GROW TO KNOW GOD IN YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE

INTRODUCTION

Life is a journey. God loves you and wants you to succeed on that journey. Success in life for every person, including you, will be determined by whether or not they fulfilled God's wonderful purpose for their life. Depending on the path you choose, you can end up in His Eternal Kingdom with His abundant blessings forever, or live the nightmare that never ends. In order to choose the bright path so you can find and fulfill God's purpose you must *grow to know God* more every day. That is what this learning guide is designed to help you do.

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

This learning guide will help you *grow to know* the root of all your problems, who your enemy is and how to defeat him, and the solution to your problems. You will also *grow to know God* and how to fulfill His purpose for your life.

Begin each lesson with prayer. Write the answers in your own words. Ask God to help you live the truth that was revealed to you. May God bless you as you *grow to know Him*.

<u>NOTE</u>: It is best to use the King James or New King James Bible as you go through this booklet.

THE PROBLEM (SIN)

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS: Read the questions then read the scriptures. Meditate (think about what God is saying). Write the answers to the questions in your own words based on what's revealed to you during your meditations.

- 1. What is sin? 1 John 3:4, James 4:17, Romans 14:23b*
- 2. According to Matthew 15:19, where does sin come from?
- 3. What does sin produce? James 1:14-17, Romans 6:23a*
- 4. What does sin do to our relationship with God? Isaiah 59:2
- 5. Who is guilty of sin? Romans 3:23
- 6. What will God do to those who do not deal with their sin? Proverbs 10:29b*

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

- 1. Do you realize that you have sinned? Yes __ no __ If no, pray right now asking God to show you your sin so you can repent.
- 2. What are some of the attitudes in your heart that have caused you to sin?
- 3. What are some of the problems you have that have been caused by your sin?
- 4. Are you ready to do what God's Word, the Bible, tells you to do about your sin? Yes __ no __ If no, pray right now asking God to give you a repentant heart.

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

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

> SIN IS THE CAUSE OF EVERY PROBLEM



THE SOLUTION (SALVATION)

- 1. What did God do because of our sin? Romans 5:8 2. Why did God send Jesus to die for us? John 3:16 3. When Jesus died what did He provide for our sins? Ephesians1:7 4. Has God provided any other way for man to have forgiveness of sin? Acts 4:12 5. What must we do in order to receive God's forgiveness? Acts 3:19 6. Besides repentance, what two things must happen in order for a person to be converted? Romans 10:9-10 7. What did Jesus say we must be willing to do if He is our Lord? Luke 14:26, 27 & 33, Matthew 10:37-39 8. What happens to us when Jesus becomes our Lord and Savior? 2 Corinthians 5:17 9. What does God give us so we can live for Him? Luke 11:13 10. How do we live as a new person in Christ? Galatians 2:20, 5:24-25
- 11. How do we receive the full power of the Holy Spirit so we can walk in the Spirit? Acts 1:5, 8; 2:1-4; 4:31

- 12. After receiving God's salvation what must we continue to do in order to "Grow To Know God" and have victory over sin? Galatians 5:16-18, 1 John 5:1-3, Romans 6:17-18
- 13. What physical act shows we have repented of our sin and received Jesus as our Lord and Savior? Romans 6:4, Galatians 3:27

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

- 1. Do you believe God loves you, Jesus died for you. and that only through Jesus we can find forgiveness of sins? yes __ no __ If no, pray right now and ask God to make the truth of His love and salvation real to you.
- 2. Have you repented of your sins, given your heart to Jesus, and openly confessed to people you know that He is your Lord and Savior? Yes __ no __ If not, pray this prayer from your heart and tell someone that Jesus is your Lord and Savior:
 - "Father God, thank you for the love you showed in Jesus. I need you. I turn from satan and the things of this world. I open my heart and repent of my sins. Jesus, I believe you died for my sins and rose again. Come into my heart and save my soul. Take control of my life, and be my Lord and Savior. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I might live for you. Thank you for hearing my prayer, in Jesus' name, I pray. Amen"
- 3. Have you yielded yourself, your relationships, your goals & ambitions, and your possessions to the Lordship of Jesus? Yes __ no __ If no, pray right now and yield everything you have to God. Ask Him to give you wisdom to use it for His service.
- 4. Have you asked God to fill you with His Holy Spirit so you can live daily in obedience to God's word? Yes __ no __ If no, pray right now asking God to fill you with His Holy Spirit and give you an obedient heart.
- 5. Have you obeyed Jesus by being water baptized? Yes __ no __ If no, decide right now that you will be water baptized as soon as possible.

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

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



THE PURPOSE (ETERNAL LIFE)

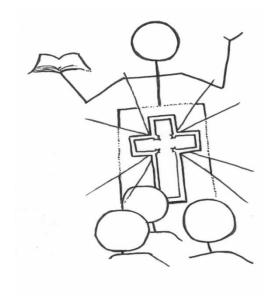
- 1. What is eternal life? John 17:3
- 2. Who is God? Isaiah 46:9, Psalms 90.2, Isaiah 57:15
- 3. How has God revealed Himself to us? Hebrews 1:1-2; Colossians1:13-16; John 1:1-4,9,14; Ps. 19:1-3
- 4. Is Jesus God? Isaiah 9:6, Hebrews 1:8, John 20:28
- 5. How did Jesus say God would manifest Himself after He went back to heaven? John 4:24; 14:16-17; 16:7-11
- 6. What are the 13 main characteristics of God?
 - A. Jeremiah 23:23-24
 - B. Job 42:2
 - C. 1 John 3:20
 - D. 1 John 4:16
 - E. 1 John 1:5
 - F. Isaiah 6:3
 - G. Psalms 103:8
 - H. 1 Timothy 1:17
 - I. 2 Timothy 2:13
 - J. Daniel 9:14
 - K. Isaiah 45:21
 - L. Romans 8:33

- 7. What is God's will for mankind? 2 Peter 3:9
- 8. Why does God want men to repent? 1 John 1:2-3
- 9. What does God want to do in your life as you fellowship with Him? 2 Timothy 1:9
- 10. What do we have to do in order to find and fulfill God's purpose for our lives? Philippians 2:12-13, Hebrews 5:9

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

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

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



WE NEED TO LIVE TO FULFILL GOD'S

PURPOSE FOR OUR

LIVES

THE ENEMY (SPIRITUAL WARFARE)

| 1. | Who wants to destroy you? 1 Peter 5:8 | | |
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| 2. | Who works with satan to help destroy us? Ephesians 6:12 | | |
| 3. | How does the devil tempt us to disobey God? Genesis 3:1-6,13; Luke 4:1-13; James 1:14-16 | | |
| 4. | I. Why does God allow us to be tempted? 1 Peter 1:6-7, Romans 5:3-5 | | |
| 5. | 5. Are we able to overcome satan's temptations? 1 Corinthians 10:13 | | |
| 6. | 5. What is the way of escape that God has provided for us? Matthew 26:41, Ephesians 6:10-11 | | |
| 7. What are the eight parts of our spiritual armor? Ephesians 6:13-18 | | | |
| | A. B. | | |
| | C. D. | | |
| | E. F. | | |
| | G. H. | | |
| | What will God's armor enable us to do in order to defeat satan? 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 | | |
| 9. | Why are we able to defeat satan? 1 John 4:4 | | |

10. What 4 things should a person do to overcome the affects of sin when someone has yielded to temptation? Mark 16:17, James 5:16, 1 John 1:9, Luke 17:3-4, Leviticus 6:2-5

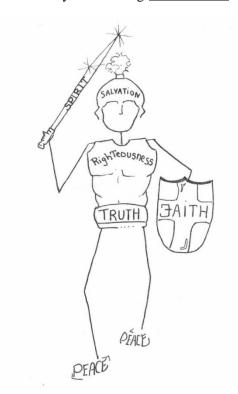
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- 1. Do you realize Satan, not God, people or circumstances, is your enemy? Yes __ no __ If not, set your heart to receive and believe it this day.
- 2. What is your area(s) of greatest temptation?

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

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

MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing 1 Peter 5:8



WE MUST PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

SPIRITUAL GROWTH (LEARNING TO LIVE FOR JESUS)

| 1. | What are the 3 stages of spiritual growth and what happens in each stage? 1 John 2:12-14 | |
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| | A. | |
| | B. | |
| | C. | |
| 2. | What must we do daily in order to grow in our relationship to God? Luke 9:23, Romans 12:1-2 | |
| 3. | What are the things we must seek to add to our faith in order to <i>grow to know God</i> and in what order? 2 Peter 1:5-11 | |
| 4. | As we grow in God and our mind is renewed, what things will God remove from our life and what are the things He will replace them with. Ephesians 4:17 - 5:16 | |
| | Remove Replace With | |
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- 5. How should we deal with problems we have with people in order to grow spiritually? Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15-17
- 6. How should we live in order to grow spiritually? Romans 8:5-6, Galatians 5:16-25
- 7. How will spiritual growth help you in your relationship with God? Iohn 7:17, Ephesians 5:17
- 8. What does doing God's will enable us to experience in this life? Romans 8:1, 13-14, 28, 31, 35-39; Colossians 1:9-13

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you grow to know God by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

- 1. What stage of spiritual growth are you in?
- 2. Are you daily yielding your life to Christ daily in order to grow spiritually? Yes __ no __ If not, pray and yield your life totally right now and continue to do it first thing each morning.
- 3. Are you seeking to add to your faith the things you need in order to grow spiritually and are you doing it in the proper order? Yes __ no __ If not, begin to do it right now. Pray and ask God to help you do it.
- 4. What things does God need to remove from your life in order for you to grow spiritually?

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

- 5. Are you seeking to set your mind on the things of the Spirit in order to walk in the Spirit? Yes __ no __ If not, pray right now asking God to help you set your mind on the things of the Spirit.
- 6. Is knowing and doing God's will the most important thing in life to you? Yes __ no __ If not, decide right now to make it top priority in your life.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing Luke 9:23

THE THREE STAGES OF

L. CHILD

ADULT

SPIRITUAL DIET (PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY)

A. PRAYER

- What does praising God help us to do? Ephesians 5:18-20
 What two ways do we pray? 1 Corinthians 14:15
 How do we pray in the Spirit? Romans 8:26, 1 Corinthians 14:14
- 5. What does praying in the Spirit do? Jude 20
- 6. How do we pray with our understanding? Matthew 6:5-13
- 7. What are some of the things God tells us to pray for? Matthew 5:44, 9:38; Psalms 32:5-6, 122:6; James 1:5, 5:16; 1 Timothy 2:1-3
- 8. When should we pray? 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Luke 18:1
- 9. What do we need to add to our prayers in order to defeat the enemy sometimes? Matthew 17:21
- 10. If we are living for Jesus, what does He promise concerning our prayers? 1 John 3:22; 5:14

- 11. What can keep God from hearing our prayers? James 4:3, Psalms 66:18, 1 Peter 3:7, Mark 11:25-26
- 12. What must we do to get these hindrances removed? 1 John 1:9

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

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

MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing 1 Timothy 2:8

B. THE BIBLE

- 1. What should man live by? Matthew 4:4
- 2. As a follower of Jesus, what should we feed on in order to grow? 1 Peter 2:1-3
- 3. How do we know we can trust the Bible? 2 Timothy 3:16

Lesson 6 (cont.)

| 4. | Besides living by what it says, what six things do we need to do with God's Word? Ephesians 3:4, 2 Timothy 2:15, Psalms 1:1-2; 119:11, 1 John 1:1-3, Habakkuk 2:2 | | |
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| | C. | D. | |
| | E. | F. | |
| 5. | d? John 16:13-14 | | |
| 6. | 5. What does listening to God's Word do for our faith? Romans10:17 | | |
| 7. | How does God's Word help us fight the ene | my as we study and share it? Hebrews 4:12 | |
| 8. | What does Jesus say concerning those who | live by His Word? John 8:31-32 | |
| BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you <i>grow to know God</i> by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations. | | | |
| 1. | Do you feed your spirit on God's Word daily | /? Yes no If not, begin today. | |
| 2. | | ord so that it can show you how to deal with tand mind? Yes no If not, begin today. | |
| 3. | Do you write down the things God tells you as you study His Word so you can meditate or them later? Yes no If no, begin to do so today. | | |
| 4. | Do you share what God shows you in His W benefit from what God has blessed you with | ord at every opportunity so that others can h? Yes no If not, begin to do so today. | |

MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing **2 Timothy 3:16**.

5. Memorize the books of the Bible and write them below.

WE NEED TO FEED ON THE WORD AND PRAYER DAILY IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN OUR SPIRIT MAN.



SPIRITUAL EXERCISE (FELLOWSHIPPING WITH OTHER FOLLOWERS OF JESUS & TELLING OTHERS ABOUT JESUS)

A. FELLOWSHIPPING WITH OTHER FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS: Read the questions then read the scriptures. Meditate (think about what God is saying). Write the answers to the questions in your own words based on what's revealed to you during your meditations.

- meditations.

 1. What are we able to do if we are living for Jesus? 1 John 1:7
- 2. Why do we need fellowship? Hebrews 10:24-25
- 3. How do we know that we love God? 1 John 4:20-21; 5:2
- 4. How do others know we belong to Jesus? John 13:35
- 5. How do we show other followers of Jesus the love of God? 1 John 3:17, Galatians 6:10, James 1:27, 2:14-17
- 6. Who should we not fellowship with? Proverbs 12:26, 1 Corinthians 15:33, 2 Corinthians 6:14

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

- 1. Are you seeking to fellowship with other followers of Jesus so they can help you grow spiritually? Yes __ no __ If not, begin to do so today. Ask God to lead you to the people He wants you to fellowship with.
- 2. Do you show how much you love God by ministering to other people especially followers of Jesus whenever you are able to do so? Yes __ no __ If not, repent and ask God to help you be faithful to do this.
- 3. Do you fellowship with people who do not love Jesus? Yes __no __ If yes, repent and ask God to help you seek fellowship with Christians who love Jesus and are seeking to live for Him.

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

B. TELLING OTHERS ABOUT JESUS

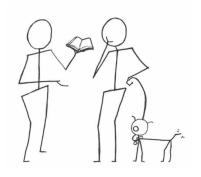
SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS: Read the questions then read the scriptures. Meditate (think about what God is saying). Write the answers to the questions in your own words based on what's revealed to you during your meditations.

- 1. What is one of the ministries God has given us? 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
- 2. What should we be prepared to do as God's people? 1 Peter 3:15
- 3. What should we do as we go about our daily activity? Matthew10:7-8
- 4. How and where are we to witness for lesus? Acts 1:8
- 5. What three things is the Holy Spirit dealing with the lost world about? John 16:7-11
- 6. What two things did Paul share everywhere he went? Acts 20:21
- 7. What are the main points of the message about Jesus according to these scriptures? Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 2:4; 10:9-10; 6:17-18
- 8. What is God's instruction and promise to us as we go in His name? Matthew 28:18-20

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

- 1. Have you been telling others about Jesus as you go about your daily activities? Yes __ no __ If no, repent and ask God to help you witness to others.
- 2. Do you tell others of their need to repent and live for Jesus or do your try to avoid the subject of repentance? Tell __ avoid __ If avoid, ask God to give you boldness to share a clear message about Jesus.
- 3. Do you try to make disciples by teaching those who ask Jesus into their heart how to *grow* to know God? yes__ no__ If no, begin by sharing what you've learned in this study with them.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing 1 Peter 3:15



WE NEED TO WITNESS DAILY IN ORDER TO GROW SPIRITUALLY STRONG

God has a wonderful purpose for your life. We want to help you find and fulfill that purpose. If you would like further training, prayer, or information on how you can work with others to share about knowing God where you live; please contact us.

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This is one of a series of booklets designed to help you *grow to know God* and fulfill His purpose for your life. Henry has experienced the victory that comes from knowing God for over 60 years; including God's healing from cancer as he walked with the cross. Since his healing he has traveled the world sharing *how to know God*; and helping others find blessings and success by *growing to know Him*, and fulfilling His purpose for their life.

Out of this experience he has compiled several learning guides that enable people to *grow to know God*, and understand how to live the basic Bible principles for blessings and success in life. This particular learning guide is designed to help you *grow to know God* in your personal life by living for Him each day. It can also be used to help you teach others, and is appropriate for individuals or groups.

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