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Lesson 2

The Daily Life of a Christian

2 Corinthians 5:17 says that if anyone is in Christ, he/she is a new creation; old things have passed away, and all things have become new.

Read John 3:3. Jesus says that we must be _____.

Now, if after receiving salvation you were to look into a mirror you would see that your appearance did not change. Nor did all your thought patterns and habits change completely. This is because it is your *spirit* that was made new.

A human being is made up of 3 parts. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23. What are the three parts that we are made of?

Think about those 3 parts and fill in the blanks below:

S ____ R ____, that which is made new and where God resides within us.

S ____ U ____, our mind, will and emotions.

B ____ Y, the flesh is where our 5 senses (feel, taste, etc.) are.

It is in our body and soul that we are tempted to sin. (See James 1:14, and Romans 7:17, 23-25)

According to Ephesians 2:5, before receiving salvation a person's spirit is considered what?

Through salvation the spirit of a Christian is made completely brand new, alive and completely righteous before God (see 2 Corinthians 5:21). Our *soul*, where our thought patterns and emotions reside, is what we now need to work on.

That is why it says in Philippians 2:12 that we need to do what?

Read Colossians 3:10. Our soul needs to be transformed into what image?

Romans 12:2 also speaks of that transformation; how does the transformation take place?

In this lesson we will look at two things that need to be a part of a Christian's daily life in order for the soul to be transformed: Bible Reading and Prayer.

The Bible is written by thirty or more different authors over many years and yet has a unity that can be only described as miraculous. The only explanation of this is that the Bible, although having many authors, has as its source one inspiration. According to 2 Timothy 3:16-17 what is that inspiration?

What is its purpose (2 Timothy 3:16-17)?

In Ephesians 6:17 the word of God is called what?

We have been learning in this lesson the need to work on our souls now that our spirit is born again.

Hebrews 4:12 says that the word of God is _____ and

_____, sharper than any two edged _____

and able to divide between _____ and _____.

In John 6:63 Jesus says that His words are what?

In John 17:17 the word is called what?

According to John 8:32 what is it that sets us free?

The importance of the word of God is described in Matthew 4:4. We need God's word just as we need "bread" in order to _____.

Romans 10:17 says that the word of God is needed for the growth of our what?

Many times, in the Bible God's word is called the law or the book of the law. Read Joshua 1:8 and Psalm 1:2-3.

When are we to be meditating on God's law?

The word meditate in these verses is defined as to ponder, imagine, meditate, mutter, speak, study, talk, utter. It is important to not just read the Bible but to study it. Throughout the day we can ponder the things that it said. The Bible is God's word to us, as we read, ponder and study it, we will get to know Him better.

If we meditate on God's word what are the results according to Joshua 1:8 and Psalm 1:2-3?

To finish this section on the importance of the Bible in the daily life of a Christian, read Luke 6:46-49. This is a story which gives us a picture of a spiritual truth.

Both men are building a house. The house can be viewed as a person's life. Both men heard God's word. The difference between them is seen in how they responded to God's word.

The first man heard and _____ God's words. The result is that His house/life is built on _____.

When the storms/trials of life came upon him His house/life _____.

The second man heard and _____ God's words. The result is that his house/life is built on _____.

When the storms/trials of life came upon him His house/life _____.

We need to read and meditate on God's word and we also need to obey it.

Prayer can be defined as communion with God. You can talk with Him anytime, anywhere. Read Revelation 3:20. Jesus is waiting to commune with us.

According to James 4:8 if we draw nigh to God what will He do?

In 1Thessalonians 5:17 we are given instruction on when we are to pray. When are we to pray?

Now this doesn't mean that we are to always be on our knees in prayer and neglect daily responsibilities. God is always with us and we can talk with Him throughout the day and include Him in all we do.

Psalm 34:1 says that His _____ will continually be in my mouth. As we glorify God and offer thanksgiving to Him at *all* times, when things are good and when things are bad, we will have His peace, joy and strength which will give us victory.

In Luke 18:1 we read that prayer will keep us from becoming faint, or weary and weak.

As we look at the ministry of Jesus that is written in the books, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, we read of his many miracles and teachings. The following verses show a different side of Jesus. Matthew 14:23, Matthew 26:36, Mark 1:35, Mark 6:46, Luke 5:16, Luke 6:12 and Luke 9:18. What do we find Him doing in these verses?

Read Luke 11:1 The disciples who observed his ministry asked Jesus to teach them to:
(chose the correct answer)

- a. perform miracles
- b. pray
- c. teach and preach

They realized that the power to perform miracles and to preach and teach came from his prayer life. Jesus lived His life in constant communion with His Father but also spent time away and alone in prayer. If Jesus, the son of God, needed time alone to pray, how much more do we?

Jesus asks his disciples if they could not spend _____
watching with Him in Matthew 26:40.

As this lesson comes to a close, we encourage you to spend time reading the Bible every day. A good way to start would be to read one chapter of the Old Testament, one chapter of the New Testament, one chapter of the book of Psalms and one chapter of the book of Proverbs. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to understand as you read. Also we encourage you to spend time alone in prayer each day. Spending an hour in prayer, like Jesus asked His disciples to, will be a great help to you. And finally, remember that God is always with you. Praise Him, thank Him and include Him in all that you do.

God bless you!! Our next lesson will be about the importance of fellowshiping with other believers and how to choose a good church.

