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"THOSE THAT SEEK ME EARLY SHALL FIND ME." PROVERBS 8:17

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TRUTH FOR YOUTH TODAY

"Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise." Proberb 19:20



AWAKE, MY SOUL!

AWAKE, my soul! stretch every nerve,
And press with vigor on;
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.

'Tis God's all animating voice
That calls thee from on high;
'Tis He whose hand presents the prize
To thine aspiring eye.

A cloud of witnesses around
Hold thee in full survey;
Forget the steps already trod,
And onward urge thy way.

Blest Savior, introduced by Thee,
Our race have we begun;
And, crowned with victory, at Thy feet
We'll lay our trophies down.

— Philip Doddridge.

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FATHER'S LOVE LETTER

THE WORDS you are about to read are true. They will change your life if you let them, for they come from the very heart of God who loves you. He is the Father you have been looking for all your life. This is His love letter to you:

My child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. Psalm 139:1. I know when you sit down and when you rise up. Psalm 139:2. I am familiar with all your ways. Psalm 139:3. Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. Matthew 10:29-31. For you were made in my image. Genesis 1:27. In me you live and move and have your being. Acts 17:28. For you are my offspring. Acts 17:28.

I knew you even before you were conceived. Jeremiah 1:4, 5. I chose you when I planned creation. Ephesians 1:11-12. You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. Psalm 139:15-18. I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. Acts 17:26. You

are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14. I knit you together in your mother's womb. Psalm 139:13. And brought you forth on the day you were born. Psalm 71:6.

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. John 8:41-44. I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. 1 John 4:16. And it is my desire to lavish my love upon you. 1 John 3:1. Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. 1 John 3:1. I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. Matthew 7:11. For I am the perfect father. Matthew 5:48. Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. James 1:17. For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. Matthew 6:31-33.

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11. Because I love you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3. My thoughts toward you are as countless as the sand on the seashore. Psalm 139:17,18. And I rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17. I will never stop doing good to you. Jeremiah 32:40. For you are my treasured possession. Exodus 19:5. I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. Jeremiah 32:41. And I want to show you great and marvelous things. Jeremiah 33:3.

If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. Jeremiah 29:13. Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4. For it is I who gave you those desires. Philippians 2:13. I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. Ephesians 3:20. For I am your greatest encourager. 2 Thessalonians 2:16, 17. I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4. When you are broken hearted, I am close to you. Psalm 34:18. As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. Isaiah 40:11.

One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. Revelation 21:3,4. And I will take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. Revelation 21:3,4. I am your Father and I love you even as I love my Son, Jesus. John 17:23. For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. John 17:26. He is the exact representation of my being. Hebrews 1:3. He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. Romans 8:31. And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. 2 Corinthians 5:18,19.

Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. 2 Corinthians 5:18,19. His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. 1 John 4:10. I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. Romans 8:31,32. If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. 1 John 2:23. And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. Romans 8:38,39.

Come home and I will throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. Luke 15:7. I have always been Father, and will always be Father. Ephesians 3:14,15. My question is; will you be my child? John 1:12,13. I am waiting for you. Luke 15:11-32

Love, Your Dad,
Almighty God

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"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."
1 John 3:1

THE TREE THAT NEVER FADES

"MARY," said George, "next summer I will not have a garden. Our pretty tree is dying; and I never can love another so well. I will have a bird next summer; for that I can keep through the winter."

"George, don't you remember my beautiful canary? It died in the middle of the summer, and we planted bright flowers in the ground where we buried it. My bird did not live as long as the tree."

"Well, I don't see as we can love anything. Dear little brother died before the bird, and I loved him better than any bird, or tree, or flower. Oh! I wish we could have something to love that would not die!"

"There is a garden," said their mother, after listening to their conversation, " where the trees never die."



"Is it a real garden, mother?" said George.

"Yes, my son. In the middle of the garden is a pure river of water, clear as crystal; and each side of the river is the tree of life a tree that never fades. That garden is in Heaven. There you may love, and love forever. There will be no death, no fading there. Let your treasure be in the tree of life, and you will have something to which your hearts may cling without disappointment. Love and obey the Saviour here, and he will prepare you to dwell in that lovely garden." - *Flowers of Springtime.*

— The Youth's Instructor, Jan., 1871

THE GOOD BOY

I LOVE little boys-when they are good. Such a little boy was Eddie. I give his true name, for such a child deserves, and ought, to be an example for many children a good deal older than he. Then, too, I like to encourage those that are trying to do right, as I think little Eddie is.

Eddie's grandparents were Christian people; and when the time for morning prayer came, Eddie was ready, quietly waiting for the reading of the Bible, and prayer. Then, when they knelt, he would kneel with them, with eyes closed and hands folded, just as all children, and grown people, too, ought to do. When they arose from their knees, he did not jump up and talk loud, as I have seen other children frequently do.

Eddie was no idler; and though a child of only a few summers, he was always active, and ever ready to do whatever his grandmother wanted him to do. Quick, obedient, and always seeing something to do, he was a great help in the family. Did you ever think, dear children, in how many ways you could help your poor, tired mother? Eddie would show you, if you should go to his house. But as you may never do this, I will tell you.

1. You may, without being told twice, or even once, dress yourself in the morning, comb your hair, and wash yourself. Then you will appear clean and tidy, and be ready for further help.

2. You may save a great many steps by going to the cellar and pantry for things, preparatory for breakfast.

3. After breakfast there are many things to be done-the table to be cleared away-and many steps to be taken. Dear child, can you not take this dish back, throw the crumbs to the chickens, &c.?

4. And after you have done all these things, can you not before you go to your play, or to school, ask mother if there is anything more you can do? Perhaps she could think of things better than I can.



But I want to tell you more about Eddie. At the table he was the same quiet, polite child. He was not reaching after this and that, but rather than interrupt by loud talking and uncouth gestures for anything he wanted, he waited patiently. When anything was passed to him, he chose the smallest, or the one nearest to him, thus showing respect for older ones.

Then another thing that I noticed in this little boy, was his smiling and happy countenance. And what child would not have a cheerful face when always trying to do somebody a kindness, and conscious of doing right? This is the way to be truly happy. Learn to be useful, dear children, and your parents will love you, everybody will admire you, and the Lord will save you.

— L. C. CANRIGHT.
The Youth's Instructor, Jan., 1871.

Memory verses

- **"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." Ephesians 6:1.**
- **"And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Luke 6:31.**



AMAZING BIBLE STORY FOR CHILDREN

Chapter 2—Jesus Presented in the Temple

JOSEPH and Mary were Jews, and followed the customs of their nation. When Jesus was six weeks old, they brought Him to the Lord in the temple at Jerusalem.

This was according to the law which God had given to Israel, and Jesus was to be obedient in all things. So God's own Son, the Prince of Heaven, by His example teaches that we should obey.

Only the first-born son of each family was thus presented at the temple. This ceremony was to keep in memory an event that had taken place long before.

When the children of Israel were slaves in Egypt, the Lord sent Moses to set them free. He bade Moses go to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and say:

"Thus saith the Lord, Israel is My son, even My firstborn: and I say unto thee, Let My son go, that he may serve Me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn." Exodus 4:22, 23.

Moses carried this message to the king. But Pharaoh's answer was, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go." Exodus 5:2.

Then the Lord sent fearful plagues upon the Egyptians. The last of these plagues was the slaying of the first-born son of every family, from that of the king to the lowliest in the land.

The Lord told Moses that every family of the Israelites must kill a lamb, and put some of the blood upon the door-posts of their dwellings.

This was a sign, that the angel of death might pass over all the houses of the Israelites, and destroy none but the proud and cruel Egyptians.



This blood of the "Passover" represented to the Jews the blood of Christ. For in due time, God would give His dear Son to be slain as the lamb had been slain; so that all who should believe in Him might be saved from everlasting death. Christ is called our Passover. (1 Corinthians 5:7 .) By His blood, through faith, we are redeemed. (Ephesians 1:7.)

So as each family in Israel brought the eldest son to the temple, they were to remember how the children had been saved from the plague, and how all might be saved from sin and eternal death. The child presented at the temple was taken in the arms of the priest, and held up before the altar.



Thus it was solemnly dedicated to God. Then after it was given back to the mother, its name was written in the roll, or book, that contained the names of the first-born of Israel. So all who are saved by Christ's blood will have their names written in the book of life.

Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the priest as the law required. Every day fathers and mothers were coming with their children, and in Joseph and Mary the priest saw nothing different from many others. They were simply working people.

In the child Jesus he saw only a helpless infant. Little did the priest think that he was then holding in his arms the Saviour of the world, the High Priest of the heavenly temple. But he might have known; for if he had been obedient to God's Word, the Lord would have taught him these things.

At this very time there were in the temple two of God's true servants, Simeon and Anna. Both had grown old in His service, and He showed them things that could not be made known to the proud and selfish priests.

To Simeon had been given the promise that he should not die until he had seen the Saviour. As soon as he saw Jesus in the temple, he knew that this was the promised One.

Upon the face of Jesus there was a soft, heavenly light; and Simeon, taking the child in his arms, praised God, and said:

"Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word: for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel." Luke 2:29-32.

Anna, a prophetess, "coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of Him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem." Luke 2:38.

So it is that God chooses humble people to be His witnesses. Often those whom the world calls great are passed by. Many are like the Jewish priests and rulers.

Many are eager to serve and honor themselves, but think little about serving

and honoring God. Therefore He cannot choose them to tell others of His love and mercy.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, pondered the far-reaching prophecy of Simeon. As she looked upon the child in her arms, and recalled what the shepherds of Bethlehem had said, she was full of grateful joy and bright hope.

Simeon's words called to her mind the prophecy of Isaiah. She knew that of Jesus were spoken these wonderful words:

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:2, 6.

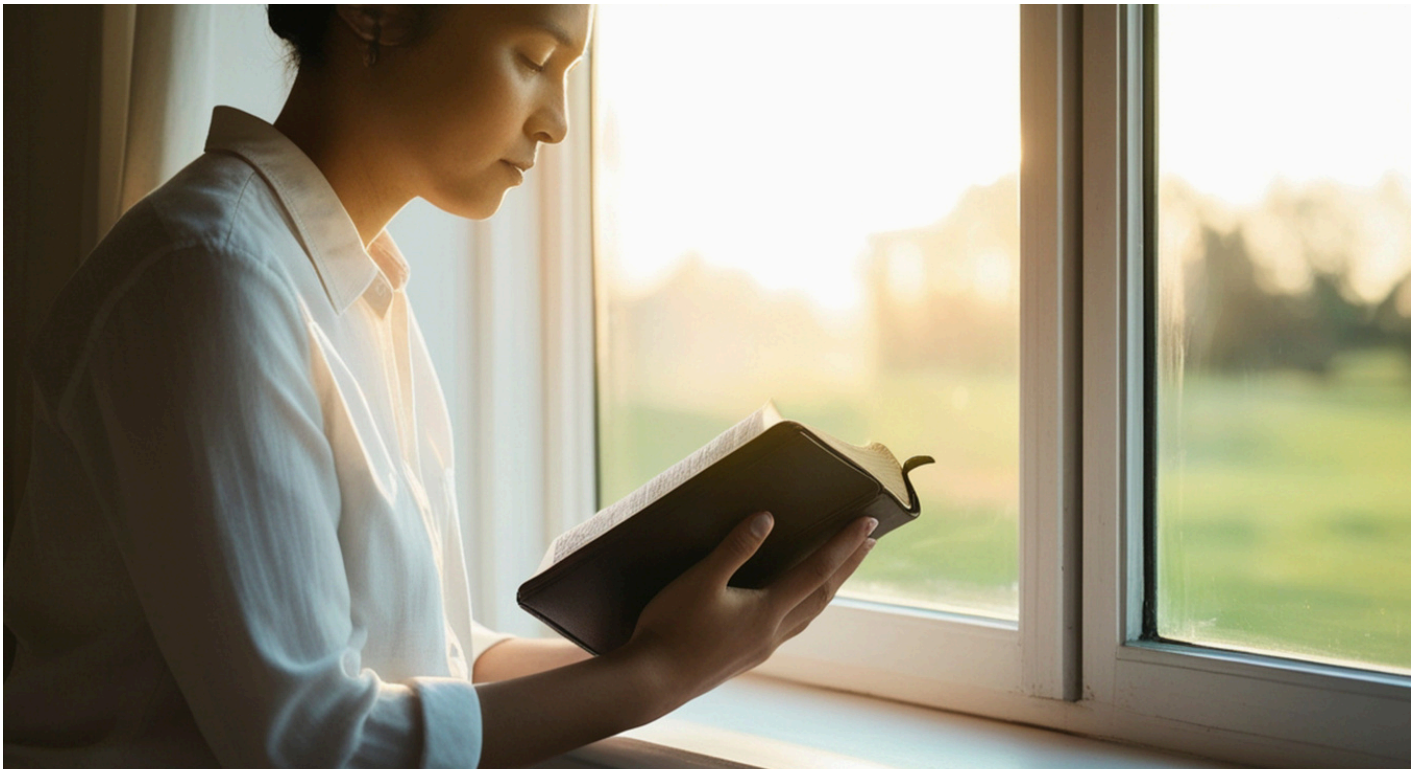
— THE STORY OF JESUS, ELLEN G. WHITE.
To be continued...

Write True or False:

1. Joseph and Mary were Jews. _____
2. Jesus was presented in the temple when He was six weeks old. _____
3. Pharaoh immediately obeyed Moses. _____
4. God sent plagues upon Egypt. _____
5. The Israelites were told to put lamb's blood on their doorposts. _____
6. The Passover lamb represented Christ. _____
7. The priest knew immediately that baby Jesus was the Saviour. _____
8. Simeon was promised that he would see the Saviour before he died. _____
9. Anna was a prophetess. _____

Answer the following Questions:

1. Where did Joseph and Mary take baby Jesus?
2. Why did they take Jesus to the temple?
3. How old was Jesus when He was presented in the temple?
4. Which child in each family was presented at the temple?
5. What did the first-born son ceremony help the Israelites remember?
6. What was the last plague that came upon Egypt?
7. What does Christ's blood do for those who believe in Him?
8. Who held baby Jesus in the temple?
9. What did the priest think about baby Jesus?
10. Who were the two faithful servants of God in the temple?
11. What promise had God given Simeon?
12. How did Simeon know that Jesus was the promised Saviour?
13. What did Simeon do when he saw Jesus?
14. Who was Anna?
15. What did Anna do after seeing Jesus?
16. Why were Simeon and Anna able to recognize Jesus when the priests did not?
17. What kind of people does God often choose as His witnesses?
18. What did Mary do with the words Simeon spoke about Jesus?
19. What does the name "Prince of Peace" tell us about Jesus?



BIBLE STUDY LESSON FOR THE YOUTH

Lesson 2—How to Understand the Bible?

INTRODUCTION: Some people think that the Bible is so difficult to understand that they are afraid even to try. Others wonder why, if the Bible really can be understood, there are so many different churches, all claiming to believe the Bible and yet teaching different things. The reason for so many different beliefs is that, although many people claim to believe the Bible, they have not studied it the way God has told them to. God has told us how to understand the Bible. If we will just follow the method He has outlined, we can know exactly what it means. We can know truth! We can have eternal life! In this lesson we will learn how God tells us to study the Bible.

1. What claim does the Bible make about itself? 2 Tim. 3:16 [Note: Faith in the Bible as the inspired Word of God is developed by studying it. In these lessons we will witness how the Bible accurately reveals future events, and we will experience how it meets the needs of every human being. The Further-study verse is 2 Peter 1:20, 21]

2. Why were God's people in ancient times destroyed? Hosea 4:6 [Isa. 5:13]

3. What portion of God's Word is needed for real spiritual life? Matt. 4:4 [Deut. 8:3]

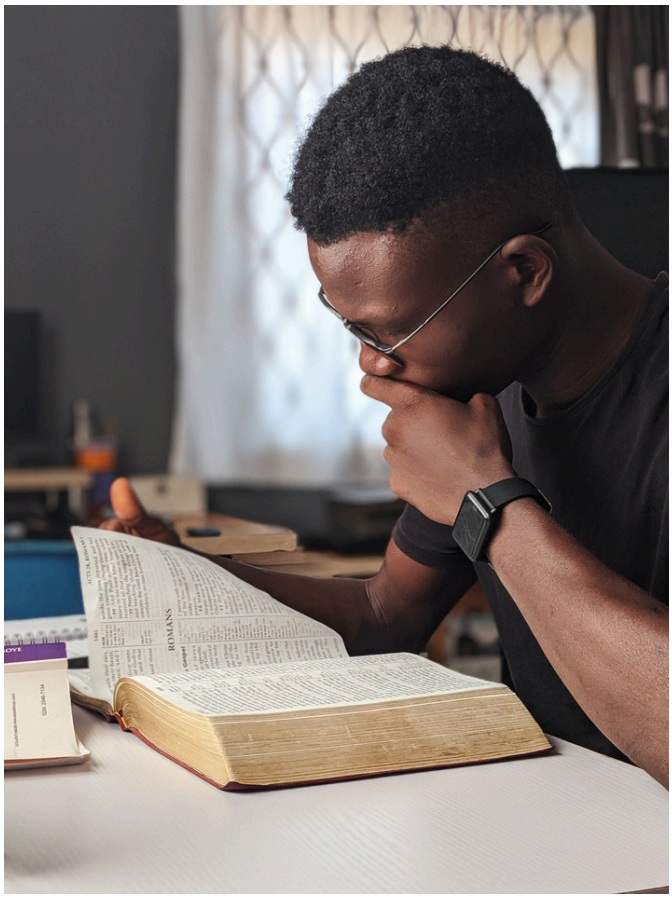
4. What did Jesus say was the basic theme of the Scriptures? John 5:39 [Note: The only part of the Bible written at this time was the Old Testament. Luke 24:44]

5. What did Jesus call those who do not believe all that the Bible says? Luke 24:25 [Matt. 22:29]

6. Why did Paul commend the Bereans? Acts 17:10,11 [2 Tim. 2:15; and 2 Chron. 20:20] Thus, as we have just seen, if we are going to understand the Bible we must recognize that all of it is important and none of it is to be neglected. If we will study the whole Bible exactly as God tells us to, we will find the truth. Even children and those who are poorly educated can understand it. God gives us six rules for studying the Bible correctly. Let us look at these six principles.

7. What is one condition that God sets forth for understanding the Bible? Matt. 11:25 [Ans: We must be humble and teachable. 1 Cor. 1:21, 26-31]

8. What is a second condition that God gives for understanding the Bible? Isa. 28:9,10 [Ans: We must let the Bible interpret itself by comparing Scripture with Scripture. We should study everything the Bible says on a subject to make sure we are not misinterpreting a given passage. 1 Cor. 2:13; Luke 24:27, 44]



9. What is a third condition for understanding the Bible? 1 Cor. 2:7, 10-14 [Ans: We must ask that the Holy Spirit guide us. John 16:13]

10. What is a fourth condition God sets forth for understanding the Bible? 2 Thess. 2:9-12 [Ans: We must really want to know truth. Some people are looking for excuses not to believe the truth. If they look hard enough, God will let them be deceived, but they will still be lost! Heb. 4:12; Rom. 1:28]

11. What is a fifth condition God gives for understanding the Bible? Jer. 29:13 [Ans: We must really search for truth. Even if we have all the true principles for studying the Bible, if we do not spend sufficient time studying, we still will not find God's truth for today. Matt. 13:45, 46; Isa. 44:3; Matt. 5:6]

12. What is a sixth condition for understanding the Bible? John 8:31, 32 [Ans: We must follow what we already know to be truth. Why should God reveal more truth to us if we are not following what He has already revealed to us? John 7:17; Matt. 13:12; 7:24-27]

Commitment: Is it your desire to let Jesus teach you truth through His Word? Will you endeavor to study His Word every day in the way God has told us to study it?

– MARSHALL GROSBOLL

[For any questions regarding these Bible study lessons, please feel free to contact the Editor at WhatsApp: 8974262391 or Email: ciyministries04@gmail.com]

Lesson 3—How to Pray?

INTRODUCTION: More Important than any rule or law is our love relationship with Jesus Christ, which is developed through spending time in Bible study, prayer, and witnessing. When we study the Bible, God speaks to us. When we pray, we speak to Him. And when we witness, we speak to others about Him. In this lesson we will discover the secrets of prayer and how we can enjoy this privilege.

1. Prayer is talking to God from the heart as to a friend. How do we know that God will always answer our prayers in the best way? Rom. 8:32 [The Further-study verses are Psalms 102:17; 147:3-6]

2. How should we pray in these solemn times? 1 Peter 4:7 [Luke 21:34-36]

3. What did the disciples want Jesus to teach them? Luke 11:1. In response, what did Jesus say should be included in our prayers, Luke 11:2-4. And finally, what principle did Jesus give for obtaining answers to prayer? Luke 11:5-9. [Note: In Luke 11:2-4, Jesus was not giving a formal prayer to recite but was answering the disciples' request, "Teach us to pray." Here He taught us what type of things to pray about and how we should persist in prayer. Matt. 6:9-13; 7:7-11; Luke 18:1-7; 1 Thess. 5:17]

4. In Luke 11:2, above, Jesus taught us to pray to the Father. In whose name, or by whose authority, should we address the Father? John 15:16 [Note: We pray in Jesus' name because He is our mediator and Savior. Through His merits we gain access to the very throne of the universe. John 14:12-15; 16:23, 24; 1 Tim. 2:5]

5. When especially should we pray? Ps. 5:3 [Mark 1:35; Ps. 55:16, 17].

6. What kind of prayers should these morning prayers be? Matt. 6:5-8 [Ans: Personal, private prayers rather than formal, "prayer book" prayers. Matt. 23:14]

7. Besides our private prayers, is there also a place for public prayer? Matt. 18:19, 20 [Acts 1:14; 2:1]



8. What attitude toward God should we exhibit in our prayers? Ps. 95:6, 7 [Ans: Reverence such as is shown by kneeling in awe and humility when possible. Isaiah 45:23; Phil 2:9, 10; Daniel 6:10; 2 Chron. 6:13; Ps. 141:1, 2]

9. On what specific occasions did Jesus and the apostles pray? Acts 27:35 [Ans: At meal times. Luke 24:30] Thus far we have noted four things that will make our prayers effective. We might call these conditions, or principles, of prayer. The four principles we have noted are: (1) being persistent, (2) praying with Jesus' authority, (3) being personal, and (4) having reverence. Now let us look at five more principles of prayer. See if you can remember all nine when we have completed the lesson.

10. What is a fifth condition? Ps. 37:5 [Ans: We must trust God. James 1:5-7; Heb. 11:6; Mark 11:24]

11. What is a sixth condition? 1 John 5:14 [Ans: We must want God's will to be done. This is a matter of faith. If we really believe God's way is best, we will want His will to be done. Matt. 26:39; James 4:3; Rom. 8:26-28]

12. What is a seventh condition? Prov. 28:9 [Ans: We must listen to God and obey Him. Why should we expect God to hear us, if we will not hear Him? And why should we expect Him to do what we ask, if we will not do what He asks? 1 John 3:22; Luke 6:46; John 14:12-15]

13. What is an eighth condition? Phil. 4:6 [Ans: We should praise God and be thankful for His goodness. Col. 4:2; Ps. 34:1]

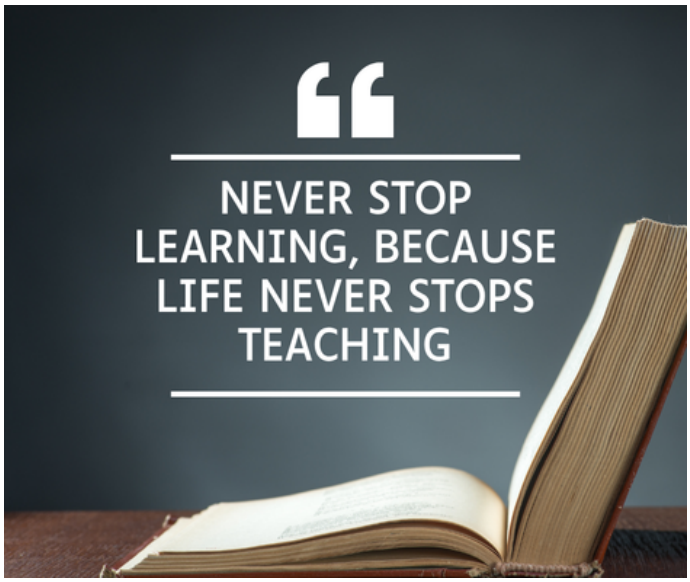
14. What is a ninth condition? Mark 11:25, 26 [Ans: We should be willing to forgive others as we expect God to forgive us. Matt. 6:14, 15; 18:21-35]

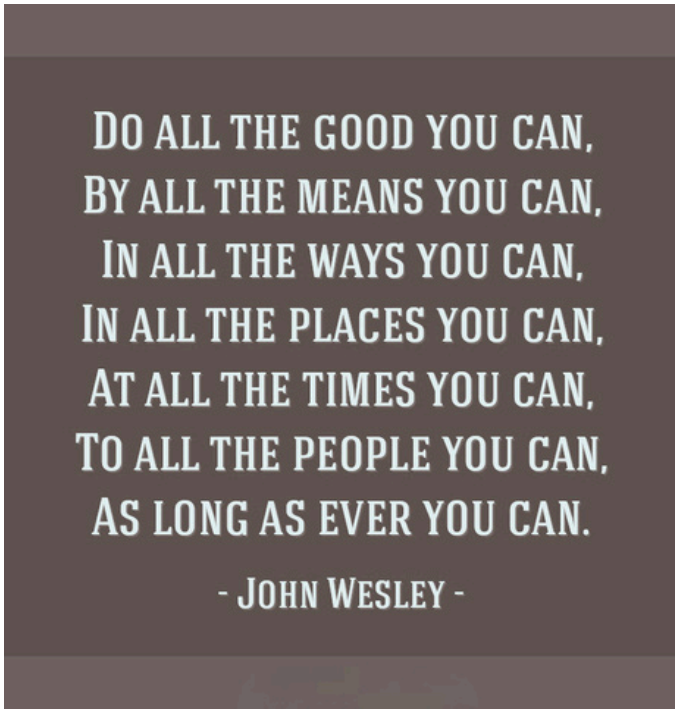
Commitment: Will you plan to become better acquainted with Jesus by setting apart some time every morning to talk with Him in personal, private prayer?

– MARSHALL GROSBOLL

"LET the youth remember that here they are to build characters for eternity, and that God requires them to do their best. Let those older in experience watch over the younger ones; and when they see them tempted, take them aside, and pray with them and for them."

— ELLEN G. WHITE, Messages to Young People







LETTERS FROM OUR DEAR READERS

"WHEN I read this paper, THE INSTRUCTOR, first of all I would like to thank God for giving the Editor the wisdom to publish such a newsletter. It really encourages us young people on how to live our lives in these difficult days. The lessons are truly valuable. Therefore, I urge you, my dear young friends, to take time to read this newsletter — it will really encourage you."

Steward Kurbah
Shillong, Meghalaya

"DEAR BROTHER, I have read Issue No. 1 of the newsletter and I truly understood it. I especially liked the article titled "Does God Create Evil?" The answer that the young man gave to the professor was excellent and very correct."

Rimeïaka Suïam
Chutwakhu Sarhen, Meghalaya

"I WOULD like to urge my young friends in the Church that we should not only be believers, but also doers of the Word. Let us be wise, as it is written in Proverbs 19:20 — "Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end."

Welding Turnia
Kynshi Bangla, Meghalaya

"MY MESSAGE to young people is this: Turn to God while there is still mercy. Now is the time to seek God and serve Him with all our hearts. Remember, God loves us very much."

Shaniah Talang
Khanduli, Meghalaya

PEOPLE don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care.

THE ONLY time to look down on someone is when you are helping them up.



THE IMPORTANCE OF BIBLE READING

The main purpose of this little paper is to turn the minds of children and youth to the great light — the Bible. Jesus said to him, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39. The Savior of the world urges us not only to read, but to "search the Scriptures." He wants us to be like Timothy, who from childhood he had known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make him wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15. Every day we live by bread and cannot do without it. But those who want to live forever shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. — *Editor.*

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