

Sample Lesson

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# “GLORIFY” LESSON SERIES

*To seek, please and glorify God with my whole being*

**“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory…” (Rev 4:11a)**

### Lesson # 4

**My Relationship to: My Commitment: My Church Must Teach**:

**Fruit unto Holiness – Rom 6:22**

**I will honor God with a separated life that is pure, holy, and consecrated unto Him**

The ***Word of God*** (KJV) is the ultimate authority in my life and the source of all truth – to ***grow spiritually*** I must maintain a life of devotion to ***Bible study and prayer***

## Glorify God in My Worship

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

## My relationship to God

**INTRODUCTION:** Every relationship needs maintenance work! If we do not work on our relationships, they soon grow stagnant and often die! This is true in marriage, in families, and in friendships. In marriage, we first cultivate our love for our mate, and then we re-affirm it by commitment and daily acts of kindness. Precious family memories are woven around birthday parties, vacations, ball games, service at church, and talk around the table during meals. We build outside friendships through activities and communication, frequently sharing life experiences.

God designed us with a need for companionship and intimacy, and we learn from experience that building close, life-long relationships requires many things, including:

regular contact

genuine appreciation

intimate conversation

mutual goals

respect for relative position (is this your parent, your boss, a peer, an employee, etc?)

We can equate our experiences with these earthly friendships to our relationship with God. How can we be more pleasing to God? How can we enjoy fellowship with God? How can we become the kind of Christian that God intended us to be? The answers to these and other questions must be answered!

1. **WE SHOULD DESIRE A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HEAVENLY FATHER AND WITH HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST.**
	1. Since God is sovereign, he is to be worshipped. We do not relate to God as, “buddies” or equals. We are to worship Him. God has given us His Spirit and His Word to teach us how to properly worship Him. This is an essential truth that serves as the foundation for our relationship to Him and it helps us to avoid idolatry.
		1. **(John 4:24) God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in \_\_\_\_\_\_.**
	2. Maturing Christians who sincerely want to **please** the Lord want to **know** Him in a more intimate way. David wrote of this desire in the Psalms, and Paul wrote of it to the Philippians:
		1. **(Psa 42:1-2) To the chief Musician, Maschil, for the sons of Korah. As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, O God. {2} My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?**
		2. **(Psa 63:1-2) A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, thou art my God; early will I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; {2} To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.**
		3. **(Phil 3:10) That I may \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;**
	3. Our relationship to God is described in many ways. Perhaps one of the best synonyms for our relationship could be “fellowship.” When we are discussing spiritual truths, we are fellowshipping with one another, but also with the Father and the Son!

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* + 1. **(1 John 1:3) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and with his Son Jesus Christ.**
		2. **(1 John 1:7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**
	1. To properly worship God, to really know Him in an intimate way, to be able to fellowship with Him, we must “walk in the light.” The Lord Jesus Christ is the supreme subject of the Bible, and to properly know the Heavenly Father we must “know” Jesus Christ, the “true light.”
		1. **(John 14:9) Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?**
	2. Another term used in the Bible to describe our relationship is “abiding.” The term, “abiding in Christ” describes an ***ongoing***, intimate relationship that is only possible when we are regularly learning more of Jesus Christ through the Bible. Just as with human relationships, we must take time and work hard at building and maintaining our relationship with the Lord. This is done in many ways, but primarily through Bible study, prayer, instruction and fellowship.
		1. **(John 15:4) Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
		2. **(John 15:7) If ye abide in me, and my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**
1. **THE BIBLE IS DIVINELY INSPIRED AND THE SUPREME AUTHORITY FOR OUR LIVES.**
	1. God’s Word is “inspired” or “God-breathed.” (We will not explore the topic, but this author believes the King James Bible is the preserved Word of God in the English language.)
		1. **(2 Tim 3:16a) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ scripture is given by inspiration of God,…**
		2. **(2 Pet 1:21) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
	2. God’s Word is much more than the word of man or human writings! God places it in importance ABOVE His name. (And God thinks very highly of His name!)
		1. **(1 Th 2:13a) For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the word of God, …**
		2. **(Psa 138:2) I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all thy name.**
	3. As Christians, we have a wonderful advantage! We know more real truth than any other people on planet earth! That is not a boast; it is merely another cause to glorify God! God has given us His divinely inspired Word as the source of information about God and His will for mankind. It is the most dependable authority on the past, present and future. It gives authoritative answers to major life questions like, “Where did I come from?” “Why am I here?” “What must I do to be saved?” and so on. It is impossible to overstate how important the Bible is to us! Those who reject the Bible have foolishly deprived themselves of the only source of eternal truth in the universe!

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* + 1. **(Col 1:16) For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him:**

#### **THE BIBLE IS MORE THAN TRUTH, IT IS “GOD’S LOVE LETTER TO MANKIND”**

* 1. The Bible is more than just an authority; it is also God’s “love letter to mankind!” Oh, how we need to thank God for giving us His Word! The very fact that He gave us His Word demonstrates that God wants us to know Him and His will in an intimate way. God DOES CARE about how we live! His Word is more than information; it is the instruction manual for our entire Christian life!
		1. **(2 Tim 3:16-17) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: {17} That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unto all good works.**
			1. Note especially from verse 17 that God wants us equipped and successful in the Christian life! We can bring more glory to Him if we are “perfect” and have “good works.”
		2. **(Col 3:16) Let the word of Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.**
			1. Once again we can readily see the importance of Scriptures as our rule for life! God’s Word is to “dwell in” us richly. It is plain from this verse that God wants us to “take in” the Scriptures and make them a part of our life.

#### **GOD IS CHANGING US TO BE CONFOMRED TO THE IMAGE OF JESUS CHRIST. THIS PROCESS IS CALLED “GROWING IN GRACE.”**

* 1. The Bible gives us answers to all of life’s biggest questions. It also reveals God’s purpose and will to us. But more than that, it is **His very Word that actually does the work in our hearts to change us!!**! Indeed, the Word of God was the essential element in saving us!
		+ 1. **(1 Pet 1:23) Being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.**
			2. **(James 1:18) Of his own will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.**
	2. The Bible reveals spiritual truth to cleanse us, strengthen us, guide us, rebuke us and encourage us!
		1. **(1 Th 2:13) For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you that believe.**
		2. **John 17:17) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**
		3. **(Psa 119:9, 11) BETH. Wherewithal shall a young man \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word. … (11) Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.**
		4. **(2 Tim 3:16) All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

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* 1. To “grow” spiritually means we learn how to please the Lord, and then we actually put into practice those things in our lives that bring glory to Him.
		1. **(2 Pet 3:18) But \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.**
		2. **(2 Pet 1:5-8) And beside this, giving all diligence, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; {6} And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; {7} And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. {8} For if these things be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
		3. **(Eph 4:14-15) That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; {15} But speaking the truth in love, may \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:**
	2. The Bible refers to itself as “milk” and “meat,” denoting different portions for those at various stages of growth.
		1. **(1 Pet 2:2) As newborn babes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:**
		2. **(Heb 5:13-14) For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. {14} But strong \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

#### **CONCLUSIONS: REGULAR “DEVOTIONS:” IS THE KEY TO GROWTH AND THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT FOR MAINTAINING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD!**

#### Our relationship with God includes many things, but primarily we must allow Him to instruct us, lead us, and enable us. As we have seen, the Bible is at the center of that process. God uses many venues to communicate Bible truth: Christian fellowship, church services, Godly songs, Sunday school classes, discussion groups, sermon tapes, etc. But no Christian is ever really mature in Christ until they learn to study the Bible for themselves! You must SEEK the truth. This must be done diligently and regularly, both personally and with your family.

#### **(2 Tim 2:15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

#### **(Job 23:12) Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than my necessary food.**

#### A second ingredient in our relationship with God is prayer. (We will explore prayer more fully in future lessons.) When we study the Bible, God speaks to us. When we pray, we speak to God! Just as in human relationships, there must be two-way communication to really develop an insoluble bond! We pray for wisdom, for grace to endure trials, for others to be saved, for strength to have victory over sin, for our nation’s leaders, and for many other things.

#### **(Heb 4:16) Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**

#### **Commitment**: I will glorify God with my life by maintaining regular devotions in Bible study and prayer. I will daily seek God’s face!

#### **(Psa 27:8) *When thou saidst, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I seek.**