

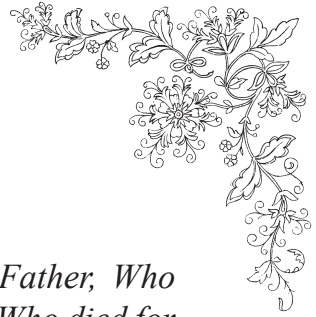


*The Joy
of
Womanhood*

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Dedication

I dedicate this book to my heavenly Father, Who loves me unconditionally, to my Saviour, Who died for me, and to the Holy Spirit, Who opens up the Scriptures for such a simple one as I.

“O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.”

Psalm 119:97-104





Foreword

*Whether you are just beginning womanhood at the tender age of thirteen, or are a young mother of thirty-three, or are a grandmother of fifty-three, I pray that this book, *The Joy of Womanhood*, will help you walk closer with your Saviour. In this day and age, the tentacles of feminism are attempting to slip into every area of our lives and modify or displace biblical behavior. We, as Christian women, must be sure that our lives are based on the Bible and its principles.*

*I would like to challenge girls and women of all ages to work through the *Joy of Womanhood*. Let us encourage each other to love God more, and obey Him in all matters. I earnestly pray that at the end of the year, you will find that you are walking closer with your Saviour, and will have discovered the true joy of womanhood!*

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Goals

“I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus,”
—Philippians 3:14.

According to the *Webster’s Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary*, the definition of the word *goal* is the result or achievement toward which effort is directed: aim, end, or the terminal point in a race. What is our terminal point for our lives? Is it to be a good Christian? Is it to be a good wife and mother?

“Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:” —Philippians 3:8-9.

When we focus our efforts on *being* something, our attention is on ourselves. We can never be good. Paul was not aiming to be a good Christian. Paul was aiming toward a Person, Jesus Christ. Paul was focusing on *knowing* and *servicing* Jesus, his Lord and Saviour. When we are trying to be something, we are trying to have our own righteousness. True righteousness is ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

So what is the purpose of the *Goals* section? It is to know God and serve Him while we are on our earthly pilgrimage heading for eternity. Oftentimes, the sin in our daily lives keeps us from being more effective in His service. Peter tells us to add to our faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity. He goes on to say *“For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ,”* —II Peter 1:8.

The purpose of the *Goals* section is to forsake a sin and add to our faith. Pray and examine your life and character. Pray for the Holy Spirit to show you an area needing improvement and select this area for this year.

Let us take laziness, as an example. Laziness and slothfulness are sins. For a girl, the results of laziness could be poor school grades, sloppy papers, a messy bedroom, never finishing things, never writing thank you notes, never helping others—and the list could go on and on. For a woman, the results of laziness could be a messy home, ill-prepared meals, lack of child-training, a neglected husband, and the list could go on and on. This one sin, laziness, causes us not to read our Bibles or memorize verses. This one sin causes us to be disobedient, and not to follow instructions. This one sin keeps us from being effective as women and as Christians.

What shall we do about laziness? Find every Scripture on this subject and write them all down and memorize each one. Put them where you can see them or in places where you need a reminder. Put this sin at the top of your prayer list. Every time you yield to this sin and do not do what you should be doing, confess it immediately, and get busy! Do not indulge in laziness. Do not be idle. Work! Complete! Finish! Do!

Another example might be that perhaps you realize you are not a thoughtful person. What sin keeps you from being thoughtful? Recognize the sin, find the Scriptures, pray, and begin to develop the habit of thoughtfulness. It takes many repetitive acts of kindness and thoughtfulness to make a habit.



Goal for This Year



GOAL _____

What sin prevents me from reaching my goal? _____

How does this sin hinder me? _____

What are the Scriptures on this sin? _____

What changes am I going to make to combat this sin? _____

What positive things am I going to do to change this habit? _____

CHECKPOINTS (How am I doing?)

Record progress, including failures and successes. You can also record daily struggles in your personal journal.

January _____

February _____

March _____

April _____

May _____

June _____

July _____

August _____

September _____

October _____

November _____

December _____

EVALUATION

How did you do? _____

Do you need to repeat these steps next year, or have you made this a permanent habit?

What more could you have done? _____



According to Thy Word

“Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee,” —Psalm 119:11

It is important to hide God’s Word in our hearts. We need to read God’s Word, meditate on God’s Word, and apply God’s Word to our lives. We need to memorize God’s Word so that we never forget it.

If we truly desire to *know* God and *do* His will daily, we must spend much time with Him, and find what *He* considers to be obedience. It does not matter what we think, or what others tell us, is obedience. We must know from *Him* what *He* considers obedience. We must apply His Word to every area of our lives. We must read the Bible for what it says, and never try to make it fit our own actions or interests. God’s Word is the absolute truth by which we must live. We must change our lives according to it, and not, as is so commonly done, interpret it to fit us.

It is my sincere hope that the format used in this book, which has helped me, will also help you to really learn to let God’s Word take hold of your heart and mind. Under the section entitled Definitions, please do not write down what you *think* a word means. So often we are tempted to write the first thing that comes to mind, but please remember that this is a study, and it is important to know the true and varied meanings of the words. Take the time to look up the words in a good dictionary. The process of looking up words gives much more added depth to our understanding of words. If you do not “look up” the definitions in each chapter, you will miss out on a large portion of what you might gain from this study.

For example, we know God’s Word tells us to have a meek spirit, but few of us know what is a truly meek spirit. However, if we look in a good dictionary, we will find the words “meek” and “meekness” to mean: 1. Humbly patient or submissive, as under provocation from others. 2. Overly patient or submissive; spiritless; tame. 3. Gentle, kind, meek, soft, mild, modest, longsuffering, enduring, tolerant, persevering, understanding, unhurried. Synonyms would be: humbleness, resignation, surrender,

forbearance, yielding, docility, unassuming, pacific, calmness, softness, gentleness, longsuffering, modesty, kindness, tolerance, perseverance, and understanding. (Pacific means at peace, calm, irenic, nonbelligerent, pacifist, peace-loving, peaceable, serene, tranquil, at peace.)

After reading the full meaning behind the simple word “meekness,” we can begin to understand what it is that God values so highly, and we may possibly see just how far we have to go in our Christian walk to develop this meek spirit. We might even look up some of the words in the definition to define them further, such as “pacific.” Could these words be used to describe you or me?

Another beneficial aid in doing this study is to use a biblical concordance to locate other Scriptures which will prove the validity of your answers to the questions.

Last, but not least, pray to the Holy Spirit to guide you into all truth. The Scripture says, *“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come,”* —John 16:13.

Instructions:

- First - Pray before doing each lesson.
- Second - Read the Bible verse.
- Third - Write the verse.
- Fourth - Write the verse in your own words.
- Fifth - Look up the definitions.
- Sixth - Answer the questions using Scripture whenever possible.
- Seventh - Memorize the verse.
- Eighth - Recite the verse to a designated person.



WEEK 1

The Creation of Woman

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.” —Genesis 1:27

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Created _____

Image _____

QUESTIONS

1. Who created you? _____

2. In Whose image were you created? _____

3. Could God’s creation of man or woman ever be considered a mistake? _____

Why? _____

4. Did God create a man to be better than a woman? _____

5. Would you think it is better to be a man than a woman? Give the reason for

your answer. _____

6. Do you believe that the God Who created the universe, the God Who created each animal, and the God Who created man and woman could possibly have erred in His design and plan for a woman's life? Why?

God has never made a mistake. God planned your creation as a woman for a purpose. You are not a mistake. You are a wonderful creation of God.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



“Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments. I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments. I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.” — Psalm 119:1-8

WEEK 2

Creation Was Very Good

“And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.”
—Genesis 1:31

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Good _____

QUESTIONS

1. Was God pleased with His creation? _____
2. Was God pleased with His creation of a woman? _____
3. Is it ever right for a girl to wish she were a boy? _____
Why? _____

4. Is it ever right not to be happy with being a woman? _____
Why? _____

5. Why do you think so many girls and women in our society want to do the things men do, and not want to do womanly things?

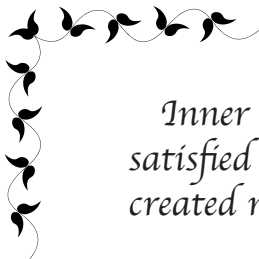
6. Do you ever wish you could do the things boys or men do? _____
Why? _____

7. How do you think God would view your answer to question six? _____

8. Is it a sin to long to do or be something that God did not create you to do or to be? If so, why?

Take some time and think about your thoughts; and if there is some discontentment, or some thoughts appear to be wrong, confess them and forsake them. God was very pleased to create us female, and we should delight in being women and doing womanly things.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



Inner peace and contentment come from being satisfied with who I am, and that is who God created me to be.

WEEK 3

God Has Known Me From the Beginning

“For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb⁽¹³⁾. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well⁽¹⁴⁾. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth⁽¹⁵⁾. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them⁽¹⁶⁾.”
—Psalm 139:13-16

WRITE VERSE 14

WHAT DOES VERSE 14 MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Possessed _____

Covered _____

Praise _____

Fearfully _____

Wonderfully _____

Substance _____

QUESTIONS

1. So many girls and women do not like themselves. Why do you think this is? _

2. Who has told them these lies that make them feel this way and why would they tell them these lies? _____

3. Write what verse fifteen means in your own words. _____

God knew you from the first moment you were conceived.

4. Write what verse sixteen means in your own words. _____

Every part of you is important to God.

5. Write again what verse fourteen means to you. _____

6. Why do you think that all women are marvelous, and not just some? _____

7. By whose standards are we marvelous? _____

8. Would it ever be right to complain about yourself? _____

9. Why would it not be right to complain? _____

10. Is it a sin to complain and not accept yourself? _____

Why? _____

We think, that because we do not commit “big sins” (like murder), we are pretty good Christian women, but the truth of the matter is that all sin grieves the heart of God. God has created us and loves us, and some of us gripe and complain about the job God did. We are so helpless that we cannot create anything, and yet, we complain about the Creator! That attitude is sinful because it displays a “self” which has no appreciation nor gratitude. We should be thanking God every day for our wonderful bodies and for the gift of life. Our hearts should be full of contentment and joy, and our lips should have a song of praise for our wonderful God and Creator.

If you have a problem in this area, name your sins, confess them, and begin today to praise God for being a wonderful Creator, Who created you, a woman.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE 14 - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 4

A Helpmeet Is Created

“And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.” —Genesis 2:18

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Help _____

Meet _____

QUESTIONS

1. What does the word “helpmeet” mean? _____

2. Does God imply that being a “helpmeet” is a derogatory position? _____

If you do not know what derogatory means, please look it up.

3. Is it better to be a man (leader), or is it better to be a helpmeet? _____

4. How are the functions of life different for a man and a woman?

Manly Functions

Womanly Functions

5. What do you think God's plan was for creating males and females? _____

6. Why do you think it was necessary to create males and females with very different functions? _____

7. Why do you think so many women and girls do not want to be helpmeets?

8. Does God, in His Word, give women a choice in their function or role?

9. Does God ask a woman to forsake her function and do a man's function? _____

10. How do women in our generation forsake their womanly roles and assume men's masculine roles? _____

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11. Can women who forsake their womanly roles be considered obedient to God?
Why not? _____
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12. Is God's Word still applicable today? _____
13. Would women doing men's jobs be considered obedient to the Word of God?

14. What are your plans for your future? _____
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15. Are your plans biblical? Do you desire to be a helpmeet? _____

Please do not let the feminist teachings grab hold of your hearts and minds. (Feminists are women who do not want to be womanly, and rather desire to perform those functions which belong to males. They desire to have a status equal to or higher than that of men. Their philosophies of living are usually opposed to marriage, children, and the God of the Bible.) There is nothing which brings more fulfillment in the life of a woman than being the helpmeet that God designed and created her to be. God alone knows what will bring a woman happiness. We cannot glorify God in any other role than the one for which we were created.



MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____

"Thou, my best and kindest Friend,
Thou will love me to the end;
Let me love Thee more and more,
Always better than before."
F. R. Havergal

WEEK 5

All God's Precepts Are Right

“Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.” —Psalm 119:128

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Esteem _____

Precepts _____

False _____

QUESTIONS

1. Do you believe this verse to be true? _____

If you answered yes, then you can safely trust God's Word to be the deciding factor on every question you might have.

2. Name five false ways that feminists and society promote as the right way for women.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

3. Do you hate these false ways? _____

4. Do you have any false ways in your life or future plans? If so, what are they?_

5. What can you change to bring your plans into line with God's Word? _____

I pray we will seriously examine ourselves and confess any false ways that we might have to our heavenly Father. We need to pray always for wisdom and discernment to keep these false ways out of our thinking and our lives.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 6

Be Fruitful

“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”
—Genesis 1:28

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Fruitful _____

Replenish _____

Subdue _____

Dominion _____

QUESTIONS

1. Why did God bless Adam and Eve? _____

2. What were God's commands to them? _____

3. Would these commands be just for Adam and Eve, or would they also be meant for us? Why? _____

4. Is there any place in the Bible where these commands become obsolete? _____
5. In our society, we are taught that large families are wrong and that parents should only have two children. Is this a true teaching according to the Bible?

6. If this is not a true teaching, is it safe to assume that it is not biblical, and, therefore, is a Satanic teaching? _____
7. Should we obey society or God's Word? _____

Planned Parenthood, one of the most evil organizations in our present world, has popularized the philosophy of having two or fewer children with a preference of no children. They are responsible for millions of abortions. One of God's great blessings to us is to give us the ability to create new life, to nurture and rear our young, to experience the joy of being mothers. Ladies, we simply must not believe the lies being told by Planned Parenthood and others who hold similar beliefs. Truth is in God's Word. We can believe Him!

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____

WEEK 7

Children Are an Heritage of the Lord

“Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.”—Psalm 127:3-5

WRITE VERSES

WHAT DO THESE VERSES MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Heritage _____

Reward _____

QUESTIONS

1. What does God say about children? _____

2. Many people in our society, especially feminists, consider children to be problems, hindrances to their careers, etc. They recommend small families, if necessary, but according to them, the best lifestyle is to have no children at all. Abortion is recommended to keep these nuisances (children) from messing up their lives. Are these thoughts biblical? Explain your answer.

3. Feminists say that rearing children is a boring job which brings little, if any, personal fulfillment. Do you believe them? Explain your answer.

4. Do you think God would consider “mothering” a time to be endured until a woman can go on to what the world may consider more important things in life? Why or why not?

5. If God gave the job of mothering to women, do you think God would consider any job to be more important than the job He gave? Why or why not?

6. What could possibly be more important than to nurture the children to whom we have given birth?

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7. Do you think women who would rather have careers than rear children bring honor and glory to God? Use Scripture to justify your answer.
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God's Word says that children are our heritage and our reward. They bring happiness to us. This is the exact opposite of what the world teaches us. Of course, the world teaches a false way, and it is very sad to see so many Christian women follow this false way. Happiness does not lie in a career. Fulfillment does not come from the work force. Happiness and fulfillment come from obedience to God's plan. Trust and obey, for there is no other way!

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 8

Eve's Temptation

“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?⁽¹⁾ And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:⁽²⁾ But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.⁽³⁾ And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:⁽⁴⁾ For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.⁽⁵⁾ And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.⁽⁶⁾”
—Genesis 3:1-6

WRITE VERSE 6

WHAT DOES VERSE 6 MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Wise _____

Desire _____

QUESTIONS

1. This is such a sad story! Eve listened to Satan. Why do you think she listened to Satan instead of God?

2. Did Eve think that God had lied to her? _____

3. Did Eve believe that God was withholding blessings from her that she could get only by eating the forbidden fruit?

4. Did Eve trust God? _____

5. Did Eve trust Satan? _____

6. What do you think you would have done if you were Eve? _____

7. If you put that you would have done differently from Eve and would not have listened to Satan, what makes you think so?

Eve listened to Satan. She saw that the fruit looked good, and she wanted to be wise. She acted on impulse. She did not take time to pray, nor did she ask her husband's advice. She disobeyed God, and then she encouraged her husband, who loved her, to follow her and disobey God also.

8. When you look at all the things in the world (and we know that the things of the world belong to Satan) such as possessions, education, fame, or fortune, what are some of the things you desire?

9. Do you want to be wise as Eve was? _____
10. Do you want to be wiser than God? _____

If you refuse to obey God's Word, His precepts, His plan for your life—you are like Eve. You think God has lied to you, and you believe Satan rather than God. You may think a career will bring more fulfillment than being satisfied with being a helpmeet and mother; but you will find out, like Eve, that it is foolish to aspire to things outside of God's plan for you. The evil one even deceives Christian women by enticing them to leave their homes for the Christian workforce or some good-sounding cause. However, this leaving of our homes still results in our families being abandoned in many ways.

11. Look at your life, young people. Do you find any of these?
- disobedience to parents
 - watching bad TV programs
 - dressing immodestly
 - reading trashy books

Is this because you want to be wise, or cool and accepted by your friends? Is not God your Friend? The above-mentioned things are acceptable to those who have a distaste for God and His Word.

12. Look at your life, older teens, young women, and wives. Do you find any of the above, plus any of the following?
- choosing unbiblical careers
 - deciding not to have children
 - limiting the number of children
 - disobedience to fathers or husbands

- being impulsive
- longing to be free from the restraints of a biblical relationship

If you are doing any of the above, please realize that you have fallen for the same Satanic lie that Eve did. You are saying that God is withholding the truth from you, and, therefore, He is withholding many pleasurable things. You are believing that the world's philosophy is more correct than God's Word. You are choosing to listen to Satan, and forsaking God and His Way. You will regret choosing the wrong path today for all eternity. You are sacrificing eternal happiness for placing your trust in the evil one. If Eve were living today, Satan would say, "You have to realize, Eve, we're living in the twenty-first century now!" God is timeless. Does God even care what decade it is? If He does not, why should you?

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE 6 - DATE SAID _____



Take My Life, and Let It Be

*Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages for Thee;
Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.*

*Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.*

*Take my love, my God, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.*

Frances Havergal

WEEK 9

The Serpent Beguiled Eve

“And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.” —Genesis 3:13

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Beguile _____

QUESTIONS

1. Do you think Eve realized that Satan lied to her upon eating the fruit? Explain.

2. Did Eve answer God truthfully? _____
3. Could Eve undo her actions? _____
4. Did confessing to God and being sorry for her sin change the consequences of her sin? _____

5. God meted out punishment to all three involved in this act of disobedience. What was each one's punishment? (Look it up in the Bible.)

Adam _____

Eve _____

Serpent _____

There is always a consequence to our actions. There is always a punishment which goes along with our sin. Never think for a moment that we can get away with any willful act of disobedience. Never think that if we are led astray, or deceived because we do not know truth, God will not let the consequences of our actions catch up with us. He does! We have His Word. We have prayer. We have parents. We have husbands. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." —Galatians 6:7.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



Presumption

It is no light thing to disobey even in the tiniest of matters. It is no light thing to disobey God. He is God, King of the universe, Creator, Lord, Judge, Almighty. When we hear His still small Voice, God's Voice, we must not ignore it!

What presumption to ignore it, or do what we want to do, and then expect His forgiveness just because we ask. He doesn't have to forgive. He is God. He is in control. He is King!

WEEK 10

Study

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” —II Timothy 2:15

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Study _____

Approved _____

Workman _____

Rightly _____

Dividing _____

QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think God requires us to stay in His Word? _____

2. Why do you think that God does not just make it easy for us to understand His Word? _____

3. How much time have you allowed in your schedule for studying God's Word?

4. Why is it important for us to "be approved" by God? _____

5. How can you know that you are rightly dividing the Word of Truth? _____

God tells each of us to study His Word. Reading someone else's study simply will not do. We must know for ourselves the truths of His Word. If we truly want to know the truth, we will spend much time in our Bibles and on our knees.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 11

The Aged Women

“The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;⁽³⁾ that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,⁽⁴⁾ to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.⁽⁵⁾” —Titus 2:3-5

WRITE VERSE 3

WHAT DOES VERSE 3 MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Aged _____

Behavior _____

Holiness _____

QUESTIONS

1. Define the older woman’s job given to her by God. _____

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2. Are all older women given this job? _____
3. What are the qualifications for this job? _____
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4. When you need advice, describe the type of woman God wants you to go to for that advice.
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5. Notice that God did not list the latest magazines or books. He did not list young people. He did not list friends. He specifically listed older women who are holy. Why do you think this is so?
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6. Who are your advisors? _____
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When we are faced with a problem or serious question, an older, godly woman should be able to tell us what the Bible says concerning the matter. She will point us to the Lord, and encourage us to follow God. She may not always tell us what we want to hear, but she will tell us what is best for our eternity. Let us be wise and follow God's plan for seeking help with our problems.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE 3 - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 12

What to Teach Young Women, Part 1

“That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,” —Titus 2:4

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Sober _____

QUESTIONS

1. What do the younger women need to learn? _____

2. What do you think a sober young woman is like? _____

3. Describe a young girl or woman who is the opposite of a sober-minded girl or woman. _____

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4. Which are you? _____
5. Why do you think young wives need to be taught or reminded to love their husbands? _____
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6. What might wives love more than their husbands? _____
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7. Why do you think young mothers need to be told to love their children? _____
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8. What might mothers love more than their children? _____
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9. Next to her personal relationship with God, what should a woman's highest priority be? _____
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10. What are your priorities? _____
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The choices we make in life reflect how much of God's Word we honestly believe. Either we believe or we do not believe. Either we are rebellious toward God or we are obedient to God. We cannot be both. We may say we love the Lord, but our actions reveal the truth.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 13

What to Teach the Young Women, Part 2

“To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.” —Titus 2:5

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Discreet _____

Chaste _____

QUESTIONS

1. How can a woman be discreet in her conversation? _____

2. How can a woman be discreet in her mannerisms? _____

3. How can a woman be discreet in her appearance? _____

4. How can a woman be chaste in her conversation? _____

5. How can a woman be chaste in her mannerisms? _____

6. How can a woman be chaste in her appearance? _____

7. We tend to judge ourselves lightly concerning these things. Let us be honest with ourselves. If you were judging your discretion, on a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being the most discreet, how would *you* rate:

your appearance _____, your conversation _____,
your mannerisms _____?

On a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being the most discreet, how would *God* rate:

your appearance _____, your conversation _____,
your mannerisms _____?

8. Concerning chasteness, on a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being the most chaste, how would *you* rate:

your appearance _____, your conversation _____,
your mannerisms _____?

On a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being the most chaste, how would *God* rate:

your appearance _____, your conversation _____,
your mannerisms _____?

Is not that a sobering thought, that God looks down from heaven and notices our appearance, our conversation, and our mannerisms? He not only notices them, but they matter to Him. These things are important, for they reflect our love and obedience to God. We should strive to please our heavenly Father—and not to be accepted by our peers. Do you need to make some changes? Will you make them?

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____

WEEK 14

Keepers at Home

“To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.” —Titus 2:5

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Keepers _____

QUESTIONS

1. What do you think a keeper at home is? _____

2. Why do you think that God has instructed women to be keepers at home instead of assigning them other jobs to do?

3. Do you think being a keeper at home is an important job? _____
Why? _____

4. Do you think when a woman chooses not to be a keeper at home, she is disobeying God?

5. Do you think God is smart enough to know how to assign roles to men and women? Explain your answer.

6. Do you believe that this Scripture is still true today and is still true for you?

7. How does your life reflect this Scripture now or how will it reflect this Scripture in the future? _____

8. Define the word good. _____

9. God commands wives and mothers to be good. List ten ways a wife can be considered a good wife and ten ways a mother can be considered a good mother.

WIFE

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

MOTHER

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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| 9. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 10. _____ |

10. As a girl, you are preparing for these very important jobs. List ten ways you can prepare right now for these future jobs. As a wife and mother, list ten ways you can improve upon your job as a wife and mother.

- | WIFE | MOTHER |
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| 1. _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 10. _____ |

God has never changed His plan for women. It is a good and wonderful plan which brings happiness and true fulfillment to women. God does know best. After all, He made us! Ladies and girls, do not be fooled into thinking that a career can ever take the place of being a wife and mother. One is temporal, the other is eternal.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 15

Obedience to Husbands

“To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.” —Titus 2:5

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Obedient _____

QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think it was necessary for God to be so specific in His Word to tell women that they need to be obedient to their own husbands?

2. Can you name any “other husbands” a woman might listen to and be tempted to obey? _____

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3. Could male employers or men in church leadership positions ask for obedience from a woman over her husband's desires? If so, how?

4. Could authors of books exert pressure for a woman to follow the author's teaching instead of her husband's teaching? If so, how?

5. As a young girl, do you ever have men other than your father asking for your obedience or loyalty to certain teachings contrary to your father's teachings? If so, what should you do about it?

6. Name some people or books which could attempt to lead you away from obedience to your father.

7. If God teaches that daughters should obey their fathers, and wives should obey their own husbands, is it a safe assumption to say that those who are asking a girl or woman to do otherwise are acting in an unbiblical manner, and, in fact, are sinning against God's Word? Explain your answer.

8. Every time someone teaches you or presents you with a new idea or teaching, or you observe something on the news, or read a magazine article, or hear something new from a friend, do you think you would be wise to ask your father's or husband's advice on the subject? If so, why?

Women are more easily led astray from truth than men. Our proud hearts do not want to believe that to be true, but it is. Eve was deceived. Adam was not. God gives men grace and wisdom to lead their wives because He has asked the wives to trust the leadership of their husbands. God does not command women to be free thinkers or teachers of their husbands. God's Word teaches that women are to learn from their fathers and husbands. The principle here is obedience to God's Word and following God's plan and God's way. Girls, develop the habit of asking your father's opinion about everything you do and read, and then listen and obey. You will be developing a pattern of trust and obedience that you will carry into your marriage relationship. Wives, if you are not already asking your own husband about everything, begin today to do so.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 16

Blasphemy

“To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.” —Titus 2:5

WRITE VERSE _____

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Blasphemed _____

QUESTIONS

1. What does the Bible say the punishment for blasphemy is? List the chapter and verse. _____

2. How does a person commit blasphemy? _____

3. Name some types of blasphemy against God’s Word. _____

4. How does a woman commit blasphemy? _____

5. Does this verse imply that a woman's lifestyle can blaspheme God's Word?

6. Would you say that not being in the role God planned for a woman to be in
 blasphemes God's Word? Why?

7. If you are a teen, what lifestyle are you planning? _____

8. If you are a woman, does your present life glorify God and His Word, or does
 it blaspheme His Word? _____

9. If your future plans or your present life are contrary to God's Word and
 blaspheme His Word, what are you going to do to change them?

Choosing our lifestyle and how we live out our lives is pretty serious business. It is not our choice to make. God has chosen the path for us, and either we love the Lord and are following His path and glorifying Him with our lives, or we love ourselves, and we are following our own paths and blaspheming Him. Truly, this is the opposite of what the world is teaching girls and women, this is the opposite of what the modern church is teaching women, but this world's wisdom is foolishness unto God! Please don't be foolish. Our heavenly Father loves and cares for us, and blesses a life of obedience with joy, peace, and happiness—things the world cannot give.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 17

The Matter of Subjection

“Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;⁽¹⁾ while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.⁽²⁾ Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;⁽³⁾ but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.⁽⁴⁾ For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:⁽⁵⁾ even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.⁽⁶⁾” —I Peter 3:1-6

WRITE VERSE 1

WHAT DOES VERSE 1 MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Subjection _____

Conversation _____

QUESTIONS

1. What does *be in subjection to your own husbands* mean? _____

2. Does this verse apply to our generation? _____

3. If a husband is not a believer (a man who obeys not the Word of God), how does this verse teach that he may become a believer without the Word?

4. What does conversation of the wife mean? _____

5. Does conversation mean just words? _____

6. What else does conversation include? _____

In actuality, this verse teaches that it is not what a wife says that can win her husband to the Lord, but what a wife does. Her actions speak much louder than her words. I wonder if our actions as daughters might win our lost fathers to the Lord. I wonder if our actions as sisters might win our lost sisters and brothers to the Lord. I wonder if we are mighty good at talking and sharing Scripture, but our actions drown out our words. God is telling us that our conversation and our way of life are mighty important!

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE 1 - DATE SAID _____

WEEK 18

Chaste Conversation

“While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.” —I Peter 3:2

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Behold _____

Chaste _____

QUESTIONS

1. What does chaste conversation mean? _____

2. Could you describe yourself as chaste? If not, how would you describe yourself? _____

3. What changes do you need to make in your own life for God to consider your life to be a chaste life?

4. What do you think the word fear means here? _____

In the Greek Dictionary, the actual translation for this word is fright or terror.

5. Of Whom is this fear? _____

Our chaste behavior and our fear of God—not just reverence, but fear of a holy God—will do more to win our lost loved ones than any words we can say. Our lives must reflect this great truth. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.” —Proverbs 1:7. We must never make God commonplace. He is not just one part of our busy lives to Whom we give a few minutes of attention through prayer. He is holy and mighty, and we are to be in awe of Him, and to show reverence and respect—and, yes, fear.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



“By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

—Proverbs 16:6

WEEK 19

What Kind of Adorning?

“Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel⁽³⁾; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.⁽⁴⁾” —I Peter 3:3-4

WRITE VERSE 3

WHAT DOES VERSE 3 MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Adorning _____

QUESTIONS

1. Do you think what we wear is important? _____.
I hope you answered yes, because it certainly is. Our apparel reflects what we hold important in this life. It reflects a chaste behavior or an immodest behavior.
2. Women love beautiful things. God created women this way. What God would

consider beautiful clothing and what the world would consider beautiful clothing are most likely opposites. What clothing does the world consider beautiful? What styles are the “in” styles according to the world?

3. What clothing would God consider beautiful? Use Scripture as a basis for your answer.

4. Do you think God loves colors? _____

5. What would make you think so? _____

6. Be honest. Would God consider the clothing you wear to be beautiful in His sight? _____

7. Why do you think so many young girls and women want to look beautiful as the world counts beauty instead of beautiful as God counts beauty?

8. Are you dressing for the approval of God or for the approval of the world?

9. Are the outward things that we see temporal or eternal? _____

Christian women and girls often talk of having the right priorities, and, of course, the only right priorities are biblical priorities. We should have a biblical priority when making decisions on how we dress. We must never forget that each day we are dressing for God. He sees us and has given us a standard in His Word to follow. May we seek His approval and not the world's.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____



My Daily Walk

*Closer yet, and closer
Let my walk with Jesus be;
Brighter still, and brighter
Let His love shine forth in me.*

*Humble, yet more humble,
Be my daily word and prayer,
Trusting, ever trusting
In my Saviour everywhere.*

*Leaving, ever leaving
All my burdens at His feet;
Rejoicing, still rejoicing
In His promises so sweet.*

*Praying, daily praying
That each talent I'll improve;
Watching, ever watching,
Lest I grieve His holy love.*

*Grateful, every grateful
That He all my life may plan;
Praising, ever praising,
For His love to fallen man.*

*Closer still, and closer
Let my walk with Jesus be;
Brighter still, and brighter
Let His love shine forth in me.*

WEEK 20

A Meek and Quiet Spirit

“But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.” —I Peter 3:4

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Hidden _____

Corruptible _____

Meek _____

Quiet _____

QUESTIONS

1. What does God consider to be incorruptible? _____

2. What does God value more than our outward appearance? _____

3. What does God consider to be of great price? _____
4. What are some of the things you consider to be of great price? _____

5. How do the things you value compare with the things God values? _____

6. Do you think that women and girls work very hard at the outward things but seldom work on the inward things, such as a meek and quiet spirit?

Why? _____

7. Give two examples of meekness in common, everyday situations in which you find yourself.

8. Give two examples of quietness in common, everyday situations in which you find yourself.

9. Why, of all the traits women and men can possess, do you think God prizes a meek and quiet spirit so highly?

A truly beautiful girl or woman possesses the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. God is well pleased with her, and the people with whom she comes in contact usually love her. She is full of kindness, sympathy, humility, and gentleness. She cares more about others than herself. Jesus was meek and lowly, and He is our example. Ladies and girls, let us examine ourselves. Where we are found wanting, let us make an honest effort to adorn ourselves with a meek and quiet spirit.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



A Petition

*A quiet mind, that is not stirred
By careless look or jarring word,
That moves serenely through the maze
Of troublous and uncertain ways;
Whose faith, unfaltering, steadier glows
Encompassed by a thousand woes;
That patiently Thy time doth bide,
Nor seeks to grasp the good denied;
From Whose pure presence strife doth flee,
And discord die in harmony.
Father, take all, if so I find
That pearl of price, a quiet mind.*

K. Heath

WEEK 21

Holy Women Adorn Themselves

“For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:” —I Peter 3:5

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Manner _____

QUESTIONS

1. How did the holy women who trusted in God adorn themselves? _____

2. Is it possible that there were other women who did not trust in God, and, as a result, adorned themselves in a different manner? If so, list a few examples.

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3. Oftentimes, we give lip service to the Bible. We say we love God and want to be good Christian women and girls, but our appearance reveals the truth. In actuality, we are hypocrites if we say one thing and do another. What truth does your appearance say about you?

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4. What does the word subjection mean? _____

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5. Why do you think it is necessary for a woman to be in subjection to or under her husband's authority?

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6. Do you think it is necessary in this day and age for a woman to be in subjection to her husband?

Why? _____

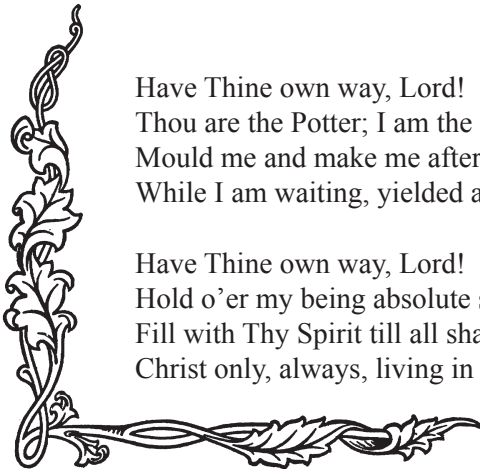
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7. Is there any place in all of God's Word where He changes this command or renders it obsolete?

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8. As a young woman, are you planning to place yourself in subjection to your future spouse? Give a reason to support your answer.

Choosing a partner for life is a most serious decision. It should only be made with much prayer and the guidance of your parents. You want to choose someone that is godly, has excellent character, and is a man of integrity. You want to choose someone whom you can trust with your future, for it is this person to whom you will be in subjection.

Happiness comes from obedience to God's Word. Perhaps that is why there are so many broken marriages and fractured families, which result in a tremendous amount of unhappiness for all involved. When God's principles are violated, disaster results. It is a woman's pride which makes her not want to be under her husband's control and authority. Pride caused Lucifer to be cast out of heaven. Pride caused Eve to sin. Pride causes us to disobey our fathers or husbands. How foolish we are to carry the banner of pride and seek to boss the men in our lives. Let us humble ourselves, and place ourselves in subjection to those in authority over us—God, and parents or husbands.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own Way!
Thou are the Potter; I am the clay;
Mould me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

WEEK 22

Sarah

“Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.” —I Peter 3:6

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Amazement _____

Lord _____

QUESTIONS

1. Sara was obedient to Abraham and called him lord. She is our example. Why do you think God put this particular example in the Bible?

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2. What did calling Abraham lord signify? _____

 3. How does Abraham and Sara's relationship differ from modern marriages?

 4. How does the principle of "being a lord" over a wife differ from the concept of two equal partners, both making decisions?

 5. Which is the biblical principle for a husband and wife relationship?

 6. Which principle do you follow or intend to follow? _____

 7. We can only call ourselves the daughters of Sara if we do what? _____

 8. Do you truly and honestly want to be called a daughter of Sara? _____
 9. What do you think "and are not afraid with any amazement" means?

After checking the Greek dictionary for the meanings of afraid and amazement, it is possible to draw this conclusion: Afraid means to literally be afraid. Amazement comes from the words to fear and to fly away. I'm not sure why we want to fly away or shrink back from making our husbands lord. Perhaps such a thought is frightening to

our carnal side, because our carnal side is determined to remain in control of every situation. Therefore, we often tend not to hand that control over to God or to our husbands. Perhaps God is saying, "Don't run away from my Bible principles. Honor Me and trust Me. Don't be afraid." Whatever situations women face in marriage, God's principles hold true. We should not run away.

There are dozens of books (even Christian books) on marriage filled with men's ideas and thoughts on how to make marriages succeed. Mankind wants to try every way but God's simple plan for a successful and happy marriage. We forget that God created man and woman. He also designed the marriage relationship. There is no other way to make it work than to follow God's plan. Again, it is a woman's pride which rebels at the thought that she should subject herself to the leadership of a man. God is not giving man the power to be unkind or unfair. Man's example is Jesus. He loved us so much that He gave up His life and went to the cross for us. A husband should love his wife so much that he would willingly give up his life for her. It is a beautiful and wondrous plan. Let us not rebel. Girls, follow this principle of lordship with your father. Wives, follow the perfect marriage plan found in God's Word by following the principle of lordship with your husband.

Some of you are thinking, "My father or my husband is not that kind of man, and, therefore, I cannot trust him with authority over me." It is interesting to note how the Bible treats marriage. There are no verses to be found describing the qualifications which a husband must meet in order for a wife to submit her will to his. There are also none found describing those that a woman must meet in order for a husband to love her and lay down his life for her. (And, by the way, this does not mean literally dying for the wife, although it could be; it simply means subjecting his will for her benefit, as in Paul's words "dying daily," just as we are to do for the Lord.)

So what does God expect from us in this area? He expects us each to do His will totally and without evaluating others around us. After all, how can we expect the men in our lives to cherish and respect the authority that they have, when we have not given them the authority because they never reach the level of perfection that we hold up as the requirement? We should be obedient to God in everything, and obedient to our husbands in everything but sin.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 23

Give Me Understanding

“Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.” —Psalm 119:73

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Fashioned _____

Understanding _____

QUESTIONS

1. Who is it that has made us? _____
2. Because God took such care to make us in a particular way, do you believe God knows, really knows, just what is best for us? Why?

3. Why do we need understanding from God before we can learn God's commandments?

Many times we come to God's Word and try to understand His commands through our human perspective, through our education, through what we see on TV, or through what we read in magazines or books. Sometimes we even come and try to understand God's Word by observing the Christians around us. We must come to God with an open mind and pray for His understanding. Only then can we begin to understand His commandments and the purpose behind them. Let us not bring our understanding to God's Word, but pray for His understanding. Let us not argue with the Word of God.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



***There is a path that leads to God—
All others lead astray;
Narrow but pleasant is the road,
And Christians love the way.***

WEEK 24

Modest Apparel

“In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.”

—I Timothy 2:9-10

WRITE THESE VERSES

WHAT DO THESE VERSES MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Shamefacedness _____

Sobriety _____

Modest _____

QUESTIONS

1. Why are women admonished to dress in modest apparel? _____

2. Give three examples of modest apparel. _____

3. Consider all your activities. Is your clothing modest for all the varying things you do? If not, what changes do you need to make?

4. Why is “shamefacedness” an important quality for a Christian woman to possess? _____

5. Could those you know use this adjective to describe you? _____
6. Why is “sobriety” an important quality for a Christian woman to possess?

7. Could you be described as possessing sobriety? _____

8. Broided hair means braiding hair with pearls or jewelry. Do you think that the Bible is teaching us never to do fancy things with our hair or wear jewelry?

Explain your answer. _____

9. How do women who profess to be godly adorn themselves?

10. Do you think that those around you (your parents, friends, relations) are more impressed with your appearance or your actions?

11. With what do you think God is more pleased, your appearance or your actions, or is He pleased with both?

Many teens and young women have drawers full of make-up, all the shades of nail polish available, and matching jewelry for every outfit. Many Christian women are concerned that they have enough changes of clothes so as not to wear any outfit too often because—“What will people think?” Many women are so concerned with outward appearances that little thought is given to the more important matters of serving others with kindness and love. Although we do need to be clean, neat, and have a chaste, feminine appearance, we do not need to compete with others to be the best dressed or have the latest fashion. We do not need to strive for a “look,” but simply have the looks God has given us.

We should not dismiss our appearance as trivial and unimportant, and, therefore, feel that it is just a little thing to transgress in this matter. There is no little thing with God. Every jot and tittle is important, and God has taken the time to be very specific in His Word to teach us how to dress. May we all be encouraged to dress to please our heavenly Father and not to please the Satanic god of this world! (For we are pleasing one or the other!)

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 25

A Woman That Feareth the Lord

“Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.” —Proverbs 31:30

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE?

DEFINITIONS

Favour _____

Deceitful _____

QUESTIONS

1. How is favour deceitful? _____

2. Why is beauty vain? _____

3. “Feareth” in this verse means to stand in awe of, fear, or feel reverence. How does a woman fear the Lord?

4. Give three examples of how a woman might show fear of the Lord in her daily life. _____

5. Do you fear the Lord? _____

6. How does your life reflect this fear? _____

7. Who praises the woman who fears the Lord? _____

8. Why do these people praise her? _____

True beauty belongs to a woman who fears the Lord. In this generation, few people fear the Lord. He is just God—no more, no less. People, even Christians, just make Him a part of their very busy schedules. They decide right or wrong, choose their friends, determine what their life choices will be, decide how many children they will have, and determine how they spend their money, without consulting God. Many people are just Christians in name only, never really knowing God. When they really know God they will have true fear of the Lord! Are you just playing the role of being a Christian girl or woman, or are you a girl or woman who truly fears the Lord?

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 26

Beginning of Knowledge

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” —Proverbs 1:7

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE?

DEFINITIONS

Fear _____

Despise _____

QUESTIONS

1. Why is the beginning of knowledge fear of the Lord? _____

2. Why can you not begin with anything else? _____

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3. How do you come to know more about the Lord? _____

 4. Do you need to read lots of books about God to know more about God? _____
Explain your answer. _____

 5. What do you have to know about the Lord in order to fear Him? _____

 6. Do you really fear the Lord? _____
 7. Is your life reflecting this fear? _____
 8. Why do fools despise wisdom and instruction? _____

 9. Do you despise the wisdom of the Bible? _____

God wrote the Bible so that we could know Him. God gave us the Holy Spirit to guide us in truth concerning God's Word. It always amazes me that Christians feel they must read everyone else's interpretation of God's Word and everyone else's opinion of what God is like, instead of relying on the Holy Spirit's power and relying directly on God's Word. Man cannot explain and define God's Word better than God can. I urge you to read His Word for yourself! God longs to reveal Himself to you.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." —John 16:13

WEEK 27

If

“My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;⁽¹⁾ so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;⁽²⁾ Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;⁽³⁾ if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;⁽⁴⁾ then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.⁽⁵⁾ For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.⁽⁶⁾”

—Proverbs 2:1-6

WRITE VERSES 1 and 2

WHAT DO THESE VERSES MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Incline _____

Receive _____

Hide _____

Apply _____

QUESTIONS

1. We can change the word son to daughter for our purposes here, for we are daughters. Notice the word “if.” That is a condition for the things which follow. In order to receive something (in this case it is words), what must our attitude be?

2. After we have received the commandments, what are we to do with them? ____

3. How are we do to this? _____

4. To what is our ear to be inclined? _____

5. Where do we find true wisdom? _____

6. After we have listened to this wisdom from above, what are we supposed to do with it? _____

7. Why do we have to apply? Why is it not simpler? _____

We must open our minds to God’s commandments. We must study and memorize them. We must listen to God, and then we can work at understanding what we have been taught. It takes effort on our part. Are you willing to make the effort?

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 28

More Ifs

“Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;” —Proverbs 2:3-4

WRITE THESE VERSES

WHAT DO THESE VERSES MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Knowledge _____

QUESTIONS

1. Notice the **“if”** condition. Why must we cry after knowledge? _____

2. Why cannot we just ask God and have God answer? Why must we anguish

over it? _____

3. Why must we cry and lift up our voices to God for it? _____

4. Why do you think God makes it hard for us to obtain understanding? _____

5. Some men spend their lifetimes accumulating silver and gold, and looking for treasures which they can never bring into eternity with them. Why do you think God wants us to search for understanding in this same manner?

God knows our thoughts and searches our hearts. We should perhaps spend some time searching our own hearts. Do we spend more time learning how to be successful in this world than learning how to walk with God? Do we seek the prosperity of this world rather than laying up treasure in the next? Do we spend hours studying the things of this world, and only give a token amount of time to studying the things of God? We may be fooling ourselves, but we are not fooling God. That is why God put these "if" conditions here. If we want wisdom and knowledge, He will give it to us freely, but we must really want it. We must want it more than we want the things of this world. Do you really want it?

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 29

And More Ifs

“Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.”
—Proverbs 2:5-6

WRITE THESE VERSES

WHAT DO THESE VERSES MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Understanding _____

QUESTIONS

1. What was the **“if”** condition? When will you understand the fear of the Lord?

2. When will you find the knowledge of God? _____

3. Are you willing to meet these conditions for finding true fear of the Lord and gaining understanding and knowledge?

4. How much time and effort on your part is needed to meet these conditions?

5. Are you spending the time and effort to meet these conditions? _____

If you answered no, please explain why. _____

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” —John 3:16. God loves everyone, but only those who believe in Jesus Christ, repent of their sins, and accept His substitutionary death on the cross receive everlasting life with God in heaven. God possesses all wisdom and knowledge, but He only gives it to those who want it more than anything this life has to offer. How badly do you want it?

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____



***All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me Jesus, take me now.***

***I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,
I surrender all.***



WEEK 30

He

“He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.”
—Proverbs 2:7-8

WRITE THESE VERSES

WHAT DO THESE VERSES MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Judgment _____

Preserveth _____

Buckler _____

QUESTIONS

1. Who are the righteous? _____

2. Who lays up sound wisdom for us? _____
3. Why do people want to find wisdom at colleges, in books, or in teachers? ____

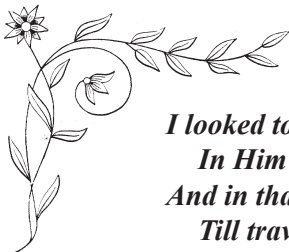
4. What is the condition for God being a buckler to us? _____

5. Do you meet this condition? _____
6. Who keeps the paths of judgment? _____
7. What are the paths of judgment? _____

8. Who preserves the way of His saints? _____

How exciting and wonderful our God truly is! He created us, forgives us, saves us, keeps us, preserves us, and gives us knowledge and understanding of Him. Keep looking to God to guide you through life. He alone has all the answers.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____



***I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun,
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done.***



WEEK 31

When?

“Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.” —Proverbs 2:9

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Equity _____

Judgment _____

Righteousness _____

QUESTIONS

1. When will you understand righteousness, judgment, and equity? _____

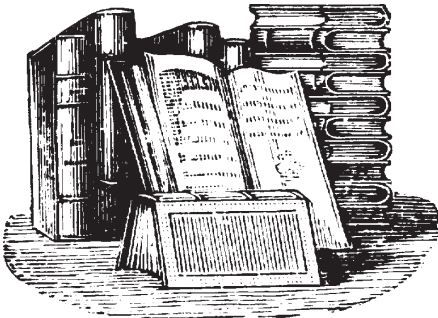
2. When will you know what the good paths are? _____

3. Can the world know righteousness, equity, judgment, and what good paths are?

4. Why can they not know the truth? _____

We need to search and examine our hearts to see if we have any of the world's philosophies in our thinking. We must compare all we think and know with God's truths from the Bible. When there is a conflict, we must search the Scriptures, pray, seek for knowledge and understanding, and cry out for wisdom. Then God promises we shall know the truth!

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



***Which will you choose?
The world's wisdom or God's wisdom?***

WEEK 32

Wisdom and Knowledge

“When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul: discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:” —Proverbs 2:10-11

WRITE THESE VERSES

WHAT DO THESE VERSES MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Discretion _____

QUESTIONS

1. These are conditional verses. What must enter our hearts? _____
2. What should be pleasant unto our soul? _____
3. Can you think of any reason why we would not want wisdom on a subject?

4. Can you think of any time when knowledge would be unpleasant?

5. Why do the people of the world not want God's wisdom and knowledge?

6. Which wisdom do you want? _____

7. Does your life reflect it? _____

Do you listen and obey your parents? _____

Are you in subjection to your parents, or if married, to your husband? _____

Do you obey the principles of chaste and discreet behavior? _____

Is your clothing modest and feminine? _____

Are your life's goals in accordance with God's Word? _____

Is your conversation clean and pure? _____

8. When wisdom enters in and knowledge is pleasant, what will preserve you?

9. How will discretion preserve you in your daily life? _____

10. What will keep you? _____

11. How will understanding keep you? _____

*Well, now we know how to understand what **fear of the Lord** is, and how to find the knowledge of God. We must dedicate ourselves to this purpose. Will you join with me in this endeavor to fear the Lord, to be daughters of Sara, and to be true followers of the Word?*

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____



“Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD. What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.” —Psalm 34:11-22

WEEK 33

Fearing and Walking

“Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.” —Psalm 128:1

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Blessed _____

Walketh _____

QUESTIONS

1. Who is blessed? _____

2. Walketh in Whose ways? _____

3. Oftentimes, Christians expect the blessings of God without walking in His ways. Why do you think this is so?

4. Is God required to answer prayer or bless those who do not fear Him? _____

Why not? _____

Great blessings are awaiting those who fear the Lord and walk in His paths. Do you want God's blessings? What is keeping you from them? What are you holding on to? What is hindering you? Dear friends, let go of everything and follow hard after God. Only then will His great blessings flow down unto you!

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



Let's Do a Review

This thirty-third week is also a review week. Look over the preceding thirty-three weeks. Has the Lord shown you anything unbiblical in your thoughts toward Him, or in your thoughts regarding your life? Write these down and begin to trust Him more, trusting that His way is the best way, and He does know best! The written notes will serve as a future reference, and as a reminder to keep trusting.

REVIEW ALL VERSES AND RECITE TO YOUR DESIGNATED PERSON.

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WEEK 34

A Virtuous Woman

“Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.” —Proverbs 31:10

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Virtue _____

Virtuous _____

Price _____

QUESTIONS

1. Why is a virtuous woman worth so much? _____

2. Why is a virtuous woman so difficult to find? _____

3. Why do you think more Christian women do not strive to be virtuous women?

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4. If virtue is the state of having moral excellence, how does one go about becoming virtuous?

5. Do the world's women seek to be virtuous? _____

6. Do you seek to be virtuous? _____

“Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants’ ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.” —Proverbs 31:10-31

7. What makes this woman virtuous? _____

8. Is it the long list of things she does? _____
9. Do not many unbelieving women care for their households in a like manner?

10. Do not many unbelieving women give to the poor and needy? _____
11. What is it that makes this woman different from unbelieving women? _____

12. Do you think God put these verses in the Bible so we can know what our list of work is if we want to be virtuous women?

A woman can do all the jobs listed in Proverbs 31 and still not be a virtuous woman. It is not what we do or how much we do that matters; but our motivation for the things we do that is important. The Proverbs 31 woman did not have a clean house so that she could be proud of how well organized she was. She did not dress her family in beautiful clothes so that others could be envious. She was not busy buying and selling so that she could be well known in the gates. She did not care for the needy so that she could win a humanitarian award. She was not a virtuous woman because she went to church or sang in the choir.

*She was a woman who feared the Lord, and this was the motivation for all that she did. She was self-sacrificing in her love for others. **She was a virtuous woman because everything she did was for a spiritual reason. She was a virtuous woman because she rose up early so she could meet the needs of her family. She lived for others, not for self. She was a virtuous woman because she was fulfilling the role for which God had created her.***

It is not the list we do or who we are trying to be that makes us virtuous, but fearing the Lord. As a result, we try to be obedient to all His precepts and commandments.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 35

A Crown to Her Husband

“A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.” —Proverbs 12:4

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Rottenness _____

Crown _____

Ashamed _____

QUESTIONS

1. Why is a virtuous woman a crown to her husband? _____

2. A crown is usually something one wears proudly, and one who wears a crown is often held in high esteem. Do you think a husband of such a woman regards

her highly and is proud of her? Why do you think so?

3. How does the woman who is not virtuous make her husband feel?

4. Which woman enjoys a better marriage relationship? _____

Why? _____

“And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.” —Ruth 3:11. If you have not ever read the Book of Ruth, please do so. It will help you greatly in understanding what a virtuous woman is.

5. God only called two women in all of the Bible virtuous women. There could possibly be many more, but He did name these two as examples for us. Consider the following:

Proverbs 31 Woman

Ruth

Rich

Poor

Prominent position

No position

Expensive clothes

Poor clothes

Children

No children

Well-known husband

Widow

Buys a field

Works in a field

What did they have in common? _____

*Both feared the Lord.
Both were in subjection to the authorities in their lives.
Both lived their lives for others.
Both were self-sacrificing.
Both had the law of kindness in their tongues.*

6. What are the deciding factors in determining what a virtuous woman is?

Is not our God wonderful to put two examples of virtuous women in the Bible? Many Christian women often feel like the Proverbs 31 woman's description is unattainable. That is because they are focusing on the wrong things. They are focusing on achievements, not on a woman who fears the Lord. Any woman can be a virtuous woman. Any girl can be a virtuous girl. It is all a matter of fearing God and being submissive to Him. If you are living your role in life according to God's Word, you will be a virtuous woman.

A girl who fears the Lord will be a good daughter—obeying her parents, being kind to her brothers, sisters and all others, doing acts of service for those who are needy, being pure in all things, being chaste and modest in appearance, and loving God with her whole heart and mind.

A wife who fears the Lord will be a good wife, obeying her own husband, being kind to others, caring for the poor and needy, being pure in all things, being chaste and modest in appearance, and loving God with her whole heart and mind.

A mother who fears the Lord will train up her children according to God's principles. She will care and provide for them, and teach them to love God and His Word.

*A woman may seek to be virtuous, however **being a virtuous woman is a by-product of fearing the Lord and obeying His Word.** If a woman obeys God, virtue will follow.*

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 36

Partakers of the Divine Nature

“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:⁽³⁾ whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.⁽⁴⁾ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;⁽⁵⁾ and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;⁽⁶⁾ and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.⁽⁷⁾ For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁽⁸⁾ But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.⁽⁹⁾” —II Peter 1: 3-9

WRITE VERSES 3 and 4

WHAT DO THESE VERSES MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Power _____

Pertain _____

Partaker _____

Promises _____

QUESTIONS

1. What things were given to us by God? _____

2. To what do these things pertain? _____

3. How are these things given to us? _____

4. How do we get this knowledge? _____

5. What has God called us to? _____

6. Glory in this verse can mean dignity and honor. Virtue means moral excellence.

Does your life as a Christian girl or woman reflect dignity, honor, and moral excellence? How?

7. If not, what changes do you need to make? _____

8. What else is given to us in verse four? _____

9. If some earthly person were to give you a very great and important promise, would you be excited? Why?

Should you not be even more excited and thrilled with the great promises of God? Why?

10. What does God promise us that we can be partakers of? _____

11. Why do we get to be partakers of His divine nature? _____

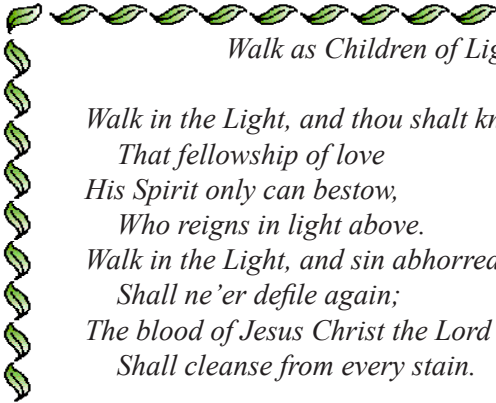
12. Carnal people lust after the things of this world. Christians should hunger and thirst after God. What is it that you long for?

*How wonderful! How marvelous! God has given us everything we need, and it is through the knowledge of Him! All we have to do is **WANT HIM!** He even allows us to partake of His divine nature. Imagine that! Us! Just ordinary humans can be*

partakers of the Divine. What joy! What peace! Girls! Ladies! Get excited! Your life will be forever changed once you grasp this concept.



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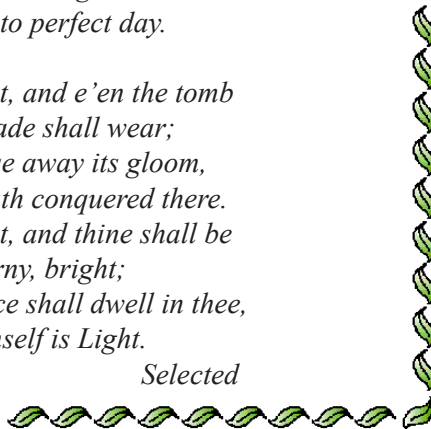
Walk as Children of Light

*Walk in the Light, and thou shalt know
That fellowship of love
His Spirit only can bestow,
Who reigns in light above.
Walk in the Light, and sin abhorred
Shall ne'er defile again;
The blood of Jesus Christ the Lord
Shall cleanse from every stain.*

*Walk in the Light, and thou shalt find
Thy heart made truly His
Who dwells in cloudless light enshrined,
With Whom no darkness is.
Walk in the Light, and thou shalt own
Thy mists have passed away,
Because in thee that Light hath shone
Which grows to perfect day.*

*Walk in the Light, and e'en the tomb
No fearful shade shall wear;
Glory shall chase away its gloom,
For Christ hath conquered there.
Walk in the Light, and thine shall be
A path, if thorny, bright;
For God by grace shall dwell in thee,
And God Himself is Light.*

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WEEK 37

Being Diligent

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;” —II Peter 1:5

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Diligence _____

Virtue _____

QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important for a Christian to have diligence? _____

2. We have faith in God. We believe in God. Jesus is our Lord and Saviour. Now what else are we supposed to add to our faith?

3. We are supposed to diligently add virtue or moral excellence to our lives. How do we do this?

4. As we are obtaining moral excellence, what are we continuing to need to do? _

5. Again, where do we obtain this knowledge? _____

Remember, moral excellence comes from fear of the Lord, abiding in His Word, and obeying His Word. Apart from God, there is no moral excellence. Apart from God, there is no virtue. God is virtue!

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



*O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free!
A heart that always feels Thy blood,
So freely shed for me.*

*A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My dear Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone.*

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WEEK 38

Adding More

“And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;” —II Peter 1:6

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Temperance _____

Patience _____

Godliness _____

QUESTIONS

1. You continue to add knowledge. (It is a life-long process.) What else should you add to this knowledge?

2. Why do you think it is necessary to add temperance to the knowledge you are obtaining?

3. Along with temperance, what else must you add? _____

4. Why do you think it is necessary for God to tell us we need to add patience?

5. Why do you think people are often impatient? _____

6. What sin is behind or is the root sin of impatience? _____

7. To faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, and patience, we are supposed to add godliness. Why do you think godliness is at the tail end of this list?

8. Is it possible to have godliness before the other qualities on the list? _____

9. Why not? _____

God has a wonderful plan and order for our spiritual growth. If we truly want to become virtuous women who seek to bring honor and glory to our great God, we must do it His Way!

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 39

And More

“And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.” —II Peter 1:7

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Brotherly _____

Kindness _____

Charity _____

QUESTIONS

1. What comes after godliness? _____

2. What is brotherly kindness? _____

3. Give several examples of brotherly kindness in your daily life. _____

4. Could you be described as a person with brotherly kindness toward those in your family as well as toward others?

5. Why do you think that we must first develop brotherly kindness toward others before we can possess charity?

6. The word “charity” implies “acts” or “actions.” What would be considered charitable actions? List several.

*God does not just sprinkle magic dust over us to automatically transform us into virtuous women full of loving-kindness toward others. **Remember, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.** We must seek for wisdom and knowledge as for hidden treasure. When we find it, we must obey it. Just as we take time for our physical appearance and fret about what we wear (though we should not!), we must take time to develop our own spiritual lives. We must add faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity. How are you doing with this list? I have a long way to go. This will probably keep us busy for the rest of our lives! So let us focus on the path before us and get going!*

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 40

Being Fruitful

“For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁽⁸⁾ But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.⁽⁹⁾”—II Peter 1:8-9

WRITE VERSES

WHAT DO THESE VERSES MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Abound _____

Barren _____

QUESTIONS

1. What things in you must abound? _____

2. What will these things guarantee? _____

3. What is the secret of a successful and fruitful Christian life? _____

4. When we look around and see fruitless Christians who are not loving and kind, what can we assume about them according to God's Word?

5. Are you a fruitless Christian? _____

6. How can you change that? _____

Please, let us not be blind and follow the path of the world's women out of their homes and into careers. Let us not follow the paths of the feminists into forsaking our families and limiting the number of children born unto us. Girls, ladies, let us return unto the paths of righteousness and unto the paths of our Lord. Let us return to being keepers at home and nurturing our families. Let us fear the Lord and be known in the gates as virtuous women.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 41

Fruit of the Spirit

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.” —Galatians 5:22-23

WRITE VERSES

WHAT DO THESE VERSES MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Fruit _____

QUESTIONS

1. What is love? _____

2. What is joy? _____

3. What is peace? _____

4. What is longsuffering? _____

5. What is gentleness? _____

6. What is goodness? _____

7. What is faith? _____

8. What is meekness? _____

9. What is temperance? _____

10. Does your life reflect the fruit of the Spirit? _____ Are you meek, gentle, kind, good, joyful, longsuffering, loving, full of faith, and temperate in all things? _____ If not, why not? _____

11. Do you think God puts these things in His Word for us to read, but never expects us to reach these points in our Christian lives? Explain your answer.

12. Do you believe it is possible for young people to have the fruit of the Spirit? Explain your answer.

*My friends, we do not have the fruit of the Spirit because most of our Christianity does not reach past our minds and into our hearts and souls. We are not letting God's Word change us because of our stubbornness and pride. If we truly **fear the Lord**, read and obey the Word, and come to really **know** God, we will possess the fruit of the Spirit. All girls, young women, and older women can have the fruit of the Spirit. This fruit is not limited to age or education. It is freely given to those who abide in Christ. It is a matter of your desire.*

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____



*More about Jesus would I know,
More of His grace to others show;
More of His saving fullness see,
More of His love Who died for me.*

*More about Jesus let me learn,
More of His holy will discern;
Spirit of God, my teacher be,
Showing the things of Christ to me.*

*More about Jesus in His Word,
Holding communion with my Lord;
Hearing His voice in every line,
Making each faithful saying mine.*

*More about Jesus on His throne,
Riches in glory all His own;
More of His kingdom's sure increase;
More of His coming, Prince of Peace.
Eliza Hewitt*

WEEK 42

A Lamp

“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” —Psalm 119:105

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Lamp _____

Light _____

Path _____

QUESTIONS

1. Whose word is a lamp? _____

2. How does this lamp light our path? _____

3. What is our excuse for being in darkness on any given subject or activity?

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4. Do you think God accepts our excuses? _____
5. Do you think God will spare us the consequences of our wrong choices because we choose to remain in ignorance on a subject or activity?

Why not? _____

A light is beneficial to us only when we are in its light. God's Word cannot light our path if we are too busy to ever read it. It also cannot light our path if we choose not to walk in its light, in such a case we are choosing darkness. Please bring everything in your life—activities, books, friendships, attitudes, thoughts, traditions—into the light of God's Word.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____



*No darkness have we who in Jesus abide,
The Light of the world is Jesus;
We walk in the Light when we follow our Guide;
The Light of the world is Jesus.*

*Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee;
Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me;
Once I was blind, but now I can see;
The Light of the world is Jesus.*

Philip P. Bliss

WEEK 43

Vine and Branches

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.⁽¹⁾ Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.⁽²⁾ Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 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 abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.” —John 15:1-14

WRITE VERSES 1 and 2

WHAT DO THESE VERSES MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Purgeth _____

Beareth _____

QUESTIONS

1. Who is the true vine? _____

2. What does a husbandman do? _____

3. Who are the branches? _____

4. What branches are taken away? _____

5. What happens to those who bear fruit? _____

6. What does purge mean? _____

7. Why does God do this? _____

8. Why can we not bear more fruit without going through purging? _____

9. Can you think of a time when you have experienced the purging of God?

We are foolish indeed to plant ourselves in the things of this world! When we look around and see all the sin and consequences of sin in people's lives, there is no need to wonder about it. They are planted in this world and not in Jesus. Is it possible that unfruitful Christians are entangled in the vines of this world?

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____



Christ the True Vine



Abide—that means to live, to stay, to make our home. Christ says, “Make your home in Me, in My heart, and I will make My home in your heart. Abide in Me by faith, love, and obedience; I in you by the Holy Spirit, and the love, joy, and peace He brings.”

What is it to abide in Christ? It is to love Him above everyone else; it is to believe every word He says; it is to be eager to do everything He wishes us to do; it is to try earnestly all the time to please Him; it is to shrink from every word spoken against Him; it is to count those our enemies who are the enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ.

What is it to have Christ abide in you? It is to set the door of your heart wide open and bid Him come in; it is to put carefully out of your heart everything that will offend Him; it is to have your heart filled with the feelings He loves; it is to treat Him as an honoured Guest, to provide for Him the richest repast.

Apart from Christ we can do nothing; but by this abiding we shall bring forth fruit, and much fruit.

Selected F.G.

WEEK 44

Clean

“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 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 abide in me.” —John 15:3-4

WRITE VERSES

WHAT DO THESE VERSES MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Clean _____

Abide _____

QUESTIONS

1. How are we cleansed? _____

2. Is it possible to be cleansed any other way? _____
Why not? _____

3. Why do you think so many people want to stay dirty by staying out of the Word? _____

4. In Whom are we supposed to abide? _____
5. Who will abide in us **if** we abide in Him? _____
6. Can you think of a reason why we would not want Jesus to abide in us? _____

7. Can we expect to bear fruit apart from Jesus?

8. Are we saying that there are so many fruitless Christians because so many are staying away from Jesus?

9. Where are you? _____

How foolish for us to stay away from God's Word and stay away from Jesus. Our problems in our lives are our fault, not God's. We are to blame. We are not abiding in Jesus, and as a result of not abiding, we make unbiblical decisions.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____

WEEK 45

Abiding

“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.” —John 15:5-6

WRITE VERSES

WHAT DO THESE VERSES MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Nothing _____

QUESTIONS

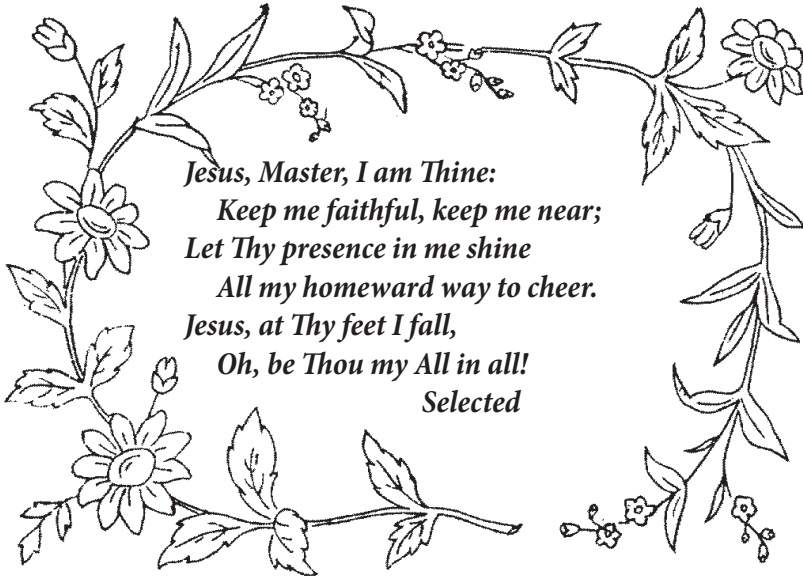
1. What is the secret to bearing fruit? _____

2. Can we do anything apart from God which will bear fruit? _____
Why or why not? _____
3. What happens to those who are not abiding in Christ? _____

4. How are you abiding in Him? _____

We should all be afraid not to abide in Christ. The consequences are severe!

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 46

Glorifying the Father

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.” —John 15:7-8

WRITE VERSES

WHAT DO THESE VERSES MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Glorified _____

Disciples _____

QUESTIONS

1. What are the conditions for answered prayer? _____

2. Do you meet these conditions? _____

Why or why not? _____

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3. How is the Father glorified? _____
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4. When shall we be disciples? _____
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5. Are you glorifying the Father? _____

We must examine our lives. Are we abiding? Are we having answered prayer? Are we really glorifying the Father? Are we really disciples? Or are we just playing church and playing at being Christians? What are you doing?

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____



*I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.*

*I need Thee very hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power when Thou are nigh.*

*I need Thee very hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.*

*I need Thee very hour, most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son!*

*I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Saviour, I come to Thee!*

Annie S. Hawks



WEEK 47

If Ye Love Me

“As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love.” —John 15:9-10

WRITE VERSES

WHAT DO THESE VERSES MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

As _____

Continue _____

QUESTIONS

1. How does Jesus love us? _____
2. In what are we supposed to continue? _____
3. Why would we ever not want to continue in Jesus' love? _____

4. What is the if condition for abiding in Jesus' love? _____

5. What example did Jesus set for us? _____

6. How are you following His example? _____

If, if, if, if, if. Have you noticed how many ifs are in the Bible? Have you noticed how many conditions there are for answered prayer, for abiding in Jesus' love, for finding wisdom and knowledge, and for being a virtuous woman? We think because we have accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour, we are taken care of for the rest of our lives. That is only the beginning. My friend, are you meeting the conditions for continued growth, or have you withered away?

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____



More of Thyself, oh, show me hour by hour,
More of Thy glory, O my God and Lord;
More of Thyself, in all Thy grace and power;
More of Thy love and truth, Incarnate Word.

WEEK 48

Joy

“These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.” —John 15:11-12

WRITE VERSES

WHAT DO THESE VERSES MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Remain _____

Full _____

QUESTIONS

1. Why did Jesus speak these things? _____

2. Whose joy should be in us? _____
3. How much joy should we have? _____
4. Is it possible to lose our joy? _____

5. What must we do to regain our joy? _____

6. What is Jesus' commandment? _____

7. How are we supposed to love one another? _____

*Jesus wants us to be joyful Christian girls and women. He wants to give us His joy, and the only condition we need to meet is to **abide in Him**. How easy for us! Why do we not do it? Our earthly priorities are surely wrong if we are not abiding in Jesus. Next time you are grumpy, complaining, or full of self-pity, check where you are abiding. You have left Jesus. Return, that your joy might be full!*

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____



*I have found His grace is all complete,
He supplieth every need;
While I sit and learn at His feet,
I am free, yes, free indeed.*

*It is joy unspeakable and full of glory,
Full of glory, full of glory;
It is joy unspeakable and full of glory,
Oh, the half has never yet been told!*

R.E. Warren

WEEK 49

Greater Love

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.” —John 15:13-14

WRITE VERSES

WHAT DO THESE VERSES MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Lay _____

Down _____

Friends _____



QUESTIONS

1. What is the greatest love possible? _____

2. How did Jesus show His love for us? _____

3. How can we show our love for Jesus? _____

4. Give specific examples of how you are laying down your life for Jesus. _____

5. How does a husband show love for his wife according to these verses? _____

6. How does a wife show love for her husband according to this verse? _____

7. How can we show this love on a daily basis? Give specific examples. _____

8. What is the condition for being friends with Jesus? _____

9. Are you meeting this condition on a daily basis? _____

If not, why not? _____

When we disobey, we are really saying we do not want to be friends with Jesus. We would rather be friends with our peers. What shallow Christians we really are when we choose to disobey God to satisfy some desire of the moment. May we truly set our priorities right and show our love for our Saviour by obedience, and thereby be His friend.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSES - DATE SAID _____



*When we walk with the Lord
In the Light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.*

*But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows,
And the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.*

*Trust and obey,
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.
John Sammis*

WEEK 50

Trusting in the Lord

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”
—Proverbs 3:5

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Trust _____

Lean _____

QUESTIONS

1. Whom should you trust? _____
2. Why do you think God does not tell you to trust in people, friends, books, and other forms of knowledge?

3. How should you trust? _____

4. Why should you not lean upon your own understanding? _____

5. Why do so many Christians say, “But I think . . .” instead of “God’s Word says it, and though I do not understand it, I know it is true, and I will live by it”?

6. Which kind of Christian are you? Honestly describe yourself. _____

All of our problems in our lives, in the lives of others, in our schools, in our churches, and in our families come from operating under our understanding and doing what we think is right instead of following God’s Word in its entirety. I challenge you to take every problem to the Bible and seek for truth. Find out the error of the way, and how the problem could have been avoided by following scriptural principles in the first place.

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 51

Be Not Wise in Thine Own Eyes

“Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.” —Proverbs 3:7

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Wise _____

Depart _____

QUESTIONS

1. Why should you not be wise in your own eyes? _____

2. When you do things your way in your wisdom, what sin are you committing? _____

3. Why should we fear the Lord? _____

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4. Do you think that people who are wise in their own eyes fear the Lord?
Why or why not? _____
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5. Why is it even necessary for God to keep telling us to depart from evil?

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6. Why do girls and women want to do evil? _____
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7. Do you think they recognize the things they do as being evil? _____
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8. Every time a girl disobeys her parents or a woman disobeys her husband, she is doing what is wise in her own eyes. A disobedient, willful girl or wife does not fear the Lord and certainly is not being a friend to Jesus. Are you a friend to Jesus?

*May we all cease from being wise in our own eyes and stop doing our own thinking.
May we begin to really fear the Lord and depart from evil, even the evil of just doing things our own way!*

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



WEEK 52

My Portion

“Thou art my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.” —Psalm 119:57

WRITE VERSE

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

DEFINITIONS

Portion _____

Keep _____

Words _____

QUESTIONS

1. How can God be our portion? _____

2. Can a person have different portions—portions of God and portions of the world? Explain your answer.

3. If we mix God's portion with the world's portion, what will we have? _____

4. Can we have God as our portion without keeping His Words? Explain _____

In order to be consistent and whole-hearted, if we choose God as our portion in this life, we must keep His Words. It is impossible to do otherwise, for if we do not keep His Words, we have not chosen Him as our portion; we have chosen the things of this life in place of Him. In order to experience the true joy of womanhood, and to be a true daughter of God, there is no other way but by choosing God as our portion and keeping His Words. By doing this, we will have lived our life well and anticipate an eternity with our God. Won't you join me?

MEMORIZE AND RECITE VERSE - DATE SAID _____



*I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

Fanny Crosby

Dear Friends,

I am so glad you have completed this Bible study. I pray that it has been helpful to you in discovering the true joy of womanhood. Why not take a few moments to record some of your thoughts pertaining to your relationship with God? Have you grown closer to Him? Are you beginning to see that His pattern for your life, although far different from the world’s pattern, is so much better for you? In fact, His way is the perfect way! I pray you shall continue in His way, making changes as needed, to conform your life to His. Do not hesitate to do this study again and again. It will serve as a reminder to walk in His steps and find the true joy of the Lord. May God give you abundant wisdom and joy as you seek to live for Him.

Susan

Bible Reading

The most important reason for reading the Bible is not to check off the daily reading, and not because “good” Christians read the Word, but to come to KNOW GOD and to KNOW His thinking on every issue of life. God’s Word IS truth. God’s Word IS our measuring stick. All other philosophies must be compared to truth. All wisdom, knowledge, and the very love of God are contained in the pages of His Word. It is not how much Bible we read that is important, but that we read to KNOW HIM.

Read! Read! Read! Read and record what you read on the following chart.

(Do not wait until January to begin. Start now in the current month.)

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Through your Bible reading, how did you come to KNOW God better?

Prayers

Prayer is not something we do at a certain time of day. Prayer should permeate every minute of every day. *“Pray without ceasing,”* —II Thessalonians 5:17. There should never be a time, a thing, or an event that we cannot pray over to our heavenly Father. Praying certainly involves lifting our physical needs to God; but more importantly, it also involves asking God to meet our spiritual needs. We should be praying over everything we say, every phone conversation we hold, every book we read, every television program we watch, the music to which we listen, and the games and activities in which we participate. We need to pray over everything. Prayer is confessing our sins, begging for wisdom, worshipping God, and so much more. *“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”* —John 15:7. Abide means to live with or live in. We are to live with Jesus, never leaving Him for a moment. Prayer is our means of communicating and communing with our God. Use this section to form a more consistent prayer life.

Date	Prayers	Answers

Others

God sent Jesus for the sake of *others*. Jesus came to earth for *others*. The virtuous woman lived her life for *others*. God did not put us here to selfishly live our lives for ourselves. Jesus was our example, and we are to walk in His steps. We need only to look around to see and begin to meet the needs of all those who cross our paths.

Meeting the needs of *others* takes our minds off of ourselves. It takes time, thought, and purpose to meet the needs of *others*. One must do this on a consistent basis to develop the habit of living for others.

Meet twenty-four needs of *others* this year. This is just two a month. Record what you did. Work for others may include doing things for widows, people who are sick, the poor, rest home residents, orphans, or a crisis pregnancy center.

January	_____

February	_____

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December



My Petition

*May every thought of mine today
Be pure as the sunshine's clearest ray.*

*May every word that I shall speak
Be wide and gentle, true and meek.*

*May every act be just and kind,
From dross of selfishness refined.*

*May thought and act and kindly word,
Together bound, a threefold cord,*

*Reach out to men and help me save
Some sinking one from sin's cold wave.*
Egbert



Year End Evaluation

It is important to evaluate ourselves at least once a year. We need to take a look at ourselves to see which direction we have been heading. Are we growing closer to our Lord, or further away? Are our lives more disciplined, or have we become more self-indulgent? Have we become holier, or more worldly? We need to check where we are, and make changes for the next year.

How did you do in your Bible reading? _____

How did you do in your Bible memory? _____

How did you do in your prayer life? _____

How did you do focusing on others? _____

Did you reach any personal goals? _____

What were your strongest areas? _____

What were your weakest areas? _____

How can you improve on these? _____

More Resources

If you have discovered the true “joy of womanhood,” why not continue your study and discover the true “joy of obedience”? It is the next step to becoming the woman God would have you to be!

Joy of Obedience, by Susan Zakula. Have you ever discovered the joy of obedience? Or are you stuck in the misery of self-will, having things your way? Do you go through your days with a song in your heart, radiating cheerfulness and joy, or do you stumble through, complaining and griping, and have a less than happy existence? If you are tired of the old ways and are ready for a change, a delightful change, which will bring joy to your heart and life, make the Joy of Obedience your next Bible study! You will be a changed woman, I promise you! This Bible study is perfect for groups, mother-daughters, or a personal study. Begin yours soon.

Are You Serious About Marriage? by Susan Zakula.

How is your marriage doing? Do you have a close, loving relationship with your husband? Do you feel that you are “one,” as you set out to be years ago? Or are things beginning to unravel as the stresses of life mount?

Are you disappointed in your husband? Are you disappointed in life? Are you disappointed in your marriage? Are you struggling? Perhaps this little book, *Are You Serious About Marriage?* will shed some light on the perplexing issues women face.

It is not written from a know-it-all attitude but from the heart of a woman that knew nothing, and had to learn along the way. It is not a “20 Steps to a Great Marriage,” but the sharing of a journey to become a wife as God has intended a woman to be.

We have had a tremendous number of requests from our former *In Keeping With the Faith* subscribers to put this series of marriage articles into a book. We have, and they now continue to bless and help wives to be godly, loving helpmeets to their husbands. People have requested them for future reference, for their children, for newly married women, for women who are struggling in their marriages, for Bible studies, and for those young women preparing for marriage. We have received countless testimonies of changed lives, and changed marriages, as a result of these articles.

If you are ready for a change and want to really get serious about your marriage, give this a read.

Little Keepers

Keepers of the Faith for Girl

If you have daughters or granddaughters, please encourage them to discover the joy of being a girl by learning to be keepers of their homes. The *Little Keepers* and *Keepers of the Faith for Girls* handbooks are filled with practical knowledge, encourage Christian character, and inspire godly habits. Start now to prepare your girls to be all God would have them to be!

The above are available from Keepers of the Faith.

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