

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING MANUAL



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Chapter 1

PRINCIPLES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

"...All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18 - 20

The Great Commission is great. It includes:

A Great **Claim**: *"all authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me"*
(The Lordship of Christ in all areas of life.)

A Great **Commission**: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations"*
(The whole church taking the whole Gospel to the whole world.)

A Great **Command**: *"teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*

A Great **Promise**: *"And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."*

"Entrust these things to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others." 2 Timothy 2:2

Discipleship is not complete until the disciple is discipling. A disciple is a learner. Discipleship is the process of following the Lord in relationships of accountability with other believers. It involves studying the Bible and discovering and practising what it means to follow Christ.

A Disciple Follows Christ

"Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

A Disciple Holds to Christ's Teaching

"If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples." John 8:31

A Disciple Listens to Christ

"My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me." John 10:27

A Disciple Serves Christ

"Whoever serves Me must follow Me; and where I am, My servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves Me." John 12:26

A Disciple Glorifies God by Bearing Fruit

*"This is to My Father's glory, that you **bear much fruit**, showing yourselves to be My disciples."*
John 15:8

A Disciple Gives up Everything for Christ

*"In the same way, any of you who does not **give up everything** he has, cannot be My disciple."*
Luke 14:33

A Disciple Denies Himself and Takes up His Cross

*"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone would come after Me, he must **deny himself** and **take up his cross** and **follow Me**.'"*
Matthew 16:24

A Disciple Loves Other Believers

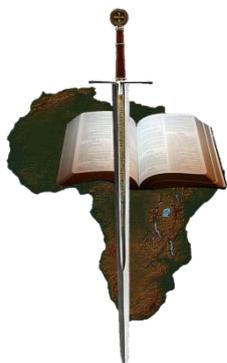
*"All men will know that you are My disciples if you **love one another**."*
John 13:25

A Disciple Endures Suffering

*"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should **follow in His steps**."*
1 Peter 2:21

A Disciple Separates Himself from Sin and Becomes Useful

*"If a man **cleanses** himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, **useful** to the Master and **prepared** to do any good work."*
2 Timothy 2:21



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WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

1. A **SAINT** 1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Peter 1:15; Hebrews 13:12

Be Holy – set apart for the exclusive use of God.

A true Christian loves God, loves the Bible, loves prayer and hates sin. "... without holiness no one will see the Lord." Hebrews 12: 14

2. A **FREE MAN** 1 John 3:8; Ephesians 1:7; Galatians 1:4; Hebrews 2:14-15

The Word of God is the Truth (John 17:17) that sets us free (John 8:32). A Christian is one who has surrendered to the Word of God (James 1:21-25) and received the freedom that God gives (John 8:36).

"Freedom is what we have – Christ has set us free: Stand then as free people, and do not allow yourselves to become slaves again". Galatians 5:1 (see also Ezekiel 34:27)

3. A **SERVANT** Matthew 20:26-28; Mark 9:35; John 13:15; Luke 17:10

Jesus came to serve – to serve God and to serve others. We are to follow His example and be concerned above all else with meeting the needs of others (1 John 3:18). (See also Matthew 25:40; Luke 12:47-48; 1 Corinthians 15:58).

"Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

4. An **ATHLETE**

Keep yourself in training for a Godly life. Do Spiritual exercises (1 Timothy 4:7-8). Rid yourself of all unnecessary weight, free yourself from all known sin, throw aside every encumbrance and run with determination and endurance (Hebrews 12:1). Obey the rules (2 Timothy 2:5). Run to win, submit to strict discipline, run straight, harden our body and control your movements (1 Corinthians 9:24-27). Run your best, run the full distance (2 Timothy 4:7).

"Run in such a way as to get the prize ... a crown that will last forever." 1 Corinthians 9: 24-25

5. A **SOLDIER** 2 Timothy 2:3-4

We have a spiritual enemy to fight (Ephesians 6:12-13). We have a spiritual war to win (Romans 13:12-14). We have spiritual weapons that are powerful to the destroying of strongholds, to the destroying of false arguments, and to the pulling down of every proud obstacle raised against the knowledge of God (2 Corinthians 10:35). Therefore: Be disciplined (2 Timothy 2:3); be motivated (Acts 20:24); be obedient (1 Timothy 6:14); be prepared (Ephesians 6:10-12); be alert (1 Peter 5:8-9); use the Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17), the Word of God (Hebrews 4:12); to spread the truth that sets people free (John 8:32); fight evil (Romans 12:21); resist the devil (James 4:7); bind the powers of evil (Matthew 18:18); enforce the victory of the Cross (Colossians 2:15); attack the strongholds of the enemy (2 Corinthians 10:4); storm the gates of hell (Matthew 16:18-19); set the prisoners free (Isaiah 61:1); win the victory in Jesus Name (1 Corinthians 15:57).

"We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Romans 8:37

6. A **WORKER** Matthew 20:1-16

As workers for the Lord (Colossians 3:23), we are to always do our best (2 Timothy 2:15), wholeheartedly (Luke 9:62) and everything we do is to be done in love (1 Corinthians 16:14).

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58 (See also Hebrews 5:10-11 and Matthew 6:33)

7. A **VESSEL** 2 Corinthians 4:7

Don't be polluted with wrong thoughts and wrong desires (Col 3:8). You wouldn't want even one drop of poison, infection or sewerage in your water supply or water bottle! So don't tolerate sin in your life. Sin is as dangerous as poison and an unexploded bomb. Sin is a cancer that rots away our faith and morals. Don't be polluted by sin.

Don't be empty (Ephesians 3:17-19)

Be filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18); (Galatians 5:22 and Matthew 5:8).

“So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that ...you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:17-19

8. A **DISCIPLE**

A disciple is one who gives up everything (Luke 14:33); denies himself (Matthew 16:24); takes up his Cross (Mark 8:34) and follows the example of Jesus (1 Peter 2:21). It is a life characterised by dedication to the Word of God (John 8:31) and love for the people of God (John 8:34).

“Anyone who does not carry his Cross and follow Me cannot be my Disciple.” Luke 14: 27

9. A **PILGRIM**

People with a call, people of persistence, travellers - seeking after the best that God has for them, people with a vision who proclaim their faith (Hebrews 11: 8-16).

Strangers to this world, (1 Peter 2:11) refugees (1 Peter 1:1), foreigners.

We don't belong to the world (John 15:18-19) we are just passing through. We belong to a Heavenly country and as pilgrims we must press on towards it, forsaking the world. Don't look back. Never turn back (Hebrews 11:13-16). We are looking towards something far better.

“You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13

10. A **FARMER** Matthew 21:28-32

As a Christian you are like a farmer in God's vineyard (Matthew 20:1). We must sow (John 4:37) the seed of the Gospel (Mark 4:14) which will accomplish (Isaiah 55:11) the task of Salvation (Romans 1:16). We must plough up the hard ground and water the soil with much prayer (1 Corinthians 3:8) and reap the harvest (John 4:38). Remember that the person who sows few seeds will have a small crop; the one who sows many seeds will have a large crop (2 Cor 9:6). (See also Prov 10:5)

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." Matt 9:37-38

11. The **SALT OF THE EARTH** Matthew 5:13

Salt **preserves** – we should preserve that which is holy, good and right.

Salt **heals** – we should heal the brokenhearted with encouragement, comfort, love in action and prayer.

Salt **melts** – we should melt the cold hearts with the warmth of our love and enthusiasm of our faith.

Salt **creates thirst** – we should make people thirst for spiritual life in Jesus - the living Waters (John 7:37-38).

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men." Matthew 5:13

12. The **LIGHT OF THE WORLD** Matthew 5:14-16

Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12)

Jesus is in the believer (Colossians 1:27)

We are now light for the world (Matthew 5:14-16)

So SHINE for Jesus!

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl ... In the same way let your light shine before men that they might see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

From all these Scriptural pictures of what a Christian should be we should see the inadequacy of the shallow, one dimensional, superficial concepts of *"just believe"*, *"just pray this prayer"*, *"just open the door of your heart"* brand of half-hearted, lukewarm, namby-pamby, wishy-washy, wimpish, weak and weedy churchianity!

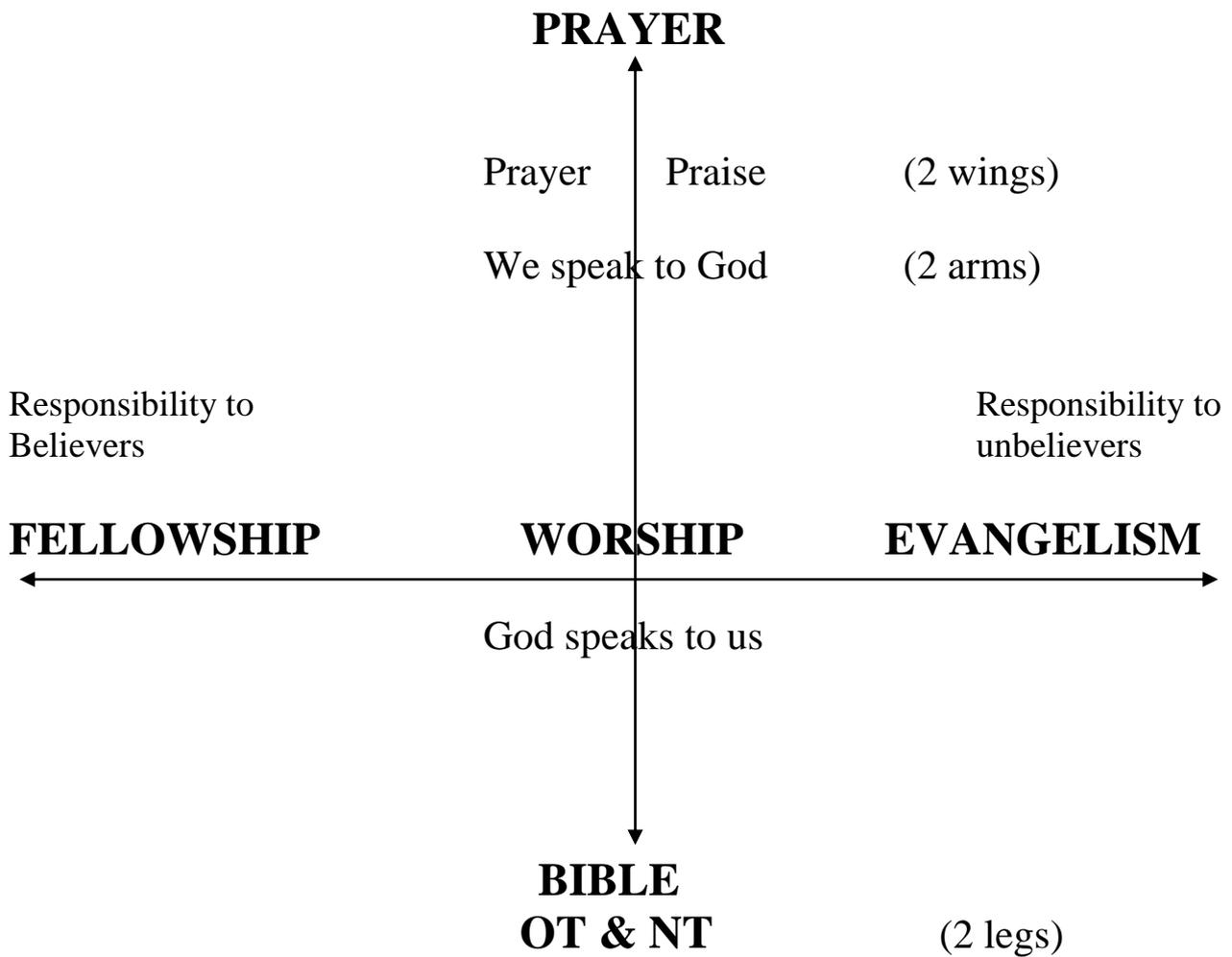
Any definition of a Christian must include: action, devotion, dedication, persistence, sacrifice and service.

"But you, man of God, flee from all this and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith." 1 Timothy 6: 11-12



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BALANCED DISCIPLESHIP



- Acts 1:8 Power for evangelism
- Jerusalem (EO)
 - Judea (E1)
 - Samaria (E2)
 - Uttermost Parts (E3)



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SHAPING MY LIFE

BOOKS that have most influenced my life: _____

FILMS that have most influenced my life: _____

EVENTS that have most influenced my life: _____

EXPERIENCES that have most influenced my life: _____

SERMONS (Bible Studies or Prayer Meetings) that have most influenced my life: _____

PEOPLE that have most influenced my life: _____

SCRIPTURES that have most influenced my life: _____

RESPONSIBILITIES that have most influenced my life: _____

COMMITMENTS that have most influenced my life: _____

ACHIEVEMENTS that have most influenced my life: _____

DESCRIBE Yourself: _____

What are your main WEAKNESSES: _____

What are your main STRENGTHS: _____



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SURVEY ON YOUR SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING

1. Where do people go when they die? _____

2. What do you think God is like? _____

3. If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? _____

4. Should God punish murderers and rapists? Is so, how should He punish them? _____

5. What do you think a person has to do to go to Heaven? _____

6. Do you consider yourself to be a good person? _____
7. How many of the Ten Commandments can you name? _____

8. Do you think you have kept the Ten Commandments? _____
9. If God was to judge you by the Ten Commandments would you be innocent or guilty? _____

10. Where would you go if you died tonight? _____
11. Do you believe there is such a place as Hell? _____
12. If there was a way to avoid death, would you be interested? _____
13. Do you think the Bible's claim, that someone can know that they have everlasting life is true? _____
14. Who do you think Jesus is? _____

15. What is stopping you from asking God for forgiveness and being converted to Christ right now? _____



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LIFE MAPPING

1. What do you really want out of life? _____

2. How much energy, effort and sacrifice are you willing to expend to get it? _____

3. What are your talents, gifts and strengths? _____

4. What are your weaknesses? _____

5. Who do you admire and respect the most? _____

6. What are your highest values? _____

7. What do you believe your mission in life is? _____

8. At the end of your life what would you like your epitaph to say? _____

9. Ideally what would you like to achieve in the next 5 years? _____

10. What will you need to change in order to achieve those goals? _____



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Chapter 7

ARE YOU WISE or FOOLISH?

In your use of *time*

Careful, thoughtful, prayerful and strategic

VS.

TV watching, wasteful, squandering, lazy and time wasting

In your use of *money*

Generous, effective and good steward

VS.

Obsessive, greedy, wasteful, extravagant and gambling

In your *relationships*

Dependable, Godly, uplifting, challenging, forgiving, faithful and bringing out the best

VS.

Worldly, degenerate, immoral, selfish, ill tempered and being a bad influence

In your *work*

Diligent, dependable, hard working and productive

VS.

Careless, corrupt, indolent and sloppy

In your *attitude*

Humble, teachable and respectful

VS.

Sullen, arrogant, un-teachable and prideful

In your *appetites*

Self-controlled, balanced and sober

VS.

Self-indulgent, drunken, gluttonous and lustful

In your choice of *music*

Classical, uplifting, God-honouring, Psalms and hymns

VS.

Degenerate, ungodly, rock, rap, hip hop and rave

In your choice of *entertainment*

God-honouring, inspirational and faith-building

VS.

Pagan, secular, Hollywood degeneracy

In your choice of *reading*

Bible-based, Christian, inspirational and useful

VS.

Secular, newspapers, worldly scandal rags, shallow, superficial and silly

In your choice of *friends*

Christ-centered, faithful and dependable

VS.

Worldly, immoral, gossips and negative influences

In submission to *authority*

Obedient, respectful and faithful

VS.

Disrespectful, disobedient and rebellious

In reaction to *criticism and correction*

Humble, teachable, responsive and obedient

VS.

Resentful, arrogant, rebellious and destructive

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.” Matthew 7:24-25



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Chapter 8

ARE YOU WISE or FOOLISH?

QUESTIONNAIRE

“The fear of the Lord – that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.” Job 28:28

1. Do you fear God? _____
2. Do you shun evil? _____

“But the wisdom that comes from Heaven is first of all pure; then peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.” James 3:17

3. Are you pure? _____
4. Are you peace loving? _____
5. Are you considerate? _____
6. Are you submissive to authority? _____
7. Are you full of mercy? _____
8. Do you produce good fruit? _____
9. Are you impartial? _____
10. Are you sincere? _____

“... you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 3:15

11. Do you know the Holy Scriptures? _____
12. Have you experienced salvation through faith in Christ Jesus?

13. Are you carefully applying the Words of Christ to every area of life?

14. Are you building your life upon the Word of God? _____

“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all...” James 1:5

15. Have you prayed to God for wisdom? _____

“The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.” Proverbs 15:14

16. Do you wholeheartedly seek knowledge? _____
17. Do you feed on folly? _____

“He who answers before listening – that is his folly and his shame.” Proverbs 18:13

18. Are you a good listener? _____

“It is to a man’s honour to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel.” Proverbs 20:3

19. Are you careful to avoid strife? _____

20. Are you quick to quarrel? _____

“He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.” Proverbs 28:6

21. Do you trust in yourself? _____

“... the man who gains riches by unjust means. When his life is half gone, they will desert him, and in the end he will prove to be a fool.” Jeremiah 17:11

22. Have you gained financially from unjust means? _____

“He who conceals his hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool.”

Proverbs 10:18

23. Do you spread slander? _____

“Fools mock at making amends for sin...” Proverbs 14:9

24. Have you failed to make restitution? _____

“The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, and their ways are vile; there is no one who does good.” Psalm 53:1

25. Do you deny the existence of the Creator? _____

“... they are foolish, for they do not know the way of the Lord, the requirements of their God.”

Jeremiah 5:4

26. Do you know the requirements of the Lord? _____

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.”

Proverbs 1:7

27. Do you appreciate discipline? _____



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EVALUATING MYSELF IN THE LIGHT OF THE BEAUTITUDES

(MATTHEW 5:3-12)

ARE YOU BLESSED?

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

1. **ARE YOU HUMBLE?** _____
 If Yes, explain: _____
 If No, what do you need to do: _____

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

2. **ARE YOU REPENTANT?** _____
 If Yes, explain: _____
 If No, what do you need to do: _____

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”

3. **ARE YOU MEEK?** _____
 If Yes, explain: _____
 If No, what do you need to do: _____

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.”

4. **DO YOU HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS?** _____
 If Yes, explain: _____

 If No, what do you need to do: _____

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

5. **ARE YOU MERCIFUL?** _____
 If Yes, explain: _____
 If No, what do you need to do: _____

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

6. **ARE YOU PURE IN HEART?** _____
 If Yes, explain: _____
 If No, what do you need to do: _____

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.”

7. **ARE YOU A PEACEMAKER?** _____
 If Yes, explain: _____
 If No, what do you need to do: _____

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of God.”

8. ARE YOU BEING PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS?

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you, because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in Heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

9. HAVE YOU BEEN INSULTED, PERSECUTED AND HAD FALSE THINGS SAID ABOUT YOU?

“You are the salt of the earth...”

10. ARE YOU BEING SALT IN SOCIETY?

If Yes, explain: _____

If No, what do you need to do: _____

“You are the light of the world... let your light shine before men.”

11. ARE YOU BRINGING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD?

If Yes, explain: _____

If No, what do you need to do: _____

“...That they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven.”

12. ARE PEOPLE PRAISING THE FATHER IN HEAVEN FOR YOUR GOOD DEEDS?

If Yes, explain: _____

If No, what do you need to do: _____



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THE BEATITUDES

GOD'S PATHWAY TO BLESSINGS IN MATTHEW 5:3-12

(CF *The Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23*)

MATTHEW

5V3 *“Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.”*

HUMILITY Isaiah 57:15 *“I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive...”*; Micah 6:8 *“What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”*; James 4:10 *“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up...”*

V4 *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”*

REPENTANCE Joel 2:12 *“Return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.”*; Luke 13:3 *“Unless you repent, you too will all perish.”*; Ezekiel 18:31 *“Rid yourself of all the offences.”*

V5 *“Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth.”*

MEEKNESS 1 Peter 3:4 *“...a gentle and quiet spirit...”*; James 1:21 *“Humbly accept the Word planted in you, which can save you.”*; Ephesians 4:2 *“Be completely humble and gentle, bearing with one another in love.”*

V6 *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”*

SPIRITUAL HUNGER 2 Chronicles 15:15 *“They sought God eagerly, and He was found by them.”*; Psalm 42:2 *“My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.”*; Isaiah 26:9 *“My soul yearns for You...”*; 1 Peter 2:2 *“Crave pure spiritual milk...”*; Psalm 63:1 *“Earnestly I seek You. My soul yearns for You...”*

V7 *“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”*

MERCIFUL Luke 6:36 *“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”*; Micah 6:8 *“He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy...”*

V8 *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”*

PURITY Psalm 24:3-4 *“Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart.”*; 1 Peter 1:22 *“Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth...”*

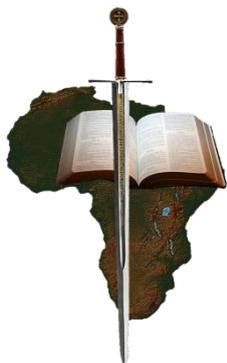
V9 *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.”*

PEACEMAKER Romans 14:19 *“Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace...”*; Proverbs 12:20 *“There is... joy for those who promote peace.”*

V10 *“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of God.”*

SACRIFICIAL SUFFERING FOR CHRIST 1 Peter 2:20 *“But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.”*; Matthew 19:29 *“And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit the eternal life.”*

V11 *“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad because great is your reward in Heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”*



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TRUE HAPPINESS – GOD’S PATHWAY TO BLESSINGS

THE BEATITUDES

(Matthew 5:3-11) cf Psalm 1 & Galatians 5:22-23

CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION

1. HUMILITY *“Pride goes before a fall”*

“Humble yourself before the Lord and He will lift you up.”

(The pastor who received a medal for HUMILITY – The congregation had to take it away from him when he wore it!)(“I’m more humble than you!”)

Sober assessment, judgment, realistic/balanced, fallen creation.

Recognise who God is and admit what you are. Only God is good.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

GOODNESS

VS. PRIDE, ARROGANCE

“To walk humbly with our God.”

2. REPENTANCE *To whose voice are you listening?* **How do you respond to God’s Word?**

CHANGE: **Conviction** – a change of mind

Contrition – a change of heart

Conversion – A change of life/behavior/conduct

Return to the Lord

Turn away from sin

Repentance leads to RESTITUTION and OBEDIENCE

PSALM 1

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of mockers...”

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

SELF CONTROL

VS. REBPROBATE, UNREPENTANT,
UNTEACHABLE, UNRESPONSIVE

“Lord have mercy on me – a sinner!”

3. MEEKNESS *Faith in action*

Confidence. *“A mighty fortress of our God.”* Steadfast. Immovable. Resolute. Strength. Meekness is not weakness. A mountain is meek. *“A gentle and quiet spirit.”*

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT*PATIENCE, SELF CONTROL*VS. *INSENSITIVE, FORCEFUL, ARROGANT***4. SPIRITUAL HUNGER *In what do you delight?****“As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs for you.”*

Enthusiasm for God’s Word. Hunger for God’s Word. Zeal for God.

“...If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.” John 7:37-38

Thirst for God’s Spirit.

PSALM 1*“His delight is in the Law of the Lord, and on His Law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season, whose leaf does not wither; and whatever he does prospers.”***FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT***FAITHFULNESS*VS. *LETHARGY, APATHY, COMPLACENCY***5. MERCY *How much fruit are you producing?*****Are you blessing others?**Forgiving. *“Freely you have received, freely give.”*Generous and kind. *“To love mercy.”**“Be merciful just as your Father is merciful.”***FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT***KINDNESS*VS. *BITTERNESS, JUDGMENTALISM,
MERCILESS, CRUELTY, UNFORGIVING,
HYPER-CRITICAL***6. PURITY *“Without holiness no one will see the Lord.”* Hebrews 12:14**

Sanctified, cleansed, set apart, Holy.

Clean mind, clean thoughts, clean words, clean heart.

“Purified by obeying the truth.”

The cosmonaut who said he had been into space and saw no God, and the young Russian girl:

*“But, comrade, the Bible says that only the pure in heart will see God!”***PSALM 1***“For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous...”***FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT***JOY*VS. *IMPURE, WORLDLY, IMMORAL,
DEFILED.*

7. PEACEMAKING “*A soft answer turns away wrath.*”

A ministry of reconciliation. Doing what needs to be done to bring about restoration.
Communication. Caring enough to confront.
Promote peace.

“Making every effort to do what leads to peace.”

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

PEACE

VS. *GOSSIP, CONTENTIOUS, DIVISIVE,
STRIFE-CAUSING, SCHISM.*

8. SACRIFICIAL SUFFERING “*...all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.*” 2 Timothy 3:12 “*Strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, ‘We must through many tribulations enter the Kingdom of God.’*” Acts 14:22

“They did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.” Rev. 12:11

Stephen, the Apostle, Perpetua, Jan Hus, Anne Askew, William Tyndale.
Duty first. Love God and love neighbour. Stand for Christ no matter what the cost.

“Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matt. 6:33

Jesus said that there is no greater love than that one lay down one’s life for another. (John 15:13)
Sacrificial service is more eloquent than many sermons.

What you do means more than what you say. ACTION speaks louder than words. Love can be measured by how much we are willing to suffer for them.

Forget yourself – deny yourself, forsake the world, take up your cross and follow Christ.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

LOVE

VS. *SELFISHNESS, COWARDICE,
COMPROMISE*

BE HUMBLE, BE REPENTANT, BE MEEK, HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS,
BE MERCIFUL, BE PURE, BE A PEACEMAKER AND STAND FOR CHRIST NO MATTER
WHAT.



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THE WORLD vs THE WORD

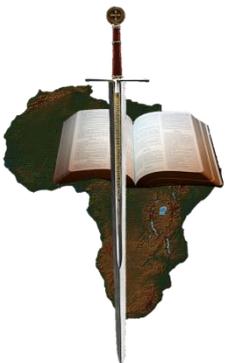
The World (tells us to):
(bullies us to):

Conform
Be greedy
Be selfish
Take
Hoard
Indulge (“If it feels good do it!”)
Be self-centered (“Me, Myself and I”)
Materialistic (“Give, me! Give me!”)
Love things (Cruella de Ville “I live for furs! I worship furs!”)
Use people
Watch TV
Read the newspaper
Revere political and sports idols
Bow before idols of fame and fortune
Entertain (“Amuse”)
Justify ourselves (“I’m a good person!” “It’s not my fault!”)
Conceal our sins
Take revenge
Revel
Boast
Seek approval from the world
Do what is popular
Seek our own advantage
Be politically correct
Take the broad road
Take the easy way
Accept the majority opinion
Go with the flow
Be conformed to the world
Be fashionable

God’s Word (commands us to):
(frees us to):

Be transformed
Be grateful
Be generous
Give
Share
Sacrifice
Be Christ centered
Spiritually minded
Love people
Use things
Worship God
Read the Bible
Fear God alone
Refuse to bow to any idols
Educate (Think)
Confess our sins
Forsake our sins
Do restitution
Repent
Humble ourselves
Seek approval from God alone
Do what is right
Seek first God’s Kingdom
Be Biblically correct
Take the narrow road
Take the High Way
Stand alone if necessary
Swim against the tide
Be different
Be Biblical

“Every decision we make, makes us more a creature of Heaven or Hell.” C.S. Lewis



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QUESTIONS TO EVALUATE OUR CHARACTER

1. How do I respond when I'm **disappointed**? _____

2. How do I respond when I'm **treated unfairly**? _____

3. How do I react when I'm **criticised**? _____

4. How do I treat **my enemies**? _____

5. How do I treat **those weaker than me**? _____

6. How do I treat **animals**? _____

7. How hard do I **work when no one is watching**? _____

8. How **honest** am I when no one would notice? _____

9. Can I take **pressure and persecution**? _____

10. How do I react in times of **crisis, frustration and danger**? Do I melt, dissolve, collapse, fall apart, erupt, lash out or repent? Do I turn to God's Word and to prayer? _____

11. What am I **underneath** it all? _____

12. Does my character display the **fruit of the Spirit**? _____

13. Am I building my **life on the rock of God's Word**, or on the sand of human effort? _____

14. If I was to die today and stand before God's throne, what would **His evaluation of me** be? Could God say to me: "Well done, good and faithful servant!"? _____

15. How much **time** do I spend in **Bible study and prayer** each week? _____

16. What do I do with **my spare time**? _____

17. What do I do with **my money**? _____

18. What do I **enjoy doing more than anything else**? _____

19. What do I **think about the most**? _____

20. Am I **seeking first God's Kingdom and His righteousness**? _____

21. What **music** do I enjoy listening to? _____

22. What **films** do I enjoy watching? _____

23. What **type of friends** do I choose to have? _____

24. What **books** do I enjoy reading? _____

25. Is the **Great Commission** my supreme ambition? _____

26. Would my friends describe me as **unselfish or selfish**? _____

27. Would my friends describe me as **generous or stingy**? _____

28. Would my friends describe me as one who is **quick to forgive** or as one who **holds a grudge**?

29. Would my friends describe me as **spiritual or worldly**? _____

30. **How would God describe me**? _____



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BEING RELEVANT IN A BROKEN WORLD

1. IDENTIFY THE THREATS TO THE **FAMILY**

2. IDENTIFY THE THREATS TO THE **CHURCH**

3. HOW CAN WE **BE RELEVANT** TO A BROKEN WORLD?

A. in our **message**:

B. in our **actions**:

C. in Christian **schools**:

4. HOW CAN WE REFORM OUR **FAMILIES**?

5. HOW CAN WE REFORM OUR **NATION**?



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Ten Questions to FOCUS the REST of YOUR LIFE

1. What do you feel deeply burdened by, and uniquely qualified to deal with? _____

2. What do you ultimately want to achieve, or become? _____

3. What are your greatest strengths, talents or gifts? What do you do best? _____

4. Describe yourself - make an exhaustive list of every adjective you would use to describe yourself - both positively and negatively: _____

5. What is heavy on your shoulders/overwhelming you? What decisions are causing you the most stress? What's out of control? Where are you being indecisive? _____

6. What's the one thing that's holding you back more than anything else? What problem, if you could solve, would allow everything else to just flow? _____

Ten Questions to Focus the Rest of Your Life

- 7. If you could only do three things in your life time, what would you choose? _____

- 8. What should you stop doing, give up, or cut down on, to free up more time for matters of greater priority and eternal significance? _____

- 9. What can I postpone, or delegate to someone else? _____

- 10. What are your most important priorities and projects that you need to focus on in the next three to six months? _____



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STRATEGY FOR LIVING

"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." Proverbs 16:3

1. Decide what God wants you to do and be – **SET GOALS**.
 2. Discover which goals are more important – **ESTABLISH PRIORITIES**.
 3. Analyse the best way to reach your goals – **DO YOUR PLANNING**.
 4. Start working towards your goals according to your plans – **START LIVING**.
 5. Use what you have **learnt** to:
 - set new goals;
 - revise priorities;
 - improve plans.
- How we live our life is determined by our **GOALS** (objectives, aims).
 - What goals we choose are determined by our **PRIORITIES**.
 - Whether we reach our goals is determined by our **PLANNING**.
 - A strategy for **LIVING** needs:
 - good goals;
 - Christian priorities;
 - effective plans.
 - It is in living that we find better goals, higher priorities and more effective plans.
 - This strategy is a **PROCESS**:

GOALS → **PRIORITIES** → **PLANNING** → **LIVING**

GOALS must be: **Measurable** and **Realistic**.

A **PURPOSE** is an aim or direction - something which we want to achieve, but which is not necessarily measurable. E.g.: My purpose can be: to glorify God, but my goal can be: to read a chapter of the Bible each day.

Good **GOALS** are:

- stated in terms of **results**.
- **achievable** in a definite time.
- **definite** as to what is expected.
- **practical** and **feasible**.
- **precise** in terms of quantities involved.
- **limited** to one important statement.

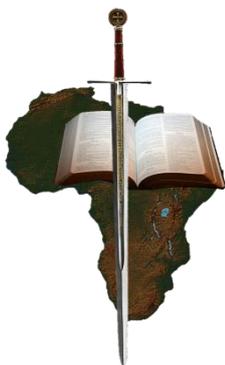
My Greatest Purpose in life is to: _____

Five years from now I would like to be: _____

By the end of the year I intend to be: _____

This week I intend to: _____

If you fail to plan - you plan to fail.



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ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES

"For we must all appear before the Judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due to him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad." 2 Corinthians 5: 10

ASK YOURSELF:

- How important is it?
- Why must it be done?
- Can someone else do it more effectively?
- What will happen if this is not done at all?
- When must it be done by?
- Is this the best way?

"Do not sacrifice the permanent on the altar of the immediate."

"The urgent is seldom important and the important is seldom urgent" Eisenhower.

A. B. C. TECHNIQUE:

- | | | | |
|----|---|-----------|--------------|
| A. | = | Must do | (High value) |
| B. | = | Should do | (Medium) |
| C. | = | Can do | (Low) |

PRIORITY LEVELS:

1. Our Commitment to GOD - Worship, Trust, Obedience, Loyalty, Faithfulness, etc.
2. Our Commitment to the PEOPLE of God - Relationships, Love, Dependability, etc.
3. Our Commitment to the WORK of God - The tasks God gives us to do.

JOY:

Jesus first *"All I want is to know Christ."* Phil. 3:10

Others next *"I only want to complete my mission."* Acts 20:24

You last *"But seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness..."* Matt. 6:33

In the light of Eternity - What are my priorities?



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LIFE GOALS WORKSHEET

LIFE PURPOSE: _____

IDEAL FUTURE POSITION: _____

LONG-RANGE GOALS: _____

IMMEDIATE GOALS: _____

ACT

KEEP PRAYING – Only God can enable these things to be accomplished.

His Will, His guidance and His empowering and provision is essential.



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TIME MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12

(Eccl 3:1-8; 12:11; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Eph 5:15-16; Col 4:5)

- Time is **the most valuable commodity** of all - it is a non-renewable resource.
- Time is measured in past **activities, relationships, achievements and accomplishments** - not mere hours, days and years.
- **Time is life** - squander time and you squander life.

IDENTIFY TIME WASTERS

Television, newspapers, lack of planning, lack of purpose, lack of organisation, not planning ahead, procrastination, telephone interruptions, low priority tasks, unnecessary meetings, unnecessary travel, carelessness, sin.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME

- To be effective we need to **eliminate less important tasks** and **concentrate on the most important tasks**.
- **Plan** your time in accordance with your **long term goals** and **priorities**. Do the **must do** tasks first, not the can do items.
- **Focus** on the **high priority work**. Complete your projects. A half done job is a waste of time, effort and money.
- **Discourage interruptions**. (Unless you run a counselling or coffee bar ministry discourage "just thought I'd drop in" uninvited guests and long phone calls at work).
- **Avoid unnecessary meetings** (especially committee meetings).
- **Avoid unnecessary travel**. Sometimes "the Spirit bade me go" but often we just have itchy feet.
- Always carry a small **Bible** and **notebook** and pen and **reading matter** with you whenever you travel or need to wait. **Redeem the time**. Read.
- Read **Newsletters** and **Magazines** from independent Christians rather than Humanist newspapers.
- Read books rather than watch TV, or surf Facebook.
- **Delegate** as much as possible. Recruit volunteers, enlist the inactive, use them or lose them.
- Do **it right** the first time.
- **Don't try to re-invent the wheel** - Co-operate and communicate. Network.
- Make check lists and to do lists, prioritise and work through them.

"Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil." Ephesians 5: 15-16

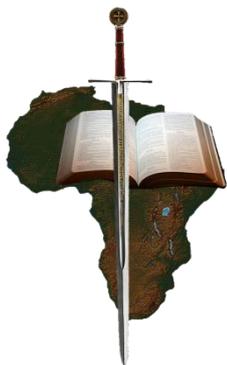
"Only one life – it will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last."



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LIFE AREAS WORKSHEET – AN OVERVIEW

PRIORITY	AREAS	COMMITMENTS	SITUATION	GOALS
	GOD			
	FAMILY			
	FRIENDS			
	COLLEAGUES			
	OTHERS			
	CHURCH			
	MISSION			
	OCCUPATION			
	LEARNING			
	RELAXATION			
	RECREATION			
	HOBBIES			
	PHYSICAL HEALTH			
	SPIRITUAL HEALTH			
	EMOTIONAL HEALTH			
	FINANCES			
	ACHIEVEMENTS			
	ADVANCEMENT			
	QUALIFICATIONS			
	POSESSIONS			
	SERVICE TO OTHERS			



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FORWARD PLANNING

1. What does God want me **to do** this year?

i. In my **personal** devotional life?

ii. In my **family**?

iii. In my **work**?

iv. In my **witness**?

2. What can **I learn** from this last year?

i. **Attitudes** to adjust?

ii. **Behaviour** and bad habits to repent of?

iii. **Changes** to implement?

iv. **Decisions** to make?

3. What **goals** should I set to enable me to better fulfill these priorities?

i To seek first **the Kingdom of God** and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33):

ii **To love the Lord with all my heart**, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12:31):

iii To obey **The Cultural Mandate** (Genesis 1:28):

iv To fulfill **The Great Commission** (Matt. 28:18-20):

4. **How** can I better structure my time to attain these goals?

i Are there lower priority activities that I can cut down on or cut out to make more time for **high priority activities**?

ii Can I improve my **working environment**?

iii Who may share these goals and want to be an **accountability partner** with me?

iv What **time wasters** can I identify, and eliminate, to protect my time?

5. What must I **do**?

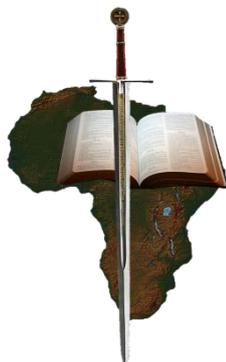
i. What must I do **this year**:

ii. What must I do **this month**:

iii. What must I do **this week**:

iv. What must I do **today**:

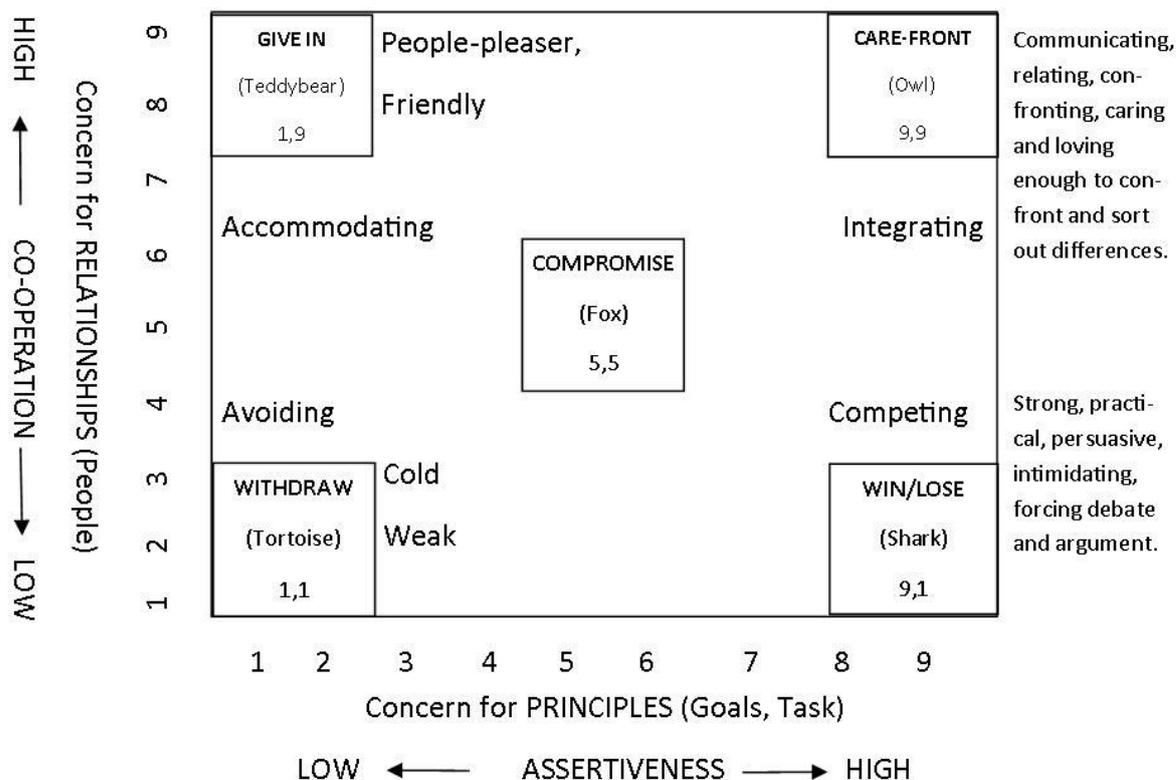
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HANDLING CONFLICTS

The various reactions of people to conflicts, crisis, arguments and differences can best be illustrated by means of a graph. Where do you fit in?



TYPES OF CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

ASSUMPTIONS BEHIND EACH STYLE

SITUATIONS IN WHICH THIS STYLE OF HANDLING CONFLICT WOULD BE BEST

WITHDRAWAL
(1,1)

Differences are constant inevitable, unchangeable. Differences are bad.

1. When you have no power.
2. Damage of confrontation too great.
3. The issue is trivial.

WIN/LOSE
(9,1)

Differences are black & white, someone is right. Differences need to be erased.

1. When time is short.
2. Principles are of crucial importance.
3. You don't want to be taken advantage of.

GIVE IN
(1,9)

Differences drive people apart because they are personal attacks – conflict calls for sacrifice and yielding.

1. When you are wrong.
2. Building credit for future.
3. You have low power or desire harmony.
4. Willing to let others learn by mistakes.

COMPROMISE
(5,5)

Differences must be seen in the light of common good. Should be aired – then give and take. Split the difference.

1. When goals are moderately important.
2. When participants have equal power.
3. A permanent settlement would be complex.
4. Time is a factor.

CARE-FRONTING
(9,9)

Differences are natural, neutral and normal; occasions for creative problem solving.

1. When both sets of concerns too important.
2. Commitment to principles and/or each other.
3. Where learning is important.

IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO STRIVE FOR UNDERSTANDING THAN AGREEMENT

“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.” Matthew 18: 15 - 16

“Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself or you also may be tempted. Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the Law of Christ.”

Galatians 6: 1-2

1. WHO HAS OFFENDED ME? _____

2. WHAT CAN I DO TO RECONCILE WITH THEM? _____

3. HAVE I COMMUNICATED EFFECTIVELY AND GRACIOUSLY WITH HIM/HER? _____

4. HAVE I TRULY FORGIVEN THOSE WHO HAVE SINNED AGAINST ME? _____

5. WHO HAVE I OFFENDED? _____

6. WHAT CAN I DO TO REPAIR THE RELATIONSHIP? _____

7. HAVE I CLEARLY AND EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATED MY APOLOGY OR EXPLANATION TO THOSE OFFENDED WITH ME? _____

8. WHAT ISSUES MUST I CONFRONT? _____



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LEARN TO DISCERN

Critically Evaluating the Films We Watch

Pray for Wisdom (James 1:5) **and Discernment** (Proverbs 3:21)

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2

1. Who is the hero/heroine? _____

2. What kind of role model/example is the hero/heroine? _____

3. Who is the villain? _____
4. What kind of message does the character of the villain portray? _____

5. What is the basic message of the film? _____

6. What is the premise that drives the script? _____

7. What worldviews or values are being promoted? _____

8. How true is the film to history or reality?
(What books would provide the truth, or the rest of the story, on this event?)

9. Does good triumph over evil? _____
10. Is God honoured in the film? _____

11. How does the film treat Christians, the Church and the Bible? _____

12. How much offensive material, bad language, or unacceptable material, is in the film?

13. How are conflicts resolved in the film?

14. How is love portrayed? Does the film respect marriage, the family and parental authority?

15. Would you be embarrassed to sit through this film with your parents/your children/or the Lord Jesus?

16. What would you have done differently if you were the main character in the story?

17. How would you rate the film?

Quality:	*	*	*	*	*			
	Bad	poor	good	outstanding	excellent			
Acceptability:	-4	-3	-2	-1	+1	+2	+3	+4
	evil	abhorrent	bad	caution	worthwhile	good	moral	exemplary

“Give Thy servant therefore an understanding heart to judge Thy people, that I may discern between good and evil...” 1 Kings 3:9

“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things.” Philippians 4:8



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Chapter 24

MARK _____
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NAME: _____

DATE: _____

BIBLE EXAM

1. **What was in the beginning?**
(a) fire (b) water (c) air (d) light (e) The Word
2. **How did the world come into being?**
(a) Evolution (b) the Big Bang (c) by random selection (d) God used evolution
(e) God spoke the world into existence
3. **How long did it take God to create the world?**
(a) 16 billion years (b) 600 million years (c) 6 million years (d) 6000 years
(e) 6 days
4. **Why did death enter the world?**
(a) Random selection (b) temptation (c) sin (d) Satan (e) Eve
5. **“Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it ...” was this:**
(a) a suggestion (b) a command (c) a strategy (d) a principle (e) a policy
6. **Was marriage to be**
(a) a public commitment (b) a life-long commitment
(c) between one man and one woman (d) under God (e) all of these
7. **When Cain killed his brother Abel, how did God deal with this first murder?**
(a) He banned all knives (b) He banned all rocks
(c) He required Cain to undergo counselling (d) He banished the murderer
(e) He overlooked it
8. **How did Enoch please God?**
(a) by faith (b) by praise and worship (c) by praying the prayer of Jabez
(d) by walking with God (e) by tithing
9. **Why was Noah chosen by God?**
(a) because of his Church membership (b) because of his father’s faith
(c) because God found him righteous (d) because of his sacrifices
(e) because of his ancestry
10. **What was the Ark of Noah built to accommodate?**
(a) all the Hebrews (b) all the righteous people of Ur
(c) to preserve every kind of animal, both male and female
(d) seedlings of the various plants (e) the Church
11. **“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed ...”
Does this command apply to:**
(a) human sacrifice (b) infanticide (c) premeditated murder (d) abortion
(e) all of these

12. **What does the rainbow signify?**
(a) multi-racialism (b) interfaith worship (c) homosexuality
(d) God's Covenant (e) multi-culturalism
13. **Why were Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed by fire?**
(a) arson (b) fire hazards (c) lack of hospitality (d) intolerance
(e) homosexuality
14. **What is the first war recorded in the Bible?**
(a) Abraham rescuing Lot from the 4 Kings (b) Gideon fighting the Midianites
(c) Joshua invading Canaan (d) The war against the Amalekites led by Joshua
(e) None of these
15. **With whom did God make the Covenant of Circumcision?**
(a) Adam (b) Seth (c) Noah (d) Abraham (e) the nation of Israel
16. **Why was Rebekah chosen as the bride for Isaac?**
(a) she was very beautiful (b) she was a virgin
(c) she was of the same ancestry as Isaac's father
(d) she provided water for all the camels of Abraham's servant (e) all of these
17. **Who said: "What you meant for evil God used for good ..."**
(a) Joseph (b) Moses (c) Abraham (d) Isaac (e) Jacob
18. **Who adopted Moses?**
(a) Miriam (b) Pharaoh's wife (c) Pharaoh's daughter
(d) Potiphar's wife (e) Rachel
19. **Moses brother was?**
(a) Joshua (b) Joseph (c) Aaron (d) Isaac (e) Ramses
20. **Moses sister was?**
(a) Bathsheba (b) Michel (c) Miriam (d) Korah (e) Rachel
21. **Moses name means?**
(a) Son of Pharaoh (b) Saviour (c) Speechless (d) Pulled from the water
(e) None of these
22. **How many plagues did God send upon Egypt?**
(a) 3 (b) 7 (c) 10 (d) 12 (e) None of these
23. **Where did Moses part the water?**
(a) The Nile (b) The Jordan (c) The Red Sea (d) The Black Sea
(e) The Mediterranean
24. **Moses and the crossing is referred to in?**
(a) Acts (b) Romans (c) 1 Corinthians (d) 1 Thessalonians (e) Philemon
25. **How many commandments were written in stone?**
(a) 10 (b) 12 (c) 70 (d) 613 (e) None of these
26. **After Moses, the leader of Israel was?**
(a) Caleb (b) Aaron (c) Joshua (d) Samuel (e) Korah

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27. **As a judgment for their lack of faith, God made the Israelites wander in the wilderness for?**
 (a) 40 years (b) 14 years (c) 4 years (d) 70 years (e) 7 years
28. **To what does God Law apply?**
 (a) religion (b) family Life and liberty (c) society (d) economics (e) all of these
29. **Why was the Law given?**
 (a) to reflect God's character (b) to give us a knowledge of sin
 (c) to establish justice (d) to lead us to Christ (e) all of these
30. **To whom does God's Law apply?**
 (a) to believers (b) to unbelievers (c) to pastors (d) to politicians (e) to all of these
31. **Which of these does the Ten Commandments permit?**
 (a) socialism (b) atheism (c) nationalisation (d) materialism
 (e) none of these
32. **In the event of premeditated murder, what does God's Law require?**
 (a) mandatory counselling (b) life imprisonment (c) execution
 (d) restitution (e) more legislation
33. **What may take precedence over our loyalty to God?**
 (a) our country (b) our tribe (c) our political party
 (d) our church denomination (e) none of these
34. **What reason did God give for destroying the people of Canaan?**
 (a) immorality (b) idolatry (c) child sacrifice (d) homosexuality
 (e) all of these
35. **What does God's Law say about tattoo marks?**
 (a) it is good (b) it is culturally neutral (c) it's unhealthy (d) it is an abomination
 (e) none of these
36. **What was God's response when the whole community grumbled against Him?**
 (a) He appointed a Commission of Enquiry (b) He gave in to their demands
 (c) He sent them more food (d) He commanded a day of fasting
 (e) He struck them with a plague
37. **Who said: "Be sure that your sin will find you out"?**
 (a) Joseph (b) Aaron (c) Moses (d) Joshua (e) Samuel
38. **Where is the command first given: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all soul and with all your strength."?**
 (a) Deuteronomy 6:5 (b) Deuteronomy 10:12 (c) John 14:15
 (d) Mark 10:32 (e) 2 Corinthians 5:14
39. **What happens to a person after death?**
 (a) annihilation (b) extinction (c) reincarnation (d) judgement (e) purgatory
40. **What is man?**
 (a) matter in motion (b) the pinnacle of evolution (c) basically good (d) fallen creation
 (e) none of these

- 41. Why is there suffering and evil?**
 (a) Karma (b) survival of the fittest (c) spiritual warfare
 (d) man's rebellion against God (e) there is no reason
- 42. Who is responsible to provide education for the next generation?**
 (a) the church (b) the parents (c) the government (d) the teachers (e) the UN
- 43. The commandment *you shall not steal* forbids which of these:**
 (a) socialism (b) vandalism (c) laziness (d) theft (e) all of these
- 44. Which of these forms of government did God institute?**
 (a) self-government (b) family government (c) church government
 (d) civil government (e) all of these
- 45. Can God's Law be rescinded, revised or improved?**
 (a) yes (b) no (c) maybe (d) only by the church (e) only by the UN
- 46. When the two are in conflict, does God hold His Law or man's law to be higher?**
 (a) it depends of the jurisdiction (b) it depends on people's sincerity
 (c) it depends upon the situation (d) in spiritual matters, God holds His Law to be higher
 (e) in all matters, God holds His Law to be higher
- 47. When the two are in conflict, does God want His people to obey His Law or man's law?**
 (a) His Law always (b) His Law in the church (c) man's law if it is a political issue
 (d) both (e) neither
- 48. Does God hold all rulers and all nations – including non-Christians – Accountable to His Law or are the lost free to do what they want?**
 (a) only Christian rulers must obey His Law
 (b) non-Christians should consider principles of His Law
 (c) a referendum should be held
 (d) theologians should be consulted
 (e) all rulers are always accountable to God's Law
- 49. At the Day of Judgement, by what standard will people be judged?**
 (a) God's Law (b) a church constitution (c) the national constitution
 (d) the UN charter (e) the Bill of Rights
- 50. Which of the following may be taxed?**
 (a) property (b) inheritance (c) missions (d) churches (e) none of these
- 51. When we have material needs, the Bible commands us to:**
 (a) pray (b) work (c) trust God (d) be content (e) all of these
- 52. The goal of Biblical charity is:**
 (a) encourage life-long dependence (b) to establish welfare organisations
 (c) to encourage responsibility and productivity (d) to make rich Christians feel guilty
 (e) to show how generous Christians are
- 53. In 2 Thessalonians 3:10 the Bible teaches: "*if anyone will not work, neither shall he ...*"**
 (a) want (b) suffer (c) vote (d) eat (e) worry

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54. **In Ecclesiastes 10:18 the Scripture teaches: "because of ... the building decays"**
(a) state financing (b) freewill offerings (c) laziness (d) government intervention
(e) legislation
55. **Complete this verse: "for what advantage is it to a man if he gains ... and is himself destroyed or lost?" Luke 9:25**
(a) a college education (b) fame and fortune (c) popularity
(d) the whole world (e) a healthy body
56. **Jesus commanded that: "... must be preached to all nations." Luke 24:47**
(a) the Gospel of love and mercy (b) the prayer of Jabez
(c) repentance and forgiveness of sins (d) the Lord's Prayer (e) health and wealth
57. **In Romans 13:4 civil government is described as: "an agent of ..."**
(a) welfare (b) wrath (c) economic upliftment (d) education (e) sports
58. **In 1 Peter 2:14 God's Word declares that the primary responsibility of civil government is to:**
(a) educate and uplift the masses (b) provide cost-effective housing (c) child welfare
(d) to punish those who do wrong (e) to raise taxes
59. **Under God's Law (Exodus 22:3-6) who should make restitution?**
(a) a thief (b) the government (c) the tax payer (d) the victim (e) the church
60. **To whom should restitution be made?**
(a) the victim (b) the thief (c) the government (d) the relatives
(e) the descendants of the victims
61. **In the light of God's Word (Exodus 22:2; Nehemiah 4:14; 1 Timothy 5:18) what should a Christian Father's response be if his children are being attacked in their home?**
(a) pray (b) preach to the assailants (c) call the police (d) flee
(e) fight to protect his family
62. **Complete this passage: "My people are destroyed from lack of ..." Hosea 4:6**
(a) finance (b) government handouts (c) legislation (d) knowledge
(e) foreign donors
63. **Who said: "Honour your Father and Mother and anyone who curses his Father and Mother must be put to death." (Matthew 15:4)**
(a) Elijah (b) John the Baptist (c) Isaiah (d) Jesus Christ (e) Paul
64. **Who is described in John 14:6 as "the way and the truth and the life?"**
(a) Mary (b) the Pope (c) Muhammad (d) Caesar (e) The Lord Jesus
65. **"Come, follow Me," Jesus said and "I will make you ..." (Matthew 4:19)**
(a) religious (b) healthy (c) wealthy (d) fishers of men (e) famous
66. **Gideon was a:**
(a) priest (b) Levite (c) king (d) judge (e) Nazarite
67. **Barak ruled with:**
(a) Samuel (b) David (c) Deborah (d) Samson (e) Saul

- 68. Solomon reigned as king for:**
(a) 40 years (b) 30 years (c) 20 years (d) 14 years (e) 7 years
- 69. The Father of Jonathan was:**
(a) David (b) Solomon (c) Saul (d) Jesse (e) Samuel
- 70. David's Father was:**
(a) Saul (b) Jonathan (c) Eli (d) Jesse (e) Samuel
- 71. The promise of the land of Israel was given to:**
(a) Adam (b) Abraham (c) David (d) Solomon (e) Muhammad
- 72. The kingdom of Israel split into two separate nations after:**
(a) David (b) Solomon (c) Hezekiah (d) Asa (e) Nebuchadnezzar
- 73. The name of the Northern Kingdom was:**
(a) Samaria (b) Assyria (c) Judah (d) Israel (e) Philistia
- 74. The name of the Southern Kingdom was:**
(a) Judah (b) Jerusalem (c) Jericho (d) Midian (e) Palestine
- 75. The capital city of the Northern Kingdom was:**
(a) Nazareth (b) Samaria (c) Tel Aviv (d) Tiberius (e) Jaffa
- 76. The capital city of the Southern Kingdom was:**
(a) Jerusalem (b) Samaria (c) Antioch (d) Bethlehem (e) Beirut
- 77. The number of tribes making up the Northern Kingdom:**
(a) one (b) two (c) ten (d) twelve (e) seven
- 78. The major tribe of the Southern Kingdom:**
(a) Rueben (b) Benjamin (c) Levi (d) Judah (e) Gad
- 79. The first king of the Southern Kingdom was:**
(a) Micah (b) Asa (c) Hezekiah (d) Rehoboan (e) Jeroboam
- 80. The first king of the Northern Kingdom was:**
(a) Jeroboam (b) Rehoboan (c) Omri (d) Ahab (e) Jehu
- 81. The Northern Kingdom was taken into ... captivity:**
(a) Babylonian (b) Syrian (c) Assyrian (d) Persian (e) Greek
- 82. The Southern Kingdom was taken into ... captivity:**
(a) Roman (b) Babylonian (c) Assyrian (d) Persian (e) Greek
- 83. The year of the Southern Kingdom's captivity:**
(a) 722 BC (b) 688 BC (c) 588 BC (d) 388 BC (e) 30 AD
- 84. The most prominent prophet taken in the Southern Kingdom captivity was:**
(a) Daniel (b) Isaiah (c) Hosea (d) Hezekiah (e) Jonah

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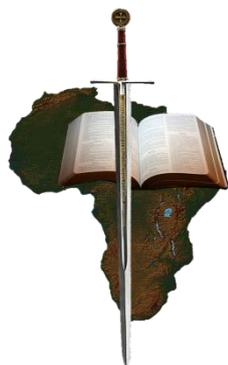
85. **How many were seen in the fiery furnace?**
(a) three (b) seven (c) four (d) twelve (e) five
86. **Who was thrown into the lions den?**
(a) David (b) Noah (c) Abraham (d) Daniel (e) Elijah
87. **Who wrote: "O man, what is good? And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."**
(a) Isaiah (b) Ezekiel (c) Micah (d) Daniel (e) Jeremiah
88. **Which Old Testament prophet predicated Christ's birth at Bethlehem?**
(a) Micah (b) Malachi (c) Jeremiah (d) Isaiah (e) Ezekiel
89. **What Old Testament prophet predicted Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit?**
(a) Isaiah (b) Daniel (c) Jeremiah (d) Ezekiel (e) Joel
90. **What is the last book of the Old Testament?**
(a) Micah (b) Malachi (c) Zephaniah (d) Hosea (e) Isaiah
91. **How many books are there in the Old Testament?**
(a) 27 (b) 39 (c) 66 (d) 36 (e) 29
92. **Which major prophet predicted the coming of John the Baptist?**
(a) Jeremiah (b) Ezekiel (c) Daniel (d) Isaiah (e) Hosea
93. **Who was John the Baptists mother?**
(a) Mary (b) Martha (c) Hannah (d) Elizabeth (e) Miriam
94. **What was the relationship of John the Baptist to Christ?**
(a) brother (b) cousin (c) uncle (d) father in-law (e) nephew
95. **What relationship is Mary to Elizabeth?**
(a) Mother (b) cousin (c) daughter (d) niece (e) friend
96. **What does the name Jesus mean?**
(a) beautiful (b) comforter (c) Jehovah Saviour (d) higher (e) exalted
97. **What does the name Christ mean?**
(a) wonderful (b) counsellor (c) messiah (d) Jesus (e) king
98. **Matthew primarily portrays Christ as:**
(a) man (b) servant (c) king (d) God (e) none of these
99. **Mark primarily portrays Christ as:**
(a) man (b) servant (c) king (d) God (e) none of these
100. **Luke primarily portrays Christ as:**
(a) man (b) servant (c) king (d) God (e) none of these
101. **John primarily portrays Christ as:**
(a) man (b) servant (c) king (d) God (e) none of these

- 102. Christ was betrayed by?**
(a) Joseph (b) John (c) Judas (d) Judah (e) Julius Caesar
- 103. The Sermon on the Mount is found in:**
(a) Isaiah (b) Revelation 6 (c) Romans 5 (d) John 5 (e) Matthew 5-7
- 104. John the Baptist rebuked ... for his adultery**
(a) Caesar (b) Pontius Pilate (c) King Herod (d) King Claudius (e) Nero
- 105. Christ died during the Feast of:**
(a) Pentecost (b) First Fruits (c) Passover (d) Trumpet (e) Thanksgiving
- 106. The book of Acts was written by:**
(a) Paul (b) Luke (c) Peter (d) Barnabas (e) James
- 107. Romans was written by:**
(a) Paul (b) Peter (c) Luke (d) Barnabas (e) James
- 108. Acts 17 records Paul's visit to:**
(a) Antioch (b) Cyprus (c) Athens (d) Rome (e) Babylon
- 109. What New Testament book comes after Galatians?**
(a) Romans (b) 1 Thessalonians (c) Ephesians (d) Philippians (E) Colossians
- 110. "By grace are you saved through faith" is found in:**
(a) Matthew 24 (b) 1 Corinthians 13 (c) 1 Thessalonians 4 (d) Ephesians 2
(d) Hebrews 11
- 111. The great chapter on love is:**
(a) 1 Corinthians 15 (b) Hebrews 11 (c) 1 Corinthians 13 (d) 2 Timothy 3
(e) 2 Corinthians 3
- 112. The great chapter on the Resurrection is:**
(a) 2 Timothy 3 (b) 1 Thessalonians 4 (c) 1 Corinthians 15
(d) Colossians 2 (e) Galatians 5
- 113. The number of books in the New Testament is:**
(a) 17 (b) 23 (c) 27 (d) 37 (e) 33
- 114. Revelation, the last book of the Bible, was written by:**
(a) Paul (b) Peter (c) Luke (d) Silas (e) John
- 115. Grace means:**
(a) faith (b) unmerited favour (c) love (d) riches (e) healing
- 116. What year was Jerusalem destroyed by the Romans?**
(a) 588 BC (b) 37 BC (c) 38 AD (d) 70 AD (e) 72 AD
- 117. Where will you find "hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts ..."**
(a) Romans 8:28 (b) 2 Timothy 2:15 (c) 1 Peter 3:15 (d) Amos 5:15
(e) Genesis 9:6

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118. **Who wrote: “*anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.*”**
 (a) James 4:17 (b) Luke 11:28 (c) James 1:22 (d) Romans 1:16 (e) Hebrews 13:3
119. **Complete this verse: “*But seek first ...*” (Matthew 6:33)**
 (a) marriage (b) financial success (c) economic independence (d) a college education
 (e) His kingdom
120. **“*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the ... of your mind*” (Romans 12:2)**
 (a) removal (b) inspiring (c) informing (d) renewing (e) resting
121. **Who said: “*Choose for yourself this day whom you will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*”?**
 (a) Moses (b) Paul (c) Ezekiel (d) Joshua (e) John
122. **“*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,*”. Where is this passage found?**
 (a) 2 Peter 3:15-16 (b) 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (c) Matthew 5:-6-7
 (d) 2 Timothy 3:5-7 (e) Ephesians 2:2
123. **“*Everyone who wants to live a Godly life in Christ Jesus will be ...*” (2 Timothy 3:12)**
 (a) blessed (b) prosperous (c) persecuted (d) delivered (e) healed
124. **Who has all authority on earth?**
 (a) Satan (b) the archangel Michael (c) The United Nations (d) The Pope
 (e) The Lord Jesus Christ
125. **Complete this verse: “*That at the Name of ... every knee should bow*” **Philippians 2:10****
 (a) Jabez (b) Mary (c) The Pope (d) The church (e) Jesus
126. **Complete this verse: “*The harvest truly is plentiful, but the ... are few*” **Matthew 9:37****
 (a) computers (b) tools (c) finances (d) labourers (e) wages
127. **Complete this verse: “*Strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. ‘We must go through many ... to enter the Kingdom of God.’*” **Acts 14:22****
 (a) conferences (b) prayer meetings (c) hardships (d) banquets (e) blessings
128. **Complete this verse: “*Let us fix our eyes on ...*” **Hebrew 12:2****
 (a) the government (b) the Pope (c) the Pastor (d) the TV (e) The Lord Jesus Christ

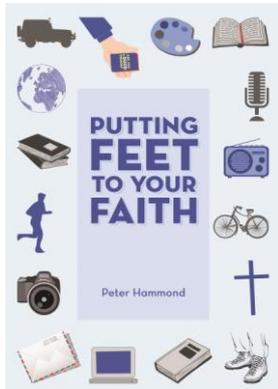
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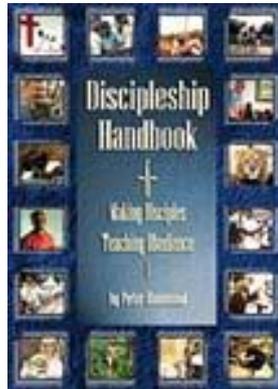
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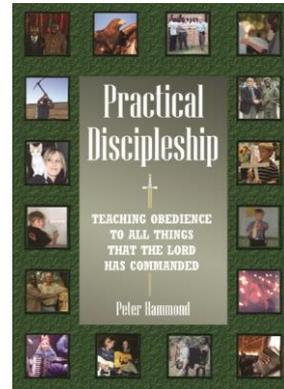
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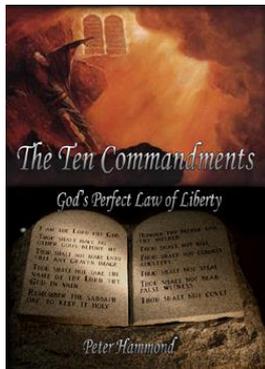
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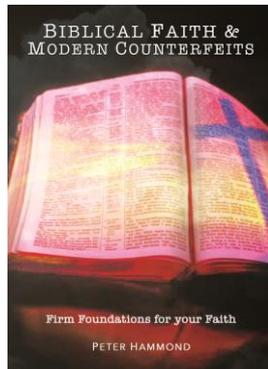
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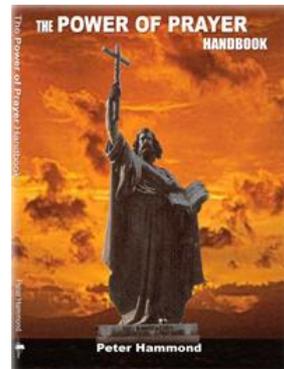
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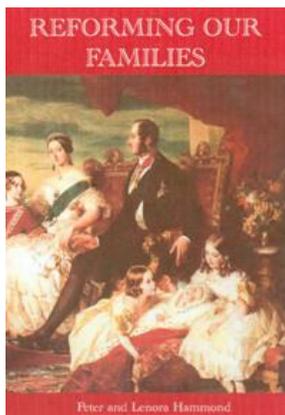
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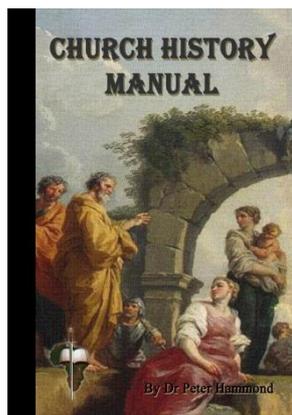
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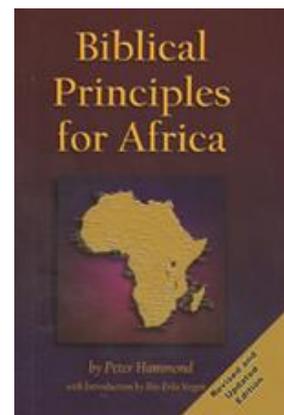
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