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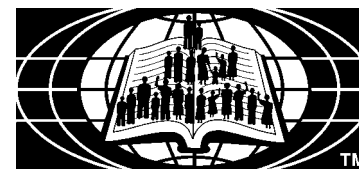
Growing in Christian Character



Pastoral Leader Training Booklet

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BIBLE STUDY

We are born again IN CHRIST.

We have new life IN CHRIST.

We live in a new way IN CHRIST.

When we repent of our sin and give ourselves heart and soul to the Lord Jesus, asking for forgiveness and salvation, God receives us as His children. He begins to transform us, to remake us in the image of His Son. We continue to grow in this new life in Christ.

Let Jesus be seen in our lives, in the fruit of the Holy Spirit!
(Galatians 5:22-23)



Father,
forgive me...
Lord, I love
and worship
you... I'm in
your hands...
Use me...

The Lord
Jesus in me
changes what I
think, believe,
say and do!

NOTES

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PRACTICAL WORK

- If you found that you have many things to improve, you are normal and honest. The Holy Spirit who lives in your heart will help you.
- Pray for the grace of God to discipline yourself and to keep growing in Christ.
- Meet regularly with others, to discuss these areas of growth and help each other make progress.
- Inform your instructor of any of the items for which you want his help. It is not necessary to divulge details. Important: if you prefer, you do not need to show your instructor your answers to the personal questions above. They are for your self-evaluation.
- Re-evaluate your progress in this book every few months, to watch how God helps you grow.

According to Colossians 3:1 to Colossians 4:6 our new life in Christ brings changes:

- we leave old things behind, (Colossians 3:5-11)
- we live according to new principles in Christ, (Colossians 3:12-17)
- our marriage and family relations change, (Colossians 3:18-21)
- our relations with society change. (Colossians 3:22-4:6)

We also have a new purpose in life. Philippians 3:7-14 exhorts us to keep our eyes on the goal.

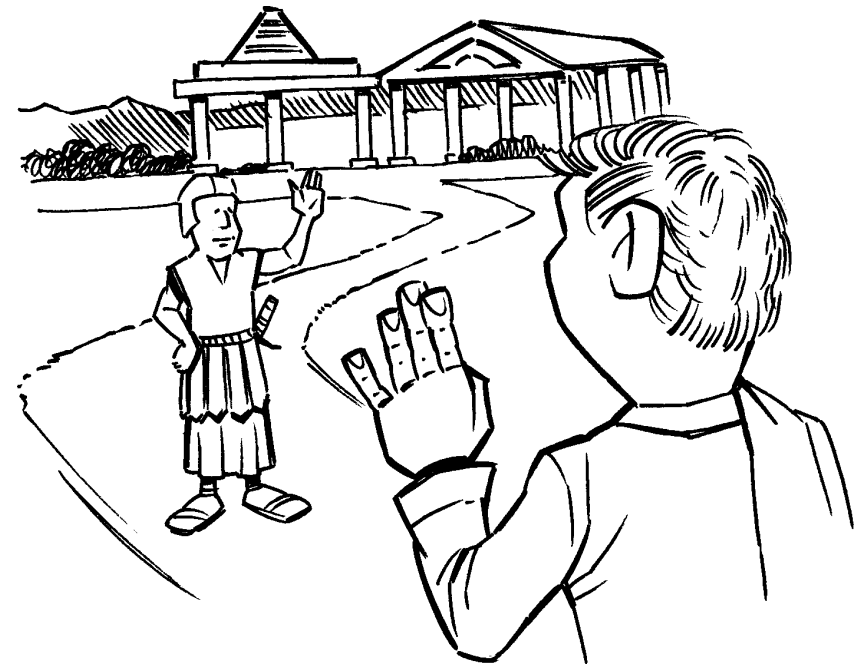
Paul is an example of how to serve God and grow in the knowledge of Him. Let us also be examples. Let us measure our progress in our Christian growth from time to time, not comparing ourselves with other people, but with the Lord Jesus Himself. Let us measure our obedience to His commands, asking His forgiveness and help, pressing on with renewed strength, and with more sincere and humble prayers.

Read and meditate on Colossians 3:1 to 4:6; then, on the following lines, write what you want the Lord to correct or strengthen in your life.

But... what a spiritual battle we are entering!

- We put to death the works of the flesh (sin). (Romans 8:13)
- We keep our eyes on the Lord Jesus and use the weapons that He has given us: prayer, faith, the Word of God, and the fruit of the Spirit. (Hebrews 12:1-2, Ephesians 6:10-20, Galatians 5:22-23)
- We accept God's discipline. (Hebrews 12:5-11)

If you sense that the Lord is calling you to serve in another country, do you need to give more attention to prepare to adapt to another culture? (Acts 1:8) _____



Do you need to be more careful to treat people of other churches, races or social levels kindly and without prejudice?

(James 2:1-9) _____

Do you need to be more careful to show respect to those who have less education or income? (James 2:1-9) _____

Evangelization and Mission

Do you need to be more conscientious to witness to others for Christ? (2 Timothy 4:1-5) _____

Do you need to give more time to taking the gospel to other neighborhoods and cities? (Luke 9:6) _____

Do you need to give more attention to sending missionaries to neglected people in other countries? (Matthew 28:19) _____

MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH PLANS

We want Christ to transform every part of our lives. Please indicate your intentions for your spiritual growth by the items below. Mark **ONLY** items you plan to deal with. You **DO NOT** need to respond to every item. Skip all that do not apply.

Consecration

Do you need to strengthen your faith in God and His word? (Mark 11:22-24) If so, how do you plan to do it?

Do you plan to give to God's work more generously and joyfully, as 2 Corinthians 9:7 says? If so, how do you plan to do it?

Do you need to try harder to forgive those who have offended you, without criticizing them? (Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 6:14-15, Matthew 7:1) _____

Do you need to be more careful to pray daily for your family, the needy, the unsaved, co-workers, friends and authorities? (Mark 14:37) _____

Do you need to pray more for the sick? (Matthew 10:8) _____

Do you need to improve your testimony before unbelievers? (Proverbs 22:1, 1 Timothy 3:7) _____

Do you need to pay your debts more punctually? (Romans 13:8) _____

Do you need to be more patient? (James 1:2-4) _____

Do you need to be more careful to treat your spouse with affection and honor? (Colossians 3:19) _____

Do you need to be more careful to seek reconciliation with those who cause you problems? (Matthew 5:21-26) _____

Friendship

Do you need to try harder to make friends quickly? (1 Samuel 18:1, Proverbs 18:24b) _____

Do you need to be more careful to correct others' faults with humility without offending? (Galatians 6:1) _____

Do you need to be more careful to avoid arguments and explosive confrontations? (Ephesians 4:31) _____

Do you need to be more careful to bridle your tongue? (James 3:1-12) _____

Do you need to give people more full attention when you preach or converse? _____

Do you need to be more careful to encourage others, even when you are tired, in pain, or feeling bad? (James 1:2-3) _____

Love and Affection

Do you need to be more responsive in love to the material needs of others? (Luke 10:25-37) _____

Do you need to spend more time with each of your children?
(1 Timothy 5:8) _____

Do you need to be more careful to show hospitality?
(Hebrews 13:2) _____

Do you need to be more careful to show respect and honor to your parents and elders? (Ephesians 6:1-3, 1 Timothy 5:1-2) _____

Self Discipline

Do you need to work harder to keep your word and your appointments on time? (Psalm 15:4b, Proverbs 13:3-5, Ephesians 4:25) _____

Do you need to schedule your time better, or allow more time for your family and relaxation? (Colossians 4:5, Ephesians 5:15-16)

Do you need to control your appetites and passions better, putting to death the works of the flesh? (Ephesians 4:15-32) _____

Do you need to develop a more loving, edifying relationship with your spouse? (Ephesians 5:22-23) _____

Do you need to treat the opposite sex with more respect or purity of thought? (1 Timothy 5:2) _____

Do you need to be more careful to speak only the truth in edifying love? (Zechariah 8:16-17, Ephesians 4:15, 29) _____

Do you need to work harder to have a tidy physical appearance, especially before God in public worship?
(1 Corinthians 14:40) _____

Do you need to show more love to your children or discipline them with more firmness? (Ephesians 6:4, 1 Timothy 3:4) _____

Study

Do you need to give more attention to reading and meditating daily on the Word of God? (Psalms 119:97) _____

Do you need to study more devotional and pastoral books?
(Proverbs 4:6-9) _____

Do you need to work harder to understand things you read in the Bible? Perhaps use a dictionary or ask others?
(Acts 8:30-31) _____

Pastoral Ethics

Do you need to be more careful to keep confessions or conversations about personal problems in confidence? (James 3:1-12) _____

Do you need to be more careful to refuse to hear accusations, without witnesses, against elders of any church? (1 Timothy 5:19) _____

Do you need to be more careful to squelch rumors and accusations that lack evidence? (James 3:1-12) _____

Do you need to be more careful to refuse to reveal the faults of your own church or its members, to others, including members of other churches? (Luke 6:31) _____

Enthusiasm in Leadership

Do you need to let the Holy Spirit bring more peace and joy into your heart and the hearts of others? (Philippians 4:4) _____

Do you need to be more conscientious when you pray to yield to God's will, whatever it is? (Mark 14:36) _____

Submission to Christ's Church and Other Leaders

Do you need to be more careful to consult the other leaders of the church when making decisions? (Philippians 2:1-8) _____

Do you need to be more careful to inform your instructor of results and problems in your work? (Romans 13:1) _____

Do you need to be more careful to receive correction and counsel humbly and joyfully? (Proverbs 10:17) _____

Do you need to be more careful to show love, loyalty and respect for your spiritual advisers? (1 Peter 5:5) _____

Do you need to be more careful to attend your pastoral training classes regularly and on time? (2 Timothy 2:2-4) _____

Do you need to work harder to improve your speech (grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary and effective communication)?
(Proverbs 16:23-24) _____

Do you need to try harder to keep your books, correspondence and papers filed in alphabetical or systematic order? _____

Do you need to be more careful to prepare your messages well, starting several days or weeks ahead of time?
(2 Timothy 2:15) _____

Visiting

Do you need to take more time to visit the sick, straying, bereaved and people under your direct pastoral care? (James 1:27) _____

Do you need to meet more often with leaders of other churches to cooperate with them in the Lord's work?
(Ephesians 4:3-4) _____

Organization in the Church

Do you need to be more careful to initiate new projects to meet needs or new opportunities? (Acts 6:1-6) _____

Do you need to share more pastoral responsibilities with other elders? (Acts 15:22, Ephesians 4:16, Titus 1:5) _____

Do you need to define with more clarity your responsibilities and ministries? (Romans 15:20-21) _____

Do you need to be more careful to prepare worship services that are pleasing to God and glorify Him only (without just entertaining people)? (Psalms 149:1-4) _____

Do you need to be more careful to help the church prepare the services well ahead of time? _____

Do you need to help the church form more small groups for shepherding and evangelism? (Exodus 18:24-26) _____

Do you need to help your church to set goals and make short and long range plans? (Nehemiah 2:17) _____

Do you need to help more people to have a ministry or participate in meetings, using their spiritual gifts? (1 Corinthians 14:26, Ephesians 4:7-16) _____

Submission and Gratitude to God

Do you need to be more content with what God has given you? (Philippians 4:11-12) _____

Do you need to be more careful to let the Holy Spirit guide you rather than following so many human laws and rules? (Romans 6:15-16, Romans 13:10) _____

Do you need to be more careful that your conduct and speech reflect purity in all aspects of life? (Matthew 5:8) _____