BASIC CHRISTIAN LIFE INTRODUCTION

God has a wonderful purpose for your life. Success in life for every person, including you, will be determined by whether or not they fulfilled God's purpose. In order to find and fulfill God's purpose we must learn to live for Jesus every day. That is what this study is designed to help you do.

Each lesson has three parts: {1} the Scripture study, {2} Basic Questions, and {3} Scripture memory. The scripture study will teach you the truth of God's word. The basic questions will help you live the truth. The scripture memory will help you hide the truth in your heart.

In this study you will learn the root of all your problems, who your enemy is and how to defeat him, the solution to your problems, and how to live for Jesus and fulfill God's purpose for your life.

Begin each lesson with prayer. Write the answers in your own words. Ask God to help you live what you learn.

May God bless you as you study His word.

BASIC CHRISTIAN LIFE LESSON I THE PROBLEM

(SIN)

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.

1. What is sin? 1 John 3:4, James 4:17, Romans 14:23b*

2. According to Matthew 15:19, where does sin come from?_____

3. What does sin produce? James 1:14-17, Romans 6:23a*_____

4. What does sin do to our relationship with God? Isaiah 59:2

5. Who is guilty of sin? Romans 3:23 ______

6. What will God do to those who do not deal with their sin?

Proverbs 10:29b* _____

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you live what you studied.

- Do you realize that you have sinned? yes___ no___ If no, pray right now asking God to show you your sin so you can repent.
- 2. What are some of the attitudes in your heart that have caused you to sin?
- 3. What are some of the problems you have that have been caused by your sin?

4. Are you ready to do what God's word, the Bible, tells you to do about your sin? yes__ no__ If no, pray right now asking God to give you a repentant heart.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing Romans 3:23

* a = first part of the verse b = second part of the verse

> SIN IS THE CAUSE OF EVERY PROBLEM

BASIC CHRISTIAN LIFE LESSON II THE SOLUTION

(SALVATION)

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.
1. What did God do because of our sin? Romans 5:8 ______
2. Why did God send Jesus to die for us? John 3:16 ______
3. When Jesus died what did He provide for our sins? Ephesians
 1:7 ______

- 4. Has God provided any other way for man to have forgiveness of sin? Acts 4:12 ______
- 5. What must we do in order to receive God's forgiveness? Acts 3:19 _____
- 6. Besides repentance, what two things must happen in order for a person to be converted? Romans 10:9-10 _____
- 7. What did Jesus say we must be willing to do if He is our Lord? Luke 14:26, 27 & 33, Matthew 10:37-39 _____
- 8. What happens to us when Jesus becomes our Lord and Saviour?
 2 Corinthians 5:17 _____
- 9. What does God give us so we can live for Him? Luke 11:13
- 10. How do we live as a new person in Christ? Galatians 2:20,

5:24-25 _____

- 11. How do we receive the full power of the Holy Spirit so we can walk in the Spirit? Acts 1:5,8; 2:1-4; 4:31 _____
- 12. After receiving God's salvation what must we continue to do in order to have victory over sin? Galatians 5:16-18, I John 5:1-3

Romans 6:17-18 _____

13. What physical act shows we have repented of our sin and received Jesus as our Lord and Saviour? Romans 6:4, Galatians 3:27

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you live what you studied.

- Do you believe God loves you, Jesus died for you. and that only through Jesus we can find forgiveness of sins? yes__ no__ If no, pray right now and ask God to make the truth of His love and salvation real to you.
- 2. Have you repented of your sins, given your heart to Jesus, and openly confessed to other people that He is your Lord and Saviour? yes__ no__ If not, pray this prayer from your heart and tell the first person you meet that Jesus is your Lord and Saviour:

"Dear God, thank you for the love you showed in Jesus. I need you. I turn from satan and the things of this world. I open my heart and repent of my sins. Jesus, I believe you died for my sins and rose again. Come into my heart and save my soul. Take control of my life, and be my Lord and Saviour. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I might live for you. Thank you for hearing my prayer, in Jesus' name, I pray. Amen"

- 3. Have you yielded yourself, your relationships, your goals and your possessions to the Lordship of Jesus? yes__ no__ If no, pray right now and give everything you have to God. Ask Him to give you wisdom to use it for His service.
- 4. Have you asked God to fill you with His Holy Spirit so you can live daily in obedience to God's word? yes__ no__ If no, pray right now asking God to fill you with His Holy Spirit and give you an obedient heart.
- 5. Have you obeyed Jesus by being water baptized? yes__ no__ If no, decide right now that you will be water baptized as soon as possible.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing John 3:16

WE MUST YIELD EVERYTHING TO GOD IN ORDER TO LIVE FOR HIM

BASIC CHRISTIAN LIFE LESSON III THE PURPOSE

(ETERNAL LIFE)

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.
1. What is eternal life? John 17:3
2. Who is God? Isaiah 46:9, Psalm 90:2, Isaiah 57:15
3. How has God revealed Himself to us? Hebrews 1:1-2; Colossians
1:13-16; John 1:1-4,9,14; Ps. 19:1-3
4. Is Jesus God? Isaiah 9:6, Hebrews 1:8, John 20:28
5. How did Jesus say God would manifest Himself after He went
back to heaven? John 4:24; 14:16-17; 16:7-11
6. What are the 13 main characteristics of God?
A. Jeremiah 23:23-24
B. Job 42:2
C. I John 3:20
D. I John 4:16
E. I John 1:5
F. Isaiah 6:3
G. Psalms 103:8
H. I Timothy 1:17
I. 2 Timothy 2:13
J. Daniel 9:14
K. Isaiah 45:21
L. Romans 8:33
7. What is God's will for mankind? 2 Peter 3:9
8. Why does God want men to repent? I John 1:2-3

- 9. What does God want to do in your life as you fellowship with Him? 2 Timothy 1:9 _____
- 10. What do we have to do in order to find and fulfill God's pur-

pose for our lives? Philippians 2:12-13, Hebrews 5:9

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you live what you studied.

- Are you seeking to know God and Jesus Christ whom He sent? yes__ no__ If no, ask God to help you want to know Him.
- 2. Do you really believe God is all the Bible says He is? yes____ no___ If no, repent of your unbelief and ask God to give you faith to believe He is all the Bible tells us He is.
- Are you seeking to live in fellowship with God? yes__ no__ If not, begin today.
- Do you desire to find and fulfill God's purpose for your life with all your heart? yes__ no__ If not, decide to do so right now.
- 5. Are you seeking to live in obedience to what Christ has commanded you to do? yes__ no__ If no, ask God to give you an obedient heart right now.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing John 17:3

WE NEED TO LIVE TO FULFILL GOD'S PURPOSE FOR OUR LIVES

BASIC CHRISTIAN LIFE LESSON IV THE ENEMY

(SPIRITUAL WARFARE)

SCI	RIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.
l.	Who wants to destroy you? I Peter 5:8
2.	Who works with satan to help destroy us? Ephesians 6:12
3.	How does the devil tempt us to disobey God? Genesis 3:1-6, 13,
	Luke 4:1-13, James 1:14-16
4.	Why does God allow us to be tempted? I Peter 1:6-7, Romans 5:3-5
5.	Are we able to overcome satan's temptations? I Corinthians
	10:13
6.	What is the way of escape that God has provided for us?
	Matthew 26:41, Ephesians 6:10-11
7.	What are the seven parts of our spiritual armor? Ephesians 6:13-18
	A E
	B F
	C G
	D
8.	What will God's armor enable us to do in order to defeat
	Satan? 2 Corinthians 10:3-6
9.	Why are we able to defeat satan? I John 4:4
10	. What 4 things should a person do to overcome the affects of
	sin when someone has yielded to temptation? Mark 16:17, James
	5:16, 1 John 1:9, Luke 17:3-4, Leviticus 6:2-5

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BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you live what you studied.

- DO you realize Satan, not God, people or circumstances, is your enemy? yes__ no__ If not, set your heart to receive and believe it this day.
- 2. What is your area(s) of greatest temptation? _____

Ask God to give you strength, wisdom and courage to cleanse your heart and mind so you can overcome in these areas.

- 3. Do you check your Spiritual armor daily to be sure you have what you need to live in victory over satan? yes__ no ____ If not, begin to do so right now.
- 4. Are you seeking to bring every thought and desire of your heart in line with God's will for your life? yes__ no__ If not, seek to do so right now.
- 5. Have you done the things God's word says to do to deal with the sin in your life and the lives of others? ___ yes ___ no If no, begin to do so today.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing I Peter 5:8

WE MUST PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

BASIC CHRISTIAN LIFE LESSON V SPIRITUAL GROWTH

(LEARNING TO LIVE FOR JESUS)

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.
 What are the 3 stages of spiritual growth and what happens in each stage? I John 2:12-14
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2. What must we do daily in order to grow in our relationship to
God? Luke 9:23, Romans 12:1-2
3. What are the things we must seek to add to our faith in order
to grow spiritually and in what order? 2 Peter 1:5-11
4. As we grow in God and our mind is renewed, what things will God remove from our life and what are the 11 things He will replace them with. Ephesians 4:17 - 5:16
Remove Replace
5 How should we deal with problems we have with people in order
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6. How should we live in order to grow spiritually? Romans 8:5-6,

	Galatians 5:16-25
7.	How will spiritual growth help you in your relationship with
	God. John 7:17, Ephesians 5:17
8.	What does doing God's will enable us to experience in this life? Romans 8:1, 13-14, 28, 31, 35-39, Colossians 1:9-13
BAS	SIC QUESTIONS: To help you live what you studied.
1.	What stage of spiritual growth are you in?
2.	Are you daily yielding your life to Christ in order to grow spiritually? yes no If not, pray and yield your life totally right now and continue to do it first thing each morning.
3.	Are you seeking to add to your faith the things you need in order to grow spiritually and are you doing it in the proper order? yes no If not, begin to do it right now. Pray and ask God to help you do it.
4.	What things does God need to remove from your life in order

Pray right now repenting and asking God to remove these things from your life and to replace them with the things of the Spirit.

for you to grow spiritually?_____

- 5. Are you seeking to set your mind on the things of the Spirit in order to walk in the Spirit? yes___ no___ If not, pray right now asking God to help you set your mind on the things of the Spirit.
- 6. Is knowing and doing God's will the most important thing in life to you? yes__ no__ If not, decide right now to make it top priority in your life.
- MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing Luke 9:23 THE THREE STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

BASIC CHRISTIAN LIFE LESSON VI SPIRITUAL DIET

(PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY)

A. PRAYER

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.
1. How do you enter God's presence in order to talk with Him?
Psalms 100:4, I Timothy 2:8
2. What does praising God help us to do? Ephesians 5:18-20
3. What two ways do we pray? I Corinthians 14:15
4. How do we pray in the Spirit? Romans 8:26, I Corinthians 14:14
5. What does praying in the Spirit do? Jude 20
6. How do we pray with our understanding? Matthew 6:5-13
7. What are some of the things God tells us to pray for? Matthew 5:44, 9:38; Psalms 32:5-6, 122:6; James 1:5, 5:16; I Timothy 2:1-3
8. When should we pray? I Thessalonians 5:17, Luke 18:1
9. What do we need to add to our prayers in order to defeat the
enemy sometimes? Matthew 17:21
10. If we are living for Jesus, what does He promise concerning
our prayers? I John 3:22; 5:14
11. What can keep God from hearing our prayers? James 4:3, Psalms

66:18, I Peter 3:7, Mark 11:25-26 _____

12. What must we do to get these hindrances removed? I John 1:9

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you live what you studied.

- Do you approach God with a thankful heart when you pray? yes__ no__ If you have a problem in this area, sing praises to God as you begin your prayers.
- Have you allowed God to fill you with His Spirit? yes__no__ If not, pray right now yielding your will to God and asking Him to fill you with His Spirit. Begin praising Him from your heart for doing it.
- 3. Do you build your faith by praying in the Spirit? yes__no___ If not, begin to do so right now.
- Do you pray for the things God ask you to pray for using the pattern He gave? yes__ no__ If not, begin today.
- Is there anything in your life that would hinder God from hearing your prayers? yes__ no__ If yes, repent of it right now.
- 6. Are you always ready to pray about the situations you meet in life? yes__ no__ If not, begin right now by asking God to give you a spirit of prayer.
- Do you ever fast when you are having a hard time gaining victory over a problem? yes__ no__ If no, begin to do so today.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing I Timothy 2:8

B. THE BIBLE

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.

- 1. What should man live by? Luke 4:4 _____
- 2. As a Christian, what should we feed on in order to grow?

1 Peter 2:1-3 _____

- 3. How do we know we can trust the Bible? 2 Timothy 3:16
- 4. Besides living by what it says, what six things do we need to do with God's word? Ephesians 3:4, 2 Timothy 2:15, Psalms 1:1-2; 119:11, I John 1:1-3, Habakuk 2:2

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5.	How does God help us as we study His word? John 16:13-14
б.	What does listening to God's word do for our faith? Romans 10:17
7.	How does God's word help us fight the enemy as we study and
	share it? Hebrews 4:12
8.	What does Jesus say concerning those who live by His word?
	John 8:31-32
BAS	SIC QUESTIONS: To help you live what you studied.
1.	Do you feed your spirit on God's word daily? yes no If not, begin today.
2.	Do you meditate on and memorize God's word so that it can show you how to deal with the problems of life, and cleanse your heart and mind? yes no If not, begin to do so today.
3.	Do you write down the things God tells you as you study His word so you can meditate on them later? yes no If no, begin to do so today.
4.	Do you share what God shows you in His word at every oppor- tunity so that others can benefit from what God has blessed you with? yes no If not, begin to do so today.
5.	Memorize the books of the Bible and write them below.
MEI	MORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing 2 Timothy 3:16.
	NEED TO FEED ON THE WORD AND PRAYER DAILY ORDER TO STRENGTHEN OUR SPIRIT MAN

BASIC CHRISTIAN LIFE LESSON VII SPIRITUAL EXERCISE

(FELLOWSHIP & WITNESSING)

A. FELLOWSHIP

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.

1. What are we able to do if we are living for Jesus? I John 1:7

2. Why do we need fellowship? Hebrews 10:24-25 _____

3. How do we know that we love God? I John 4:20-21; 5:2

- 4. How do others know we belong to Jesus? John 13:35 _____
- 5. How do we show other Christians the love of God? I John 3:17, Galatians 6:10, James 1:27, 2:14-17
- 6. Who should we not fellowship with? Proverbs 12:26,

I Corinthians 15:33, 2 Corinthians 6:14 _____

BASIC QUESTION: To help you live what you studied.

- 1. Are you seeking to fellowship with other Christians so they can help you grow spiritually? yes__ no__ If not, begin to do so today. Ask God to lead you to the people He wants you to fellowship with.
- Do you show how much you love God by ministering to other people especially Christians whenever you are able to do so? yes__ no__ If not, repent and ask God to help you be faithful to do this.
- 3. Do you fellowship with people who do not love Jesus? yes__no__ If yes, repent and ask God to help you seek fellowship with Christians who love Jesus and are seeking to live for Him.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing Hebrews 10:24-25.

B. WITNESSING
SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.
1. What is one of the ministries God has given us? 2 Corinthians
5:18-19
2. What should we be prepared to do as God's people? I Peter 3:15
3. What should we do as we go about our daily activity? Matthew
10:7-8
4. How and where are we to witness for Jesus? Acts 1:8
5. What three things is the Holy Spirit dealing with the lost
world about? John 16:7-11
6. What two things did Paul share everywhere he went? Acts 20:21
7. What are the main points of the gospel message according to these scriptures? Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 2:4; 10:9-10; 6:17-18
8. What is God's instruction and promise to us as we go in His
name? Matthew 28:18-20
BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you live what you studied.
 Have you been telling others about Jesus as you go about your daily activities? yes no If no, repent and ask God to help you witness to others.
 Do you tell others of their need to repent and live for Jesus or do your try to avoid the subject of repentance? tell avoid If avoid, ask God to give you boldness to share a clear gospel message.
3. Do you try to make disciples by teaching those who ask Jesus into their heart how to live for Jesus? yes no If no, begin by sharing what you've learned in this study with them.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing I Peter 3:15

WE NEED TO WITNESS DAILY IN ORDER TO GROW SPIRITUALLY STRONG

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