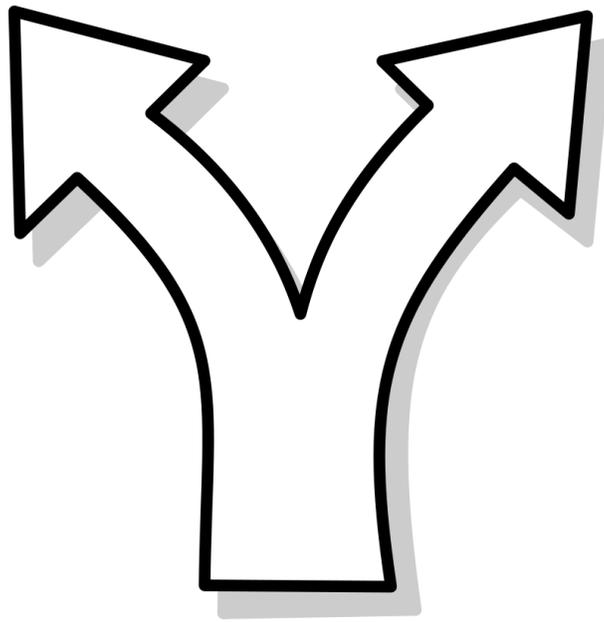


The way I
should go...



Bible Study

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matthew 7:13-14 KJV

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Note: When the word Christian is in this text it means a follower of Jesus Christ.

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Introduction

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." 1 Timothy 6:12

Don't think twice, you are in a battle, for your soul. The battlefield is planet earth, the Holy Spirit and God's Word are the Generals in-charge. For the battle to be fought successfully, there must be clear lines of separation, a **Stone Wall**. The combat zone for most skirmishes will take place in the mind, so the mind must be guarded by the helmet of Salvation¹. Always keeping in mind that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."² A battle arises when enemy soldiers enter God's territory for the purpose of fighting for victory, **your soul**. The battle plan must be clear, understood, and acted upon.

Many Christians have given up any outward sign of identity with Jesus Christ, having no clear standards of separation, a **Stone Wall**, and enter the world, to find pleasure, entertainment, and friendship. **God's Word**, is not being clearly presented in many families and churches, and the plan for victory is unclear. Few see the victory to be had in "fighting the good fight of faith,"³ living a pure, separated and holy life; active in Bible study, prayer, worshipping God, and soul-winning.

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." 1 Timothy 6:12

Biblical separation, a **Stone Wall**, is clearly taught in God's Word, and cannot be different in practice any more than the plan of Salvation. When a **Stone Wall** is not present you will have difficulty seeing the battle and that the battle can be won. Without a **Stone Wall** you are more likely to esteem yourself and seek the desires of the flesh. (read Nehemiah)

"Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?" Isaiah 29:16
(Also read Self-Esteem, Satan's Most Harmful⁴)

We must learn to clearly sense the presence of the **Stone Wall**, a clearly defined set of beliefs that teach us not to esteem ourselves. Lucifer esteemed himself above God and we see the outcome of that. This Biblical **Stone Wall** must provide clear-cut answers so we can resist our own fleshly desires, fight temptation, and remain separate from the world. This **Stone Wall** must become a standard, a typical part of our life.

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." James 4:4

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 1 John 2:16

A **Stone Wall** from the world, is built through teaching, training, and practice. This **Stone Wall** should provide answers for the following questions:

1. Where can I go?
2. What should I think about?
3. How should I dress?
4. How should I speak?
5. What interests should I have?
6. How should any of these interests be limited?
7. How should I choose my friends?
8. What can I listen to?
9. What can I watch on TV?
10. What should I look at?
11. What should I read?
12. What should my attitude be?
13. What is my purpose in life?
14. What is my purpose in working, talking, playing, eating; all things?
15. What are the basic truths of my faith?

Being able to answer these questions and others with Biblical reason will help you resist peer pressure, to choose Godly friends, to choose forms of entertainment, and to "keep under their body, and bring it into subjection."⁵

"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." 1 Corinthians 9:27

A definite, uncompromising, unmovable **Stone Wall** is necessary in every person's life. The basis for this **Stone Wall** is God's Word. It stands as an unmovable standard through which a Christian receives protection. *(If you have children see Behavior Training Using God's Word⁶ and The Way They Should Go⁷ as an addition training tool.)*

All Christians need:

1. Protection from yourselves. - Living a life in the flesh.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:1-2

"Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:" 1 Corinthians 2:6-7

2. Protection from Satan. - A Godly **Stone Wall** helps protect us from Satan, who is a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. A physical wall would protect us from a lion in a zoo and so will a Godly **Stone Wall** protect us from Satan. But, keep in mind that Satan comes as an angel of light but will be a wolf in sheep's clothing.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:" 1 Peter 5:8

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." 1 Corinthians 11:14-15

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Matthew 7:15-20

3. Protection from this world. - Pressures of living in this world, can easily influence those who do not have a **Stone Wall** of separation.

"For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." 1 Timothy 4:8 (see also 1 Timothy 6:6 & 1 Timothy 6:11)

"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God." Romans 8:6-8

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." James 4:4

A great verse to memorize that will give you the reassurance of God's promises of protection is Psalms 91.

Instruction

The Holy Spirit, not the church, has the primary responsibility to teach God's Word to you. We must yield ourselves to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourself for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Hebrews 13:17

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:26

Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. Psalm 86:11

Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness. Psalm 143:10

Lesson 1

1. God's people are to be different in their purpose for life.

Deuteronomy 10:12 The Israelites were to and we are to :

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

2. "Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall _____ ; they *are* unclean to you... Leviticus 11:1-31 "...To make a difference between the _____ , and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten." Leviticus 11:44-47

A definite **Stone Wall** between God's people and the heathens was established in the Old Testament. A **Stone Wall** was made between clean and unclean.

*"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."
Proverbs 4:23*

A **Stone Wall**, must be made between clean and unclean. Without a **Stone Wall** the unclean can enter the eyes, the ears, the mind and end up in the heart.

3. Jeremiah 4:4 _____ yourselves to the LORD..." The Old Testament law of circumcision is today fulfilled through a clear and all encompassing separation from the world, a **Stone Wall**.

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." Matthew 5:17

But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God. Romans 2:29

Commit Scripture to Memory: **Matthew 5:17**

Helpful tip: say the scripture to yourself three times a day (breakfast, lunch & dinner) and within a few days you will have it memorized.

4. Exodus 33:16
How could God's people be recognized? _____

What was the outwardly visible result of the presence of God? _____
5. Proverbs 22:28 "Remove not _____

6. Jeremiah 6:16
Stand where? _____

Ask for what? _____

If we walk in the good way, what will we receive? _____
7. What is the nature of those in the world?
1 John 5:19

8. Jeremiah 17:9
The human heart is what above all things? _____

The heart is desperately what? _____
9. 1 John 2:15-16
What are we to not love? _____

What is not in us if we love the world? _____

What is not of the Father?

Commit Scripture to Memory: 1 John 2:15

Lesson 2

1. 2 Corinthians 6:17

What are we to do as followers of Jesus Christ? _____

What are we to not touch as followers of Jesus Christ? _____

Will the Lord accept us if we do not live a separated life? _____

2. A separated person cannot become "entangled" with what? 2 Timothy 2:4

3. With what things could a Christian become "entangled"?

4. What can we do to not become entangled with this world? Proverbs 3:5-6 (write scripture)

How are we to trust in the Lord? _____

Should we use our own understanding? _____

How often should we seek the Lord for guidance and directions? _____

5. What kept these Israelites from returning to Egypt (a type of the world) and what will keep you from returning to the ways of the world? Hebrews 11:15-16?

Commit Scripture to Memory: *Proverbs 3:5-6*

6. James 1:27
What is pure religion and undefiled before God?

How are we to keep ourselves?

7. The high cost of "mingling with the heathen", breaking down the walls; building bridges ect. Psalms 106:35-37

a. They learned _____

b. They served _____

c. Their idols became a _____

d. They gave up/sacrificed the future of their _____

8. In Genesis 34:1 This young lady "went out to see _____."
She was soon involved in sexual sins. Friendship with the world in person or thought, will lead to the same type of sexual problems among Christians today!

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. James 4:4 (See also message on website "Are You A Friend of God")²

9. God commands that we not learn the ways of the world.

Jeremiah 10:2

Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of _____, and be not _____ at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

Romans 12:2

Be not _____ to this world; but be ye _____ by the renewing of _____, that ye may _____ what is that _____, and _____, and _____, will of God.

Romans 16:19

What are we to be wise to? _____

What are we to be simple or ignorant of? _____

Commit Scripture to Memory: James 4:4

Lesson 3

1. We are to have new interests and values.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Who is a new creation? _____

What is passed away? _____

What is new? _____

Colossians 3:2

a. What are we to set our affections on? _____

b. Jeremiah 15:16

What should God's Word be to our hearts?

What are we called by? _____

2. Our **NEW** purpose for being in this world: Mark 16:15-18 (write scripture)

3. Follower of Jesus Christ are described differently than people of the world.

1 Peter 2:9 (List how you are described.)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Commit Scripture to Memory: 2 Corinthians 5:17 & Mark 16:15-18

Training

Training is the consistent, diligent application of God's Word to your desires, thoughts, speech, attitudes, and behaviors. Training involves correction, discipline and a repetition of what has been taught from God's Word.

I discipline my body and make it my slave 1 Corinthians 9:27 (NASB)

"Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth." 2 Peter 1:12

Note: A parent who is diligent to be a daily example of all that is taught from God's Word will have a greater influence on their child(ren).

"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. " 1 Corinthians 11:1

Keep in mind that clear uncompromising standards, a **Stone Wall**, should be established. Bending to excuses like ("There are only two bad words in this movie." "Everybody else at church watches it." "It's just a game." "Things are different today - I can't be so strict.") ends the wall of separation, that **Stone Wall** now crumbles. If this is the case with you start now to rebuild that **Stone Wall**, one stone at a time. When we bend to excuses this ends up creating in us an unclear sense of right and wrong; along with a lack of discernment. Bending to excuses can also establish the world view of situation ethics within us and our family.

For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. 1 Timothy 4:8

Lesson 1

1. Compromising will result in a desire for the world, and the interest and curiosity of the flesh will be stirred to find more holes in the wall. For your own benefit, there must be no compromising, no doubt about God's plan, and no swaying from the Truth.

Our labor for the Lord should be done how? 1 Corinthians 15:58

Is your work in the Lord ever in vain? _____

2. Train yourself to be separated in your affections (likes, fondness, friendliness, ...).

Where should our affections lie? Colossians 3:2

3. To help restrain the desires of the flesh or attraction to the ways of the world. We must diligently correct and discipline when their flesh nature rises up.

How are we to deal with our body and fleshly nature? 1 Corinthians 9:27

4. Discourage yourself for excitement and interest in the things or affairs of this life.

How can we please Him who has chosen us and our children to be one of His soldiers? 2 Timothy 2:4

Commit Scripture to Memory: 2 Timothy 2:4

Lesson 2

1. Train yourself to have a **Stone Wall** in what you look at with your eyes.
(Not standing up for what is right is consent, to what is wrong.)

2. Psalm 101:2-3
How should we behave ourselves?

How should we be at home?

What should not come before our eyes?

3. Approve of only those things that glorify God.
1 Corinthians 10:31
What are we to do to the glory of God?

4. Refuse those things showing criminal violence, lewd comedy, suggestive or lack of clothing, ungodly speech, sensual or sexual activity or indecent pictures or images.
Ecclesiastes 6:9
What is vanity and vexation of the spirit?

5. Refuse to look at movies or books that indoctrinate the philosophy of humanism (trust in oneself or man in general) while showing some outward morality. These are some of the traps from the wolf in sheep's clothing.

6. Matthew 7:15
What are we to beware of? _____

What are they inwardly? _____

7. 2 Corinthians 11:14-15
What does Satan transform himself into? _____

Satan's ministers are transformed into? _____

(e.g. Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn, Harry Potter, The Least Among You, Les Miserable's, ect. Having a form of morality but without the Godliness. A good movie that will help explain this principle is Time Changers⁷)

Commit Scripture to Memory: 1 Corinthians 10:31

Lesson 3

1. Train yourself to have a **Stone Wall** in choosing heroes and those you look up to as examples or admire. (*Note: that these things can be images in the grocery store check-out line, and some signage.*)

2. Luke 21:8

What are we not to be? _____

Go not after who? _____

3. Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with what? _____

What comes out of the heart? _____

4. Numbers 33:52

What were the Israelites to do? _____

What should we do with the things we have that do not glorify God?

5. Respect and honor those who are following Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:1
(Write Scripture)

6. Respect and honor those who have chosen to sacrifice their lives for Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 4:10-16 (Put this scripture in your own words.)

Commit Scripture to Memory: *Proverbs 4:23*

Lesson 4

1. Refuse to honor those who are held in high esteem by the world. (Put these two scriptures in your own words.)

a. Psalms 49:12-13

b. Luke 12:20-21

2. Refuse to collect items of those who are unsaved (pictures, figurines, memorabilia).

Psalm 49:20

What is like a beast that perish?

3. Refuse to have as heroes those who are seeking riches, honor, or popularity from others.

Isaiah 42:8

Who will God give His glory to? _____

What will God not give praise to? _____

Commit Scripture to Memory: *Isaiah 42:8*

Lesson 5

1. Train yourself to have a Godly **Stone Wall** of modest dress.

In our home we practice the 3 B's (no boobs, no butt, no belly button). If we cannot raise our hands to praise the Lord, touch our toes or dance before the Lord, without exposing any part of these body parts, than what has been put on is not modest. It must be modified to pass the test or is not acceptable to God.

Keep in mind that focus on ourselves is not focus on God. We are elevating ourselves above God when we draw attention to ourselves. This heart condition did not work out well for Lucifer and will not work well for us either.

2. Clothing that does not draw undue attention. John 3:30

Who must increase? _____

Who must decrease? _____

3. Clothing that is not revealing or exciting to the lust of the opposite sex. (We should not want to wear clothing that will cause another person to sin.)

- a. James 1:14-15

Who is tempted when drawn away to their own lusts and enticed?

What brings forth sin? _____

What takes place when sin is finished? _____

- b. Zephaniah 1:8 (*People who are not children of the Lord*)

The princes, and kings children and who else will be punished?

Commit Scripture to Memory: *John 3:30*

Lesson 6

1. Our clothing should not classify us as a harlot, whore, or prostitute.

Unfortunately, with many of today's modern styles, if worn, would make it difficult for someone to wait for a walk sign at the corner of any city street and not be mistaken for one of these people for hire.

Proverbs 7:10

The woman had the apparel of a what? _____

2. Clothing that does not reveal the shape or form of private areas.

1 Timothy 2:9-10

How should a woman adorn herself? _____

Should the clothes be elaborate and draw attention? _____

Clothes that become a woman professing what? _____

3. Clothing that does not follow worldly styles (unisex, mixed gender, ect.)

Deuteronomy 22:5

What kind of clothing should a woman / girl not wear? _____

What kind of garments should a man not put on? _____

If we mix gender dress God sees us as what? _____

Romans 12:2

What are we to not be conformed to? _____

How are we to be transformed? _____

Why must our minds be transformed and renewed?

4. Clothing that clearly identifies the Christian from the unsaved.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Who is a new creature? _____

What things are passed away? _____

What is new? _____

Commit Scripture to Memory: *Romans 12:2*

Lesson 7

1. Train yourself to have a **Stone Wall** from activities that stir up the lust of the flesh.

Mixed swimming outside the family. Especially as teenagers or young adults.

Job 31:1

What covenant did he make? _____

Matthew 5:28

Looking at a woman to lust after her is what? _____

2. Reframe from physical expression of love before marriage.

(This does not include a mother or father giving a child a hug and a kiss before bed. This form of love and affection is different.)

Songs of Solomon 8:4 & 2:7 In your own words what is the advice given?

- a. Solitary sexual pleasure. Galatians 5:16-17

How are we to not fulfill the lusts of the flesh? _____

What lusts against the spirit? _____

- b. An over interest in things, like excessive window shopping for clothes, cars, electronics, ect. (I want this, I want that... I need this, I need that...)

1 John 2:15-16

What are we to not love? _____

If you love the world what is not in you? _____

What is not of the Father? _____

Commit Scripture to Memory: Galatians 5:16

Lesson 8

1. Train yourself to have a **Stone Wall** in your thoughts.

Philippians 4:8

Can something be true but not praiseworthy? _____

Can something be true and honest but not of a good report? _____

Can something be lovely but not pure? _____

What things should we think on? _____

This scripture list is all inclusive, we can't just take one and say "Well it's true." It must be true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report, having any virtue and praiseworthy before we are to think on it.

2 Corinthians 10:5

What are we to do with every thought that doesn't fit into the Philippians 4:8 way of thinking?

What are we suppose to do with every thought that comes into our mind?

In war, when enemy forces take prisoners captive, do they take them into their arms like a mother loving her wounded child?

What do they do?

So what are you to do with each thought that comes into your mind?

Remember this is war and the winning side gets your soul.

Commit Scripture to Memory: *Philippians 4:8 & 2 Corinthians 10:5*

Lesson 9

1. Train yourself to have a **Stone Wall** in your speech.
2. Encourage yourself to have frequent, unashamed talk about the Lord. This should be daily if not multiple times a day.

What should we talk about? Psalm 145 :5

3. Discourage yourself from repeating worldly slang and sentence structure.

Jeremiah 10:2

What are we to not learn? _____

How are we to react to the signs in heaven? _____

4. Discourage yourself from impulsive speech and constant speech.

James 1:19

How are we to hear? _____

How are we to speak and become angry? _____

Proverbs 25:28

A person without self-control is like what? _____

1 Corinthians 9:27

What are we to do with our body? _____

Ephesians 4:29

What should not come out of our mouth? _____

What should our words do to those who hear it? _____

5. Expect yourself to have speech that reflects the character of Jesus Christ (love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, truthfulness, dependability, faithfulness, thankfulness, pure, honest, just, lovely, ... ect.) See Galatians 5:22-23 and Philippians 4:8

Titus 2:8

What kind of speech are we to have? _____

1 Timothy 6:3-5

Does anything good come out of a person with unwholesome words? _____

What are we to do around unwholesome speech? _____

Commit Scripture to Memory: *James 1:19*

Lesson 10

1. Train yourself to have a **Stone Wall** in your choice of music.

Separated from Christian contemporary music that doesn't clearly point you to the truths of Jesus Christ, Christian rock music that conforms to the world and pleases the flesh rather than glorifies God, country, rock, rap, and other worldly forms of music that does not glorify God.

Colossians 3:16-17

What is suppose to dwell in us? _____

How should we admonish one another? _____

What should all we do be in? _____

In all we do we should give what? _____

Psalms 40:1-3

What kind of song has He given us? _____

Where is this new song? _____

Why do we have this new song? _____

Commit Scripture to Memory: *Colossians 3:16*

Lesson 11

1. Train yourself to have a **Stone Wall** in your choice of reading material.

a. Consistent study of God's Word. 2 Timothy 2:15

We should study God's Word to show what? _____

Studying it will help us to what? _____

b. Stories that set forth Godly living patterns. The entire book of Proverbs will help with Godly living.

Colossians 1:18

What should have the preeminence in our lives? _____

c. Biographies or autobiographies of Christians. Philippians 4:8

Can something be true but not praiseworthy? _____

What type of thoughts should come into our minds? _____

2. Science books, books encouraging skills, or developing talents.

Watch out for evolution and humanism in these books. Many Christian education materials are written under the philosophy of intelligent design and not creationism and are not Christ-Centered. Watch our website for future Christ-Centered curriculum.

1 Timothy 6:20-21

How are we to keep what is committed to us? _____

What are we to avoid? _____

Much professing science is what? _____

3. Read literature that exalts and emphasizes Christian morality. Psalm 19:14

What should our words and thoughts be? _____

Who is our strength and redeemer? _____

4. Reject useless and humanistic reading material - comics, mysteries (non Christian authors), science fiction, fiction that sets forth poor examples, "Christian" romance novels, ect. *(Christian romance novels excite within the reader a desire for something that may not be real and thereby causing conflict within the home.)*

Hebrews 12:1

What easily presses in on us? _____

What should we do that is before us? _____

Commit Scripture to Memory: Psalm 19:14 & Hebrews 12:1

Lesson 12

1. Train yourself to have a **Stone Wall**, in your attitude toward the Lord.

a. Romans 12:2

Are we to be conformed to this world? _____

How are we to be transformed? _____

b. Fear of and reverence for the Lord. Proverbs 1:7

What is the beginning of knowledge and wisdom? _____

Who despises wisdom and instruction? _____

c. Recognition that He is the source of all joy.

Psalm 16:11

What will God show us? _____

In His presence is what? _____

Where are pleasures for evermore? _____

d. Sincere love for Him above anyone and anything else.

Deuteronomy 6:5

How should we love the Lord? _____

2. Train yourself to have a **Stone Wall** in your choice of friends.

James 4:4

If a person is a friend of the world are they a friend of God? _____

If a person is not a friend of God should they be your friend? _____

a. John 15:19

Who does the world love? _____

If you are chosen out of the world

how will the world feel about you? _____

b. Romans 8:6-8

What is the result of think like the world? _____

What is the result of being spiritually minded? _____

c. Galatians 1:10

Who should not be a servant of Christ? _____

Commit Scripture to Memory: *Romans 8:6-8*

Lesson 13

1. Train yourself to have a **Stone Wall** from wrong friends.

2 Thessalonians 3:6

Who are we to not be with? _____

Romans 16:17

Who are we to avoid? _____

1 Corinthians 5:11

Who are we to not keep company with? _____

2. Recognize the danger of having friends who are not obedient to the Lord.

Amos 3:3

Who should we walk with? _____

Proverbs 22:24-25

Who should not be our friend? _____

Why should you not be friends? _____

3. Recognize that a "best friend" may not be available.

Proverbs 13:20

Who will be wise? _____

Who will be a fool? _____

What should not forsake you? Proverbs 3:3-6 _____

What is more excellent than a neighbor? Proverbs 12:26 _____

4. Friends should be chosen on the basis of spiritual condition rather than common interests.

What should we say about your friends? Psalm 119:63

Our perfect heart. Psalm 101 (Read)

Commit Scripture to Memory: *Psalm 119:63*

Lesson 14

1. Train yourself to have a **Stone Wall** in your attitude toward work and spare time activities. "The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat." Proverbs 13:4

- a. All should be done heartily, as unto the Lord.

Colossians 3:23

How should you do your work? _____

Who are you working for? _____

Ephesians 6:6-7

How should you do work? _____

Who are you working for? _____

Galatians 5:13

We are not to use liberty to do what? _____

Who are we to serve? _____

- b. Work should be done thoroughly and vigorously, and while enduring hardness, if necessary.

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Do all your work how? _____

2 Timothy 2:3

You are to endure what? _____

Proverbs 27:23

Be diligent to know what? _____

- c. All forms of recreation should glorify God and not the world, one's self, or be simply entertainment.

1 Corinthians 10:31

What are you to do to the glory of God? _____

Commit Scripture to Memory: *Galatians 5:13*

Lesson 15

1. Train yourself to have a **Stone Wall** by having a servants heart.

a. A willingness to help others.

1 Corinthians 9:19

How can we gain others to Christ? _____

Who are we to be a servant to? _____

1 Corinthians 9:22

How should we be toward all people? _____

What is our purpose in doing this? _____

Romans 15:1

What should we bear? _____

Who should we not please? _____

b. Willingness to put the importance and needs of others first and before ourself.

Philippians 2:3-4

How should we do nothing? _____

Who should we esteem? _____

Who should we look out for? _____

c. Willingness to witness to others.

Matthew 28:19-20

Who are we to teach? _____

What are we to do? _____

Who is with us? _____

Mark 16:15-18

Where are we to go? _____

What are we to do? _____

What signs will follow? _____

Commit Scripture to Memory: *Mark 16:15-18*

Lesson 16

1. Train yourself to have a **Stone Wall** by fully depending upon the Lord for everything and through everything.

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6 If you have not committed this scripture to memory yet please do so now.

- a. A trust in the Lord through all the circumstances and situations of life.

Romans 8:28

Do all things work together for good, for everybody? _____

Who do they work together for? _____

- b. A dependency upon the Lord for all needs.

Philippians 4:19

Who will supply your needs? _____

How will your needs be supplied? _____

- c. A trust in the Lord during fearful times.

Isaiah 26:3

Who is kept in perfect peace? _____

What are the two things we must do to have this perfect peace?

2 Timothy 1:7

Who has not given us a spirit of fear? _____

Who is fear from? _____

What has God given us instead of fear?

Commit Scripture to Memory: *Philippians 4:19, Isaiah 26:3 & 2 Timothy 1:7*

Lesson 17

Commit to Memory and teach to your children and grandchildren.

Psalm 91

"HE that _____ in the secret place of the most High shall
_____ under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, *He is*
my _____ and my _____: my God; in him _____
_____. Surely he shall deliver thee from _____
_____. He shall _____ with his
feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* _____
_____. Thou shalt not be _____
_____; *nor* for the _____
_____; *Nor* for the _____
_____; *nor* for the _____
_____. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten
thousand at thy right hand; *but* it _____
_____. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the
reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made _____
_____;
There shall _____, neither
shall any _____. For he shall
give his angels charge over thee, to keep _____.
They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
Thou shalt _____: the young
lion and the dragon shalt thou _____
_____. Because he hath set his _____
_____, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high,
because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him:
I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I
satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

Lesson 18

1. Train yourself to have a **Stone Wall** in your knowledge of right and wrong.

a. 1 Peter 3:9

What should you return evil with? _____

What does God give us when we do this? _____

b. Ephesians 4:29

What communication should not come out of our mouth? _____

Is corrupt communication just using words of profanity? _____

What kind of words should come out of our mouth? _____

When we speak this way, what does the hearer receive? _____

c. Psalm 34:14

Depart from what? _____

What are we to do? _____

d. Romans 12:21

What are we to overcome evil with? _____

e. Matthew 18:15

What are we to do if someone has done wrong against us? _____

If the person listens and makes things right, what do you receive? _____

2. Biblical training in God's commands.

a. Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Where were His words put? _____

Who are we to teach His commands to? _____

Should this be done only once a day? _____

b. Psalm 119:11

Where is God's Word to be hidden? _____

Why is God's Word hidden? _____

Commit Scripture to Memory: *Psalm 119:11*

Lesson 19

1. Teach yourself to have a **Stone Wall** in your attitude toward sin.

a. Psalm 97:10

If we love the Lord how will we feel about sin? _____

What does God preserve? _____

What does God deliver His saints from? _____

b. Amos 5:15

How are followers of God to feel about sin? _____

What are we to love? _____

c. Psalm 34:14

Depart from what? _____

Do what? _____

Seek and pursue what? _____

2. Teach yourself to have a **Stone Wall** in your desire to do what is right.

Psalm 40:8

We should delight to do what? _____

Where is His law? _____

Jeremiah 31:33

Where did He put the law? _____

a. A desire to avoid that which is wrong.

1 Peter 3:11

How are we to feel about evil? _____

What are we to do? _____

How are we to speak? _____

3 John 8

What should we be fellow helpers of? _____

Romans 12:14

What are we to do to those who persecute or curse us? _____

Commit Scripture to Memory: *Romans 12:14*

Lesson 20

1. Teach yourself to have a **Stone Wall** through thoughtful discernment of right and wrong.

Hebrews 5:14

What spiritual food should we be eating? _____

When fed meat what happens to our spiritual senses? _____

Full age or not being a baby Christian has nothing to do with chronological age. In my thirty plus years of Bible teaching of toddlers through senior citizens, the only differences are physical limitations. I've seen greater spiritual wisdom in a 6 year old, that I had the privilege of teaching, than most adults I've taught.

1 Corinthians 2:14

Who doesn't receive the things of the Spirit? _____

How must the things of the Spirit be received? _____

2. Teach yourself to have a **Stone Wall** of ignorance of the details and procedures of sins.

Romans 16:19

What are we to be wise to? _____

What are we to be simple or ignorant of? _____

Commit Scripture to Memory: Romans 16:19

Self Test

What people see in your life is a much greater source of witness than are the words that are spoken. For a life-change to take place we must receive teaching and training in the Life of Christ. We must be Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Check those that show an example of a **Stone Wall** in your own life from the world. When reading each item below read it as a statement "People can easily recognize a **Stone Wall** in my life from the world by:

1. ____ Listening to my topics of conversation.
2. ____ Watching my reactions to identify my values, interests, and emotions.
3. ____ Observing what I watch on TV.
4. ____ Seeing that I wear modest and gender specific clothing.
5. ____ Seeing my interest in church and my desire to follow God's Word.
6. ____ Seeing my **Stone Wall** from worldly music.
7. ____ Seeing my willingness to witness to others through various means.
8. ____ My choice of friends.
9. ____ Seeing my self-control.
10. ____ Observing my interests and desires.
11. ____ Seeing my main source of pleasure.
12. ____ Observing my desire to teach the Word of God to them.
13. ____ Seeing me pass on a Godly **Stone Wall** to my children.
14. ____ Recognizing my dependence upon the Lord.
15. ____ Seeing me offer to help others when I see a need.

Self Test 2

Could you say to anyone that all that you do is done to Glorify God? Separate yourself to the Lord..." Jeremiah 4:4.

Can you answer Yes to each of these?

1. _____ I eat to glorify God.
2. _____ I watch_____ to glorify God. (Any TV program or video that you watch).
3. _____ I work at _____ to glorify God.
4. _____ I go to church to glorify God.
5. _____ I listen to _____ to glorify God.
6. _____ I take part in _____ because it will glorify God.
7. _____ The purpose of my house is to glorify God.
8. _____ I earn money to glorify God.
9. _____ The reason I am alive is to glorify God.
10. _____ The purpose of my children's live is to glorify God.
11. _____ The purpose of my car is to glorify God.
12. _____ I read _____ to glorify God.
13. _____ I dress the way I do to glorify God.
14. _____ The words I speak are words that glorify God.
15. _____ My attitude glorifies God.
16. _____ I take a vacation to glorify God.
17. _____ My possessions glorifying God.
18. _____ My own life belongs to God so His glory can be seen.

We need to be able to say the following scriptures about ourselves.

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Matthew 25:21

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

If you have the feeling of being inadequate and that God needs to do a great work in you and that you really want to be separated and not only be an example but a Godly example. I am with you, once I came to the end of this, Holy Spirit given, Bible Study I couldn't help but see the overwhelming areas that I come up short in.

Let's pray:

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ your son, we pray for help to get rid of our stinking thinking and to put on the mind of Christ, that we would see our flaws not as things that make us bad but as areas you will be working on and making into the image of your son. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

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