute.” Look up the following references: 1 John 1:3, Philippians 1:5, Philemon 6, and 1 Corinthians 10:16-17. In each of these Scripture verses, *koinonia* appears. Fellowship with God, with one another, witnessing before the world, and sharing the nature of Jesus Christ—what a wonderful way to grow!



Sharing Faith With Others

Objective 10. List four helpful directions for Christian witnessing.

Perhaps no area of Christian life is more confusing than witnessing. Many times we feel the need to share Christ with friends. We feel guilty when we don't. The witness of our faith is both an expression of maturity and a means for more growing.

The first and greatest witness we give is our life itself. Second Corinthians 3:3 tells us that Christ writes a letter with the Spirit on human hearts. Everyone can know and read this kind of letter. In a certain sense it may be said that the believer's life is a Bible, the only Bible that some people ever read!

26 Read 1 Timothy 4:12 and 1 Thessalonians 1:7. What important word concerning Christians is found in both these passages?

- a) Witness
- b) Judgment
- c) Grace
- d) Example

There is an important likeness between conditions that keep humans from reproducing children and conditions that keep Christians from helping to reproduce more Christians. Let us consider some of those conditions.

1. Just as a small child cannot have a baby because of the lack of maturity necessary for reproduction, so immaturity in our Christian life will often prevent the effectiveness of our witness.

2. Just as reproduction requires union between a man and a woman (a union that the Bible says must be through marriage), so a believer will help to reproduce spiritually only when he or she lives in vital fellowship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

3. Just as disease or impairment of vital body areas will prevent reproduction, so sin and careless living will affect the believer's ability to help reproduce spiritually.

27 Now, read prayerfully Colossians 4:5-6. In these verses are four simple directions to follow in our witnessing. List them here in the order that they are mentioned.

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- b
- c
- d

Each of these directions could be expanded, but our space is limited. You may wish to list the following Scripture passages in your notebook (under the heading *Spiritual*) for future reference on the subject of witnessing: 1 Peter 3:15; Matthew 5:13; and Luke 12:11-12.

When you share your faith, there is a strengthening of your own faith. Witnessing is an activity that not only brings others to the Lord but also increases our own spiritual maturity.

self-test

COMPLETION. Since our effectiveness for God and our growth will depend on how we use the tools God has provided for us, maybe you would like to examine yourself on these points. Complete the following statements by marking **S** if your use of the numbered “tool” is Strong; **M**, if Medium; **W**, if Weak, and **N**, if it Needs change.

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| 1. TOTAL COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST | | | | |
| 2. BIBLE STUDY | | | | |
| 3. PRAYER | | | | |
| 4. LIVING AS CHRIST’S SERVANT | | | | |
| 5. YIELDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT | | | | |
| 6. RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS | | | | |
| 7. WITNESSING | | | | |

TRUE-FALSE. Write **T** in the blank space if the statement is TRUE. Write **F** if it is FALSE.

- **8** God will forgive our sins and purify us from wrongdoing whether or not we confess our sins.
- **9** George Mueller was a man of faith and prayer but not a student of God’s Word.
- **10** Sanctification refers to the believer’s special relationship to God’s holiness.

MULTIPLE CHOICE. Circle the letter before the best answer to the following question.

- 11** The word *koinonia* in the original language of the New Testament is connected with which important concept?
- a) Spiritual, not carnal
 - b) Fellowship, sharing, contributing
 - c) Growth through suffering
 - d) The plan of the Word of God

SHORT ANSWER. Briefly answer the following question in the space provided.

- 12** The conditions which may prevent humans from reproducing children can be compared to conditions which keep Christians from helping to reproduce other Christians. List two of these conditions.

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answers to the study questions

- 1 First place in all things
- 15 b) blood of Jesus.
- 2 a double-edged sword; the desires and thoughts of a person's heart.
- 16 We must confess our sins, and God will forgive our sins and purify us from wrongdoing.
- 3 a) clean.
- 17 a See example.
b Three men willed not to worship heathen gods.
c A man willed to go to his father.
d A woman willed to go to the king.
- 4 c) obeying God's commands.
- 18 a) everything you do or say.
- 5 By keeping God's law in our heart
- 19 b) Spirit.
- 6 lamp; light
- 20 Revelation of truth and leading into truth
- 7 light; wisdom
- 21 c) filling us with power to witness.
- 8 a Faith
b Those who seek Him
- 22 The fruit of the Holy Spirit
- 9 Your copy of these Scripture references
- 23 a) meeting together.
- 10 a The believers
b The place was shaken, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to proclaim God's message with boldness.
- 24 Two by two
- 11 Daniel prayed every day.
- 25 To prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service.
- 12 They are to live as the Lord wants and always do what pleases the Lord.
- 26 d) Example
- 13 Your paragraph on walking worthy of the Lord
- 27 a Be wise in the way you act.
b Make good use of opportunity.
c Use pleasant and interesting speech.
d Know how to give a right answer.
- 14 As righteous purposes