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CHRISTIAN LIVING II

As Christians we are called to be Christlike, living differently than the unbeliever. God has spoken in His word that we are to be holy. In order to bring His high standard of holiness into our lives, God has to change us--not only our actions, but also our attitudes. Our natural (carnal) attitudes differ from God's, and so we need continued exposure to the word of God by which we learn what God's attitudes are and begin to develop them in our lives. We are not asked to do this in our own strength. God has given us the Holy Spirit by whom He works in us as we submit ourselves. Read Philippians 2:13.

I. OBEDIENCE - THE KEY TO CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect". Matthew 5:48. God means what He says! He has called us to the narrow path of total obedience. We are deceived if we think we can live as the unbeliever and still be pleasing to God. The Bible tells of a great multitude who will expect to enter heaven and suddenly be awakened to the fact that their "Christianity" was not at all acceptable.

Read Matthew 7:21-23; then answer the next three questions.

1. In these verses Jesus says that only certain people will enter the kingdom of heaven. Who are they? _____
2. What will the Lord say to those who failed to do His Father's will? _____
3. Those who will be turned away will have done many works in the name of God. What makes those who enter different? v. 21 _____

Obedience is the only way to fulfill the will of God. Every step in our Christian life will be a struggle until we learn to obey God without question.

4. Look up the word "obedience" in a dictionary and write out the definition. _____

King Saul disobeyed God's command. Read I Samuel 15:22,23; then answer the next three questions.

5. What is better than sacrifice to God? _____
6. In verse 23 God reveals His attitude toward disobedience. To what does God compare it? _____
7. What happened to Saul because he disobeyed God? _____
8. In Romans 12:1,2 God asks us to present our bodies as living sacrifices. If we do this, what will we prove? _____

9. As living sacrifices, how are we changed? Rom. 12:2 _____

From Deuteronomy 28:1-14, list ten blessings of obedience.

- 10. _____
- 11. _____
- 12. _____
- 13. _____
- 14. _____
- 15. _____
- 16. _____
- 17. _____
- 18. _____
- 19. _____

In Luke 12:41-48 Jesus speaking to His disciples describes the wise servant. Scripture makes it obvious that obedience is vital in our relationship with God. From Jesus' teaching in these verses we learn that God holds us accountable to do what He has asked of us. Using this parable, answer the next two questions.

20. What happened to the obedient servant when the master returned? _____

21. What happened to the servant who knew his master's will and failed to do it? _____

Some things about God's will for our lives cannot be discovered except by experience as we live for Him. However, there are many things that Scripture clearly reveals to be the will of God for every believer. To do the will of God, we must obey God as He reveals truths from His word. Bear in mind, these areas are not considered optional for us. The Lord has established specific standards and commandments that never change. Our part is to obey the Lord and "prove what is that good and acceptable will of God".

22. Memorize Romans 12:1,2; then write it here. _____

II. TITHING

In II Corinthians 9:7 Paul declares, "...God loveth a cheerful giver". God has spoken to us about two kinds of financial giving--tithes and offerings. These were instituted by God in the beginning of His dealings with man. Offerings are given as our free-will expression of thanks, but God has also commanded us to tithe. Malachi 3:10

Perhaps you have never heard about tithing or haven't fully understood what God expects from us in tithing. Or perhaps you know **about** tithing but have never acted upon it. As you study, be open to the Holy Spirit and let Him speak to your heart concerning this part of your spiritual life.

23. In order to really understand God's purpose for tithing, we must first answer this question: To whom does my money belong, God or me? Psalm 89:11 _____
24. What does Haggai 2:8 say concerning the ownership of money? _____
25. As Christians we are a "purchased people". Rewrite I Corinthians 6:20 in your own words. _____

Because we are God's purchased possession we have nothing that actually belongs to us. This means that we are giving back to God what rightfully belongs to Him.
Money has always been a source of temptation to man.

26. In I Timothy 6:10, what does God say about the love of money? _____

The "root" used here shows us plainly that evil will spring forth as fruit if we love money. History reveals how men corrupt themselves to gain money. Robberies, covetousness, murders, and jealousy are all products of the love of money.

In the Bible God has given us a detailed account of tithing. God instituted the tithe and has promised to bless those who obey Him.

Read Genesis 14:17-20. We see Abraham giving a tithe of all his goods to King Melchizedek of Salem. Abraham was God's child, and he paid his tithe. King Melchizedek is a type of Christ. (See Hebrews 7:1-3, 17.)

27. According to Hebrews 7:1,2,4, what part of his substance did Abraham tithe? _____
28. In Exodus 22:29,30 we see God speaking to the Jews concerning tithing. He uses the expression "first fruits". Find this expression in a dictionary and then define it. _____

God wants our best. The Israelites were to give the best of their increase--the first fruits and the first child. From this we see that God wants us to give our tithe **first**, rather than to give Him the leftovers.

In the book of Malachi God gives us some specific instructions regarding our tithe. Read Malachi 3:8-12; then answer the next three questions.

- 29. According to God, what are we if we fail to tithe? v. 8 _____
- 30. Why does God say we are cursed? _____
- 31. To what place does God command us to bring our tithe? v. 10 _____

In paying our tithes, we are not merely fulfilling a law. God instituted the tithe long before the Law ever existed. Abraham tithed, and Jacob tithed. (See Genesis 28:16-22.) All of the patriarchs of the Jewish nation gave their tithe to God; and because of this, most Bible scholars agree that tithing is a privilege of the priesthood. In other words, the man who tithes is really acting like a priest before God.

In the paying of our tithes we are given the high privilege of proving God. (See Malachi 3:10.) Tithing is an act of faith as well as obedience. As we are faithful we actually prove God by taking Him at His word.

Many Christians think this verse (Malachi 3:10) refers to material blessing; however, God was also speaking of a wealth much greater. When we tithe, we should expect spiritual blessings also.

From Malachi 3:10-12, list three of the blessings a man will receive when he is faithful in tithing.

- 32. _____
- 33. _____
- 34. _____

We need to be sure we are not tithing from a covetous heart just for the blessings we will receive.

- 35. According to Malachi 3:10, what part of our tithe should we bring to the storehouse? _____
- 36. In I Corinthians 16:2, Paul instructs us about bringing our tithes to the storehouse. Write out this scripture. _____

This does not necessarily mean that we must bring our tithe on a particular day, but rather that we are to be regular and systematic in the paying of our tithe.

When Jacob began tithing, he made a covenant with God. See Genesis 28:22, and then answer the next two questions.

- 37. Who did Jacob recognize as the supplier of material goods? _____
- 38. What part of his goods did Jacob vow to give back to God? _____

The word of God makes it clear that we are to give one tenth of our income to God, and to give it faithfully. Perhaps you ask yourself, "Does it really matter? Since God owns everything, He doesn't need my tithe". But as we open our hearts to give God tithes and offerings, we are also open to receive His blessings.

After God has spoken to our hearts about tithes and offerings, it is important to obey Him.

- 39. Rewrite James 4:17 in your own words. _____

III. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE HOUSE OF GOD

God has always designated a place of worship. In the book of Exodus we learn about the Tabernacle. Read Exodus 26:1-27. God gave Moses specific instructions concerning the Tabernacle because it was to be the place of worship for all Israel.

The Lord not only gave plans for the construction of the Tabernacle, but He also gave Moses instructions concerning the worship that was to take place within the Tabernacle. In all, the Lord uses 15 chapters in Exodus to instruct His people concerning worship. The word of God makes it obvious that worship and the place of worship are very important.

40. Read Exodus 25-40. You may use the Living Bible or another modern translation. Check the box when you have completed this reading. []

When Israel came into the Promised Land, God appointed a location for the Tabernacle and all Israel was to come and worship and perform their vows there.

41. What was the name of the city where the Tabernacle was placed? Joshua 19:51 _____

42. Who assembled there to worship God? Joshua 18:1 _____

Later, for convenience, the Israelites began building altars near their homes, visiting the Tabernacle only once a year. God was not pleased with this.

Joshua 22:9-29 gives the account of an altar that was built outside of Shiloh. Even though the intentions of the two and one half tribes of Gad, Reuben, and Manasseh were good, the rest of Israel was outraged. In their reaction, we can see the mind of God clearly revealed to all who depart from His chosen place of worship. Read this account carefully.

43. What was Israel's reaction to the two and one half tribes according to Joshua 22:16,18?

Believers can worship God in spirit and truth, wherever and whenever they call upon His name. However, without a commitment to a definite place and time for worship, our human nature leads us astray and deceives us into thinking church attendance isn't necessary. Basically, this is what happened in Israel. The people built altars wherever they chose and reasoned it was not necessary to go to Jerusalem, and they were soon in a backslidden state.

Read Matthew 21:12-14 and Mark 11:15-19; then answer the next four questions.

44. In your own words, describe what was taking place in the temple. _____

45. What was Christ's reaction to this? Mark 11:15,16 _____

46. What did Jesus say God's house was meant to be? _____

47. After the moneychangers were thrown out of the temple, what did Jesus begin to do? (Note Matt. 21:14) _____

This shows us that when respect for the temple was reestablished, the Lord was free to move in power. The same principle operates in the New Testament church. As the apostles were faithful in respecting and attending the temple, God blessed their ministry and manifested His power by increasing the church.

48. Read Acts 2:46,47; then write these scriptures in your own words. _____

Just as God gave order for worship in the Tabernacle, He also gave order for worship in the church. In each church God has chosen leaders, deacons, pastors, elders, etc.

49. Read the account of how God set deacons in the church. Acts 6:1-8. Check the box when you have completed this reading. []

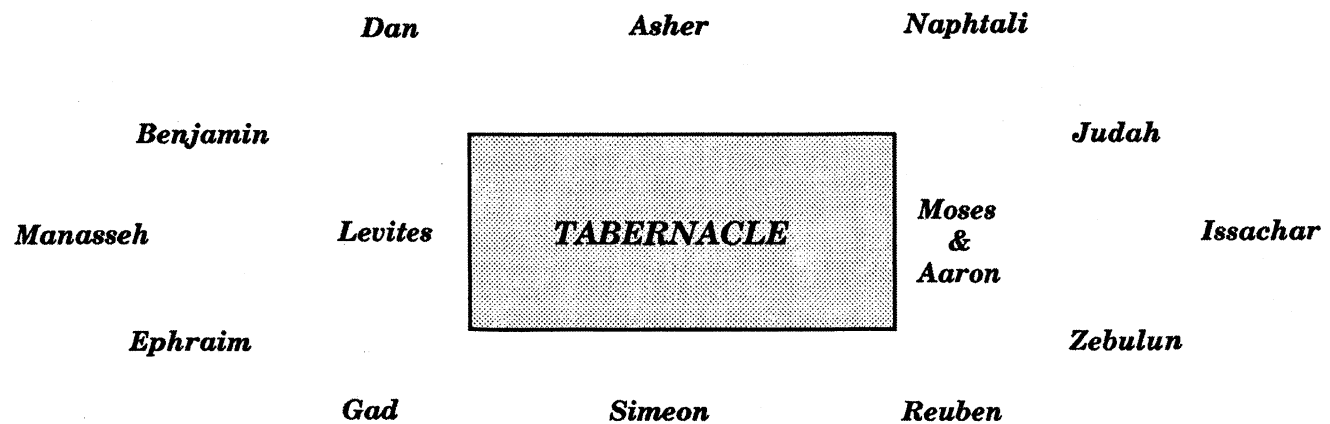
The following scriptures pertain to respect and order in God's house. In I Corinthians 14, Paul speaks about keeping order during the service. He does not stress doctrine, but rather that things be done in order. Verse 40 summarizes Paul's instruction.

50. Write out I Cor. 14:40. _____

51. In I Timothy 3, Paul gives instruction concerning pastors, deacons and their wives. God has set high standards for the leaders of His church. In verse 15 Paul tells us why he has given us these instructions. What is it? _____

God has given us many examples throughout His word which clearly show that respect and order go hand in hand.

This diagram illustrates God's prescribed order for the camp of Israel.



The house of God is a great importance to God. So much so that He commanded His people to center and structure their lives around it. This does not mean we should move next door to the church; rather, the house of God should be prominent in our lives.

God demands our faithfulness to His house; His dealings with Israel make this clear.

52. Read Hebrews 10:25. As the coming of the Lord draws nearer, what are we instructed not to forsake? _____
53. In Psalm 84:10, what does David say he would rather do than dwell in the tents of the wicked? _____
54. In Psalm 122:1, why was David glad? _____
55. Psalm 134 commands the servants of the Lord to worship Him in His sanctuary. Paraphrase verses 1 and 2. _____
56. Who does God say is blessed? Psalm 84:4 _____
57. II Chronicles 36:22,23 records God's command to Cyrus to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. In his proclamation, Cyrus challenged the Jews. What did he say about those who were willing to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the house of the Lord? v. 23 _____

Studying God's word gives the Lord opportunity to speak to our hearts. If God has spoken to your heart concerning your attitude or your faithfulness to His house, ask Him to renew your commitment and love for His house.

IV. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE BRETHREN

God is not solely concerned with His relationship to His children, but also with their relationships toward one another. As the children of God and members of His body, we are to center our relationships upon the things of the Spirit. In II Corinthians 5:16 Paul declares, "we know no man after the flesh". God has called us to fellowship with one another in spirit.

58. Write II Corinthians 5:16 in your own words. _____

The carnal and spiritual natures are affected by different attitudes, and so we must learn what God expects our attitudes to be.

59. I Corinthians 12:12-27 explains that as Christians we are literally part of Christ's body. After reading these verses, check the box. [] Answer the next three questions from this passage of scripture.

60. To what does God liken His church? vv. 12,13 _____

61. In verse 20, God says His body has many of these. _____

62. In verse 21 we see that we need the other members of His body. Write this scripture in your own words. _____

Just as our physical body needs every part in order to function properly, so does the body of Christ. God wants His body to move in the Spirit.

The Bible records an instance when believers were not walking in the Spirit. Read Mark 9:33-35.

63. What were the disciples doing? v. 34 _____

64. Look up the word "dispute" in a dictionary and write the definition here. _____

65. In I John 4:7,8, what are we exhorted to do? _____

God wants us to love one another in the Spirit. Without the Lord in control of our lives, we will always center our lives around self. God wants to change this so that our lives are centered around Jesus first, others second, and then ourselves. This is hard for all of us; but in order to fit into God's body and work effectively, we need to see the needs of others before our own.

66. In Galatians 5:13 Paul urges us not to use our liberty in Christ for our flesh. What does Paul say we should do instead? _____

In Ephesians 4:1-3 God exhorts us to "walk worthy" of the vocation to which we are called. List two of the ways given whereby we can do this.

67. _____

68. _____

69. Ephesians 4:25 describes our true relationship with one another. What is it? _____

Ephesians 4:31,32 instructs us about coming into right relationship with one another.

70. What should we forsake? _____

71. Why should we forgive one another? _____

72. What does tenderhearted mean? _____

73. As humans we tend to shun the ugly or the weak. What does God say our attitude should be toward them? Rom. 15:1 _____

Very often we feel superior to other people. This is sin because in God's eyes all men are created the same. In James 2:1-9 we see an attitude of superiority manifested in the church. Read these scriptures; then answer the next six questions.

74. In what way was the wrong attitude of these believers manifested to the poor man? (Where did they seat him?) _____

75. In verse 1, what are they told not to have? _____

76. In your own words, define "respect of persons". _____

77. According to verse 4, if we have respect of persons we are "partial". Using a dictionary, define the word "partial". _____

78. What does James say we have committed if we have respect of persons? _____

79. What is the royal law? _____

If we have sinned in this area, we need to repent and let God change us.

80. Memorize I John 1:9 and write it here. _____

God desires to use His body to manifest His power to the world. If we are not submissive to the Spirit, we hinder God.

81. In Acts 2:1 the Bible declares that the disciples were in one place and in one _____

Being in one accord is something for which we all should strive. To be in one accord is to be in unity.

Psalm 133 reveals God's feelings about the unity of the brethren.

82. What does verse 1 say about unity among the brethren? _____

83. In verse 2, to what does God compare unity? _____

84. In this Psalm, who should dwell together in unity? _____

Perhaps you are wondering, "How do we obtain this unity, and then keep it?"

85. Write Ephesians 4:3 in your own words. _____

We need to strive to keep unity with our brethren.

86. Read Proverbs 6:16-19. What is God's attitude toward someone who sows discord among the brethren? v. 16 _____

Arguing among the brethren and wrong feelings toward one another destroy growth in our own lives and in the life of our church body. We must come against Satan's works of destruction and strive for unity.

87. Hebrew 12:14 gives us instruction concerning others. What does it say? _____

88. What does I Corinthians 10:24 say? (Read this verse in another translation also.) _____

If we are always preferring one another, we will begin to walk in unity.

89. Look up the word "unity" in the dictionary and define it here. _____

90. Write Ephesians 4:13 in your own words. (Use other translations, if desired.) _____

91. Write Ephesians 4:15,16 in your own words, using other translations to help you. _____

V. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD OUR ELDERS

God has placed elders in the church to care for, nourish, and guide His sheep. Read Ephesians 4:11-16.

92. Who puts these leaders in their places of ministry? v. 11 _____

93. What is God's purpose for the ministry? v. 12 _____

God has placed our elders over us to help us, not hinder us. They give an account to God for us, just as we must answer to God for our attitudes toward them.

We have already studied God's view of rebellion. (See page 1, question #6.) Submission is not easy for our human nature which wants to be in control regardless of the consequence.

Our pastors and elders are to set a standard for the church, and we as their flock should follow their good example.

94. What does I Thessalonians 5:12,13 say about our attitude toward our elders? v. 13 _____

95. Write I Thess. 5:12,13 in your own words. _____

96. What does I Timothy 5:17 say we should give our elders? _____

According to God's word, when we rebel against our elders we are rebelling against God Himself. We see a perfect example of this in I Samuel 8:5-9. Although God had chosen Samuel to guide the people, Israel clamored for a king. Samuel may have felt rejected, for the Bible says he was displeased. However, as he prayed about it, God revealed to him the real motive behind Israel's insistence upon a king.

97. Whom had Israel really rejected? I Sam. 8:7 _____

Read I Peter 5:1-5 and answer the next four questions.

98. Whom are our elders to feed? v. 2 _____

99. To whom are they to be an example? v. 3 _____

100. What will they receive when Jesus appears if they have done these things? v. 4 _____

101. What are the younger to do? v. 5 _____

102. What does I Timothy 5:1 say we are never to do to an elder? _____

103. Look up the word "rebuke" in a dictionary and define it here. _____

Very often we think that we know best. But God has placed elders in His church because we need guidance and instruction. (See Titus 1:9)

104. In Heb. 13:7 we are exhorted to follow the _____ of those who have rule over us.

105. According to Heb. 13:7, how are we to respond to our elders' guidance and care? _____

106. Write Heb. 13:17 in your own words. _____

107. According to James 5:14, what responsibility do our elders have when we are sick and call for them? _____

By respecting and submitting ourselves to our pastors and elders, we learn to respect and submit to the Lord Himself.

VI. PRAYER

One of the most vital parts of Christian life is prayer, for by it we receive spiritual benefits from God. As we come into contact with Him in prayer, we are strengthened in the Spirit, and we grow up into His image. Prayer is also the means by which we unleash the power of God.

108. According to Luke 18:1, when should we pray? _____

109. If we pray always, what will we not do? _____

110. In Matthew 7:7, how does Jesus describe prayer? _____

The following scriptures concern prayer. Rewrite them in your own words.

111. Psalm 40:1 _____

112. Psalm 54:2 _____

113. Psalm 142:1 _____

114. Psalm 123:1 _____

Prayer is calling upon God. Through prayer we can commune with God. In John 14:13,14, Jesus gives us one of the keys to effective prayer. Praying in Jesus' name is not merely a formula. It is our recognition of His person and work--our only access into God's presence.

115. Memorize John 14:13,14 and then write it here. _____

116. Memorize Hebrews 11:1 and write it here. _____

Faith is our means of touching God in prayer. We need to believe God, to trust Him, and to claim His promises. Hebrews 11 is called the faith chapter. Using verses 4-11, list six things that were obtained through faith.

117. _____

118. _____

119. _____

120. _____

121. _____

122. _____

123. According to Matthew 17:20, what can faith do? _____

124. To what does Jesus compare the faith necessary to move a mountain? _____

125. Write Matthew 21:22 in your own words. _____

Since God promises to answer our prayers, why is it that some of our prayers seem to go unanswered? In James we see that sometimes we waver in prayer.

126. Write James 1:6,7 in your own words. _____

127. What hinders prayer? Psalm 66:18 _____

128. What other hindrance to prayer does Mark 11:25,26 mention? _____

129. What must we do to remove this hindrance from our lives? v. 25 _____

God is always concerned with the condition of our hearts. He cannot tolerate sin because He is holy. If we know that we have unconfessed sin in our hearts, God declares that He will not hear our prayers. Because of this, we need to be quick to repent and confess our sins.

130. Write Ephesians 6:18 in your own words. _____

God has given us the Holy Spirit to help us pray. Read Romans 8:26,27.

131. Why does the Spirit help us pray? v. 26 _____

132. According to verse 27, in whose will does the SPIRIT pray? _____

133. What does I John 5:14,15 say about praying in the will of God? _____

Prayer cannot be mastered by study alone. The best way we can learn to pray is by praying. We need to follow Paul's exhortation in Philippians 4:6: "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God".

I have answered all questions and completed all memory work to the best of my ability.

Name _____

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Date _____