

Hallelujah! I thank God that you have believed and obeyed from the heart the Word of life. These 56 daily studies have been prepared to help you walk in your new life in Christ. I hope you will find them helpful as you begin to walk with God. As you walk with God remember what Jesus said in Revelation 2:10 "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." NKJV

I have referenced the New King James Version for all quotes and for specific words used in the questions. Other translations of the Bible will often use different words in the verses referenced but the meanings should remain the same.

Day 1 ***Week 1 Topic: Faith***

1. Read Jesus' parables in Luke 15:3-10. Reflect for a moment on verses 7&10. How does it make you feel to know that there was great joy in heaven when you were saved from your sins?

2. Read 2 Peter 1:1-11. Over the next 56 days you will study the 8 things Peter says we must abound in. If we do, he says we will never stumble and will enter into the "everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Write down your understanding of this passage. Also, note any questions you have at this time.

Day 2

1. Read Romans 6:4 and 2 Corinthians 5:7. What do these passages mean by walking?

2. Define in your own words what faith is and how it can help you walk.

3. I know you probably already understand what faith is, but let's start reading some scriptures about faith to see if the Bible defines it the same way you did. Read Hebrews 11:1. Write down its definition for faith. What do you think is the "substance" and "evidence" of your faith? What things do you "hope" for that you have not yet seen?

4. Where do you get faith? Read Romans 10:17.

Day 3

Yesterday you read that we must walk by faith, and where we get faith.

1. Start today by reading 1 Corinthians 2:4-5. What should your faith be in?

2. Read Romans 1:16-17. What is the power of God?

3. You have learned you must walk by faith, faith comes only from God's Word, and the gospel is God's power to salvation. Now read Ephesians 4:5 and explain the one faith.

4. Read Jude 3-4. How was faith "delivered once for all"? How do you contend for it?

Day 4

So far we have been reading about walking in newness of life and walking by faith. Today we are going to read about walking in the light.

1. Read 1 John 1:5-10. What are you assured of if you continue to walk in the light?

2. Read John 3:16-21. How do those who receive condemnation respond to the light?

3. How do the people that are not condemned respond to the light?

4. What is the light?

Day 5

You have read about walking in the faith, now you are going to look at how you are supposed to keep the faith.

1. Read 1 Timothy 1:5. What is the purpose of the commandments of God?

2. What is the difference between a pure heart, good conscience and sincere faith?

3. Read Hebrews 9:13-14. How is your conscience purified from the sins you have committed?

4. Read 1 Timothy 4:1-2 and Titus 1:15-16. Explain how someone defiles and sears their conscience.

5. Read Romans 14:22-23. How can you keep your conscience pure?

Day 6

Today read James 2:14-26 and then answer the following questions.

1. Can you be saved by faith only?

2. Is James teaching you can be saved by works only?

3. What does faith combined with works do?

4. Explain what faith without works is?

5. Explain faith and works in terms of walking in the faith or walking in newness of life?

Day 7

Today you will read about the testing of your faith.

1. Read Hebrews 12:3-11. Its clear we need to be chastened by God, but how does He chasten us?

2. Read 1 Peter 1:6-7 & James 1:2-6. Why does our faith need to be tested?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 13:5. How can you test whether you are "in the faith" or not?
Hint: See 1 John 4:6

4. Read what Jesus said about the world persecuting those who follow Him in John 15:18-20. Read 1 Peter 4:12-19 & 5:8. Is the world attacking you now? If so, how?

Day 8 *Week 2 Topic: Virtue*

Associated Words: Moral excellence, goodness, righteousness

1. Now that you have studied about faith, read again 2 Peter 1:5. This week we are going to study about “virtue”. Start by looking up the meaning of virtue in any English dictionary. Write down the definition that you think best fits the context of 2 Peter 1:5.

2. Most dictionaries describe “virtue” as moral excellence, goodness, or righteousness. Since there are only a few passages that use the word virtue in our English Bibles we will also look at passages using the words goodness or righteousness. Let’s start by looking at the only other passage that uses the word virtue (in the NKJV) besides 2 Peter 1:3,5. Read Philippians 4:8. The Apostle Paul writes that we should “meditate” on any “virtue”. What does it mean to meditate? Write down an example or two of virtuous things to meditate on.

3. Now you are going to start looking at “righteousness” and “goodness”. Read Proverbs 2:1-22. This chapter in proverbs is about wisdom, how you get it and what it will do for you. How can walk on the "paths of righteousness"?

Day 9

Today you will read where virtue, righteousness and goodness come from.

1. Read Matthew 19:16-17. Jesus was talking to a young Jewish man, so when Jesus told him to keep the commandments to enter into life, He was talking about the commandments of the Old Testament, which we know have been set aside. But do we also have to keep commandments to enter into life? Hint: see John 14:15 and John 15:14.

2. Read Psalm 119:172. What is righteousness?

3. Read Romans 1:16-17. What does the gospel reveal to us?

4. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Who gives us Scripture? What does scripture do for us?

Day 10

Today you will read about trying to attain goodness and righteousness apart from God.

1. Read Psalm 16:1-2. Without God what does our own goodness amount to?

2. Read Proverbs 20:6. What does it mean, “Most men will proclaim each his own goodness”?
What is the difference between most men and a faithful man?

3. Read Romans 9:30 - 10:4. Why did Israel not attain to righteousness? What were they ignorant of? What did they seek to establish? It says they did not submit to the righteousness of God. How do you submit to the righteousness of God?

Day 11

Today you will read scripture that urges us to seek, pursue, and continue in God's righteousness and goodness.

1. Read Matthew 5:6. What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness? What is God's promise to those who do?

2. Read Matthew 6:33. If you seek God and His righteousness, what will God do for you?

3. Read 1 Timothy 6:10-11 & 2 Timothy 2:22. What must we flee to pursue righteousness?

4. Read Romans 11:22. We could be cut off from God if we don't do what?

Day 12

Today you will read about working righteousness.

1. Read Matthew 5:17-20. What did Jesus come to do about the Old Testament? How can your righteousness exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees?

2. Read Acts 10:34-35. What two things must people do to be accepted by God?

3. Read Romans 6:12-14. What should you do with your body?

4. Read 1 John 2:28-29 and 1 John 3:7,10. Those who are of God do what? What do you have to be careful of being deceived about?

Day 13

Today you will read about the fruits of righteousness. First, take a moment to think about what must happen for you to see a piece of fruit hanging on a tree. A seed must have been planted in good ground, it must have taken root, and then grown and continued to absorb water and light to produce even one piece of fruit. What if a tree had no fruit on it? When its young we would understand, but what if it never produced any fruit? We would say there is something wrong with that tree. Keep this in mind as you read about the fruits of righteousness.

1. Start by reading Philippians 1:9-11. Where do the fruits of righteousness come from?

2. Read John 15:1-8. What happens to the branches that bear no fruit? What happens to the branches that bear fruit?

3. What is the fruit according to Ephesians 5:9?

4. What is the fruit according to Galatians 5:22-23?

Day 14

Consider what the purpose of fruit is. One it gives life to the body when eaten. Two, it contains the seed that can grow into. Today we will study on this second point.

1. Read James 3:18. How is the fruit of righteousness supposed to be sown? How does one make peace?

2. Read Jesus' parable in Matthew 13:3-9. Who does the sower represent? Where does he sow the seed?

3. Read Matthew 13:10-17. Why did Jesus speak in parables?

4. Read Jesus' explanation of the parable in Matthew 13:18-23. Who does the ground represent? Who determines what kind of ground someone is? Can you tell what kind of ground someone is before you sow the seed? How can you sow the seed today?

Day 15 *Week 3 Topic: Knowledge*

This week you will look at knowledge. As 2 Peter 1:5 says “add to your virtue knowledge”.

1. Read Proverbs 1:1-7. What does Solomon say is the beginning of knowledge?
2. Pretend you have met someone who knows nothing about God or the Bible. Explain “the fear of the Lord”, and how it is the beginning of knowledge.
3. Read Proverbs 2:1-9. Where does knowledge come from? What does knowledge give you?
4. Read the plea to God in Psalm 119:65-66. Now read James 1:5. Write down the questions that you need answers to. Then be sure to seek the truth and ask God to give you wisdom.

Day 16

Today you will continue to read many proverbs about knowledge and wisdom. Consider these short sayings carefully and try to understand the simple yet profound teachings.

1. Read Proverbs 8:7-11. What should we seek after instead of silver, gold and rubies?

2. Read Proverbs 10:14. What do wise people do? What do foolish people do?

3. Read Proverbs 11:7-9. What will knowledge do for the righteous?

4. Read Proverbs 12:1, 15:14, 18:15. Describe a person who loves and seeks after knowledge.

5. Read Proverbs 19:2, 19:27, 24:13-14. What will happen to a soul without knowledge? How can you lose your knowledge? What should you do to keep your hope alive?

Day 17

1. Start today by reading in Ecclesiastes 1:18, 2:13, 7:12. What is Solomon telling us about Wisdom and knowledge?

2. Read Isaiah 5:13. Why does God say His people have gone into captivity?

3. Now turn to the prophet Hosea read 4:1,6. What happens to God's people when they lack knowledge?

4. Read Hosea 6:6. What does God desire from His people?

5. Read Isaiah 53:10-11 and Luke 1:76-77. Explain what Jesus would give to God's people.

Day 18

Today you will start by reading what happens when people do not want to retain the knowledge of God.

1. Read Romans 1:28-32. Explain what happens when someone doesn't want to retain the knowledge of God.

2. Read Romans 10:1-3. What does Paul say is wrong with the Jews Zeal for God.

3. Read 1 Corinthians 1:4-6. How did Jesus give the grace of God to the Corinthians.

4. Read 2 Corinthians 2:14. What does God make known in every place? How?

Day 19

1. Start today by reading 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. What is the spiritual warfare that we're involved in?

2. How do arguments exalt themselves against the knowledge of God?

3. What are the weapons of our warfare?

4. Read Ephesians 4:7-16. Why did Christ "give some apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers"?

Day 20

1. Start today by reading Philippians 1:9. What does Paul pray for those in Philippi? How can love abound in knowledge?

2. Read Philippians 3:8. What does Paul count all things loss for?

3. Read Colossians 1:9-11. What did Paul pray the Colossians would be filled with? Would he desire this for us as well?

4. Read Colossians 3:9-10. How do we renew the new man in us?

Day 21

1. Read 1 Timothy 2:3-4. What does God want for all people?

2. Read 2 Peter 1:2. How is grace and peace multiplied in us?

3. Read 2 Peter 1:3. How does God give us all things pertaining to life and godliness?

4. Read 2 Peter 2:20. How do we escape the pollution of the world? What is our state if we become entangled in the pollution again?

Day 22 *Week 4 Topic: Self-Control*

Associated Words: Temperance, prudence.

This week you will learn the importance of self-control. One of the biggest challenges of walking as with God is living up to the knowledge you have. It is necessary to grow in faith and knowledge, but then you must be able to control your behavior.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:34. What should you do if you have the knowledge of God?

2. We often sin by doing things contrary to God. But, how else can we sin? Read James 4:17.

3. Write down 3 actions you know are wrong but are tempted to do.

4. Write down 3 actions you know you ought to do but are tempted to not do.

Day 23

Self-control is about trying to behave in a righteous manner. Therefore, we must replace bad behavior with good behavior.

1. Read Ephesians 4:20-24. Can you think of an example when you put off bad conduct and replaced it with good conduct? How did you do it?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 5:7-8. What does Paul mean when he says, “you truly are unleavened”?

3. How did you become unleavened?

4. Since you are unleavened what should you do?

Day 24

Controlling the desires of the body is important if we are going to walk in the light.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. Why does Paul compare the running of a race or competing for a prize with our life with God?

2. Why do we have to discipline our body?

3. Read Colossians 3:1-5. Is it possible to have your mind set on things above and still commit unclean acts?

4. How can you put to death your unclean thoughts and behaviors?

Day 25

It is very important for us to control is our anger, because most of the time our anger produces sin.

1. Read Ephesians 4:26-27. What is Paul telling you to do when you get angry?

2. Read James 1:19-20. How can you be slow to wrath?

3. What does the wrath of man produce?

4. Read Proverbs 15:18; 19:19; 29:22. What do you learn about anger and wrath from these verses?

Day 26

One very difficult thing to bring under control is our tongue.

1. Read James 3:1-10. With our tongues we can speak for good (to edify or encourage) or for bad (to tear down or curse), James says this should not be so. What do we need to do with our tongue?

2. Read Proverbs 10:19 & 17:27-28. What do you learn about talking too much?

3. Read Proverbs 18:13 & 29:20. What hope is there for a man who speaks too hastily?

4. Read James 1:19. Instead of talking too much what should we do?

Day 27

Self-control isn't only about stopping sinful behavior, but also doing those things God wants.

1. Read what Jesus said in John 15:12. Is it hard for you to love other people? How hard is it to love others as Jesus loved them?

2. Read what Jesus said in Matthew 25:31-46. What does it mean for us to love one another?

3. Read Jesus standard for love in Matthew 5:43-48. Do you think we need God's help to achieve this kind of love?

4. Read Hebrews 10:23-25. What will we do if we love one another?

Day 28

1. Part of God's work is to teach those who are not children of God. Read Colossians 4:2-6. What does it mean to "walk in wisdom towards those who are outside, redeeming the time"?

2. Read 1 Peter 3:15. How can you be ready to answer somebody's question about your hope in God?

3. Read 2 Timothy 2:24-26. What is the purpose of teaching the words of truth?

4. Read 2 Timothy 4:1-2. When should we be ready to preach the word?

Day 30

We must endure trials in order to reap the rewards of heaven.

1. Start by reading Jesus' parable of the sower in Mark 4:3-9 and His explanation of the parable in 4:13-20. Why does the seed sown on the stony ground wither away in vs. 16-17?

2. Read this faithful saying in 2 Timothy 2:11-13. What will happen if we endure?

3. Read Hebrews 10:36. What must we do to receive the promises?

4. Read James 1:12. How long must one endure in order to receive the crown of life? Read Revelation 2:10.

Day 32

Today let's consider some other examples of patience.

1. Read James 5:7-8. How is a farmer an example of patience?
2. Read James 5:10-11. Look at the example of Job. Read Job 1:13-22 and Job 42:10-17. What result does God intend for our perseverance?
3. Read Romans 15:4. Why has God given us the Scriptures?
4. Read Hebrews 11:27. Why was Moses willing to endure the wrath of the king?

Day 33**It is commendable before God if you suffer for doing good.**

1. Read 1 Peter 2:19-20. What suffering is not commendable before God?
2. Read 1 Peter 3:14-17. What must we do so that those who revile us might be ashamed?
3. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:3-5. Their patience in suffering was evidence of what?
4. Read 1 Peter 5:10. What will God do for you after you have suffered awhile?

Day 35

You must be patient in doing good.

1. Read Romans 2:5-7. To whom will God give eternal life?

2. Read Galatians 6:9-10. What problem may occur when we continually do good?

3. Read 2 Thessalonians 3:11-13. Why is Paul concerned that we may grow weary in doing good?

4. If we are to persevere, we must be watchful as soldiers and protected from the enemy. Read Ephesians 6:13-18. What is the whole armor of God?

Day 36 *Week 6 Topic: Godliness*

Associated Words: Holiness, and Sanctity

It is God's will for us to partake in his godliness.

1. Read 2 Peter 3:11. Why should we be careful of our conduct and godliness?

2. Read Hebrews 12:14. If we do not pursue holiness what will happen?

3. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8. Since we are called in holiness, what must we avoid?

Day 37

God has given us everything we need to receive godliness and sanctification.

1. Read 2 Peter 1:2-4. How has God given to us all things pertaining to godliness?

2. Read John 17:17-19. How does God sanctify us?

3. Read Titus 1:1. What is godliness in accordance with?

Day 39

Godliness and the world do not mix.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 3:17. What is God's temple? Why must we not defile it?

2. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. How can we inherit the kingdom of God if we have done unrighteous deeds?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 6:17-18. How do we separate ourselves from the world, if we are living in it?

Day 40

1. Read Hebrews 12:10. What does God do for us that we may partake with His holiness?

2. Read 1 Timothy 3:16. How does Jesus reveal godliness to us?

3. Read Romans 6:17-23. How do we bear the fruit of holiness?

Day 41

1. Read Acts 26:15-18. Why was Saul (the Apostle Paul) sent to the gentiles?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 1:2. What are those who are sanctified called? What do they do?
3. Read Ephesians 1:3,4. Those who are blessed by Christ should be what?
4. Read Ephesians 5:25-27. In this passage husbands are told to love their wives as Christ loved the church. How did Christ love the church?

Day 44

You shall know them by their love.

Read 1 John 3:10-23 and answer the following questions.

1. How can you tell the difference between the children of God and the children of the devil?
2. What should we do if we love our brethren?
3. How should we love our brethren?
4. What is God's commandment for us?

Day 52

The fruit of the Spirit.

1. Read Galatians 5:22-23. How does love relate to all the other characteristics?

2. Read Galatians 5:6. What makes faith work?

3. Read Colossians 3:12-14. What does love do for us?

4. Read 1Peter 4:8. How does love cover sin?

Day 54

Love is... Is not...

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.

1. List all the things love does.

2. List all the things love does not do.

3. In verse 7 we are told to believe "all things". What does that mean?

4. How do feelings fit in with these lists of what love does and doesn't do?

Day 55**Love disciplines properly.**

1. Read Leviticus 19:17-18. If you love your neighbor, what should you do? What should you not do?
2. Read Matthew 18:15. What is our goal when we rebuke our brother's sin?
3. Read 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15. What does Paul mean by walking disorderly? How do we treat a brother walking disorderly?
4. Read Proverbs 3:11-12. Why does God correct us?

Day 56

Love your enemy.

Probably the greatest test our love we will ever face.

Read Luke 6:27-35.

1. What specific things should we do for our enemies to love them?

2. If we love those who love us what credit is that to us?

3. Read Luke 23:33-34. Jesus prays for those who are killing him. Why did He pray for God to forgive them?

4. Read Acts 7:59-60. Sometimes we think only Jesus could love His enemies. If that were true how could Stephen pray for those who were killing him?