15. Now that you are a born-again child of God (John 3:17) you need spiritual food to live and grow. What kind of spiritual food do you need?

________________________________________________________. (Matthew 4:4)

a) **Read your Bible daily**
   This is the first spiritual food source. Start by reading the gospel of John through, one chapter per day. Write the verse of the study you are busy with down and keep that piece of paper with you throughout the day to help you memorize the verse. There are four other ways for you to grow spiritually.

b) **Pray every day**
   Speak to God open heartedly.

c) **Attend where possible every church service and gathering**
   A church where the Bible is the foundation and Jesus Christ are honoured.

d) **Be obedient to God**
   If you are uncertain about something and you’re not sure if it’s right or wrong, just ask yourself “What would Jesus do?”

e) **Testify**
   Tell everyone what Jesus did for you!

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**WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?**

*Verse to memorize: Revelation 3:20*

Name: ____________________________________________

Search for the answers to the questions in your Bible or New Testament. If it says John 1:12, the Gospel according to John, Chapter 1, verse 12 is meant. Read the verses in your Bible and write the answers down in your own words. If you only have a New Testament Bible, the Old Testament verses in these studies are typed out; you will only have to look up the New Testament verses.

1. **When I accepted Jesus’ personal invitation, I became a**

   ____________________________________________ of God. (John 1:12)

2. **Christ coming into the life and heart of a person is a personal matter between Christ Jesus and the one that receives Him, this is described by Jesus in Revelation 3:20.**

   a) Who is knocking on the door?  (Revelation 3:20)

   ____________________________________________

   b) Who must answer to His voice? __________________________

   c) What does He want you to do? __________________________
d) What will He do if you open the door?

_______________________________________________________

e) How can you open the door? (Revelation 3:20)

_______________________________________________________

f) Have you opened the door for Him?

_______________________________________________________

g) Where’s Jesus now at this moment?

_______________________________________________________

3. The Son of man came to seek and to save because we are

_______________________________________________________ . (Luke 19:10)

4. What caused the lost state we are in according to Romans 3:23?

_______________________________________________________

5. What is, according to the Bible, the wages of sin? (Romans 6:23)

_______________________________________________________

6. Who has already paid for your sins? Isaiah 53:6 says:

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.” (Also read Romans 5:8-9)

_______________________________________________________

7. What did God do when you confessed your sins to Him?

_______________________________________________________

(1 John 1:9) Don’t confuse 1 John (one of John’s letters), close to the end of the New Testament, with the gospel according to John.

_______________________________________________________

8. What should be done with the sins that you have already sought forgiveness for? Isaiah 55:7 says:

“let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” (Underline the parts which tell you what to do with your sins.)

_______________________________________________________

9. According to Ephesians 2:8-9 the only way to be saved is: (mark the correct answer)

a. Doing good works
b. Trying to do what is right
c. Accepting forgiveness through faith

_______________________________________________________

10. After being saved and becoming a new creation in Christ Jesus,

God’s purpose for us is to ___________________________________. (Ephesians 2:10)

_______________________________________________________

11. Who do we come to know through Jesus Christ? (John 14:6-9)

_______________________________________________________

12. 1 John 5:13 says: “that ye may know / think / hope that ye have eternal life” (underline the correct answer)

_______________________________________________________

13. Where will you go if you died today?

_______________________________________________________ . (John 6:45-47)

_______________________________________________________

14. Explain shortly how you know that you are a child of God:

_______________________________________________________
14. Read John 10:27-29 and answer the following questions:

a) Whom has eternal life and shall not perish?
   ________________________________________________________

b) To be the Lord’s sheep (verse 27) you must know His voice,
   be known by Him and _____________________________________

Walking with God means to resist temptation, to obey God and to follow Jesus. Further guidelines for a successful spiritual life will be handled in the next studies.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

A WALK WITH GOD

Text to memorize: 1 Corinthians 10:13

Name: _________________________________________________

After a baby is born it must start to grow. An important step in this process is learning to walk. This is also spiritually true. The child of God must learn to walk with God. In describing the Christian’s life as a “walk with God” shows that the Christian life is a relationship with God that moves forward and doesn’t stand still. Micah the prophet said that to “walk humbly with thy God” is one of the basic needs in a human life.

“He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to walk humbly with thy God?” Micah 6:8

1. Now that you’ve started reading the Gospel of John, you will notice quite a few terms that means the same as “walking with God”. Name a few:

   a. John 8:12 ________________________________
   b. John 1:37 ________________________________
   c. John 2:5 ________________________________
   d. John 5:14 ________________________________

2. Who resists our walk with God? (1 Peter 5:8)
   ________________________________________________
3. What did the devil do in Matthew 4:1?

__________________________________________________________

4. Did Jesus yield to the temptation? (Hebrews 4:15)

__________________________________________________________

Is sin and temptation the same thing? ____________________________
(Temptation says “do you want to?” Sin says “I want to”)

5. What should we do when tempted by the devil?

James 4:7   a.   ______________________________________________

b.   ______________________________________________

6. What is sin? Write the answer in your own words. (Read 1 John 3:4 and James 4:17)

__________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

7. Isaiah 59:2 says: “but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you, that he will not hear.”

The only thing that can separate me from God is: __________________________

__________________________________________________________

8. Is it possible for a Christian, through the power of God, to stop himself from sinning deliberately? (1 John 3:9)

__________________________________________________________

9. What is God’s promise to us when we are tempted to sin? (1 Corinthians 10:13)

__________________________________________________________

10. What is the reason for John writing what he wrote in 1 John 2:1? _______________________________________________

11. What should a Christian do if he commits a sin? 1 John 2:1 (mark the correct answer)

a. Say you couldn’t help yourself.

b. Hiding your sins and pretending it never happened.

c. Immediately going to Jesus, asking forgiveness and continue to live your life for God.

d. To give up and say that it doesn’t help to serve God.

12. If a Christian sinned and he repented of that sin, what will God then do? (1 John 1:9)

__________________________________________________________

13. To know God’s Word and to keep it shows that __________________________________________ (John 14:21)
Apart from learning about God, you also have another great privilege because you are a child of God. That will be discussed in the next study.

*Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*  
*Psalm 119:11*

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GOD**

*Text to memorize: Psalm 119:11*

**Name:** _________________________________

If you find out that all God’s plans for the world and for you personally are written down in a book, what would that book be worth to you? If God’s promises to you and His expectations of you were written down in a book, would you spend lots of time reading it? In the next few minutes you’ll be surprised at what you’ll find out.

1. What does John 17:17 say about the Word of God?  
_________________________________________________________

2. By who was all Scripture given, that we may know that it is the truth?  
(2 Timothy 3:16)  
_________________________________________________________

3. What will God’s Word (message or commandments) do for you according to:  
   a) 2 Timothy 3:15? _________________________________
   b) John 15:3? _________________________________
   c) Acts 20:32? _________________________________
4. Have you noticed the teachings about the Word while you were reading the Gospel of John?
   a) What did Christ do with the Words of his Father? (John 8:55)
   _________________________________________________________
   b) What place does the Word of God have in some people’s lives? (John 8:37)
   _________________________________________________________
   c) If you are of God and belong to Him, what will you do concerning His Word? (John 8:47)
   _________________________________________________________
   d) What will a true disciple of Christ do with His Word (revelation or teaching)? (John 8:31)
   _________________________________________________________
   e) What must you do with the Word of God to have Eternal Life? (John 8:51)
   _________________________________________________________

5. What will you do if you love Christ Jesus? (John 14:23)
   _________________________________________________________

6. To which person does the written Word direct me? 
   _______________________, so that you might have __________________ through His Name. (John 20:31)
   _________________________________________________________

7. The devil will try to tempt and mislead us, but God gave us a weapon with which to defeat him with.
   It’s the “sword of the Spirit”, which is ______________________________. (Ephesians 6:17)
   _________________________________________________________

8. How did Jesus withstand the devil in Matthew 4:4, 7 and 10?
   _________________________________________________________

9. What can you do with God’s Word to prevent you from sinning against Him according to Psalm 119:11? “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee”
   _________________________________________________________

10. What truth from the Word of God has recently had a special meaning to you?
    _________________________________________________________
    _________________________________________________________
    _________________________________________________________

11. Why must a Christian study the Word of God daily?
    a. _________________________________________________________
    b. _________________________________________________________
    c. _________________________________________________________
IN CONVERSATION WITH GOD

Text to memorize: John 16:24

Name: ____________________________________________

Since we are serving the Almighty God, it’s not too much to ask to give our best moments of each day to spend with Him. (For most of us it would be early in the morning). In a quiet place alone, I speak to Him and He with me. The Psalmist said: “My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee and will look up.” (Psalm 5:3). Let’s look at other advice the Bible gives us on the subject of prayer.

1. Did Jesus go to private places to be alone in prayer to His Father? (Mark 1:35) ________________________________________

2. How should we pray? (Luke 18:1) __________________________________________________________

3. What kind of attitude should you always have in prayer? (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18) ______________________________

4. What is a prime cause for unanswered prayer? (Psalm 66:18) “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me” __________________________________________________________

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5. What should determine what we pray for? (1 John 5:14)
__________________________________________________________

6. What lessons, regarding prayer, have you learned from the Gospel of John?
   a) What privilege does every Christian have? (John 16:24)
      _________________________________________________________
   b) Why does God answer prayers? (John 14:13)
      _________________________________________________________
   c) What does God require of us before He will answer our prayers? (John 15:7)
      _________________________________________________________

7. What must you do when you pray so that your prayer can be answered?
   _________________________________________________________ (Matthew 21:22)

8. A few specific things that you can pray for is:
   a. Matthew 6:11 ___________________________________________
   b. Matthew 9:38 ___________________________________________
   c. Philippians 1:9 __________________________________________
   d. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 _________________________________________
   e. James 1:5 _____________________________________________

9. What can keep me from falling into temptation?
   _________________________________________________________ (Matthew 26:41)

10. The prayers that work best are those that: (mark the correct answer)
    a. Have the correct religious phrases.
    b. “sounds like prayers”
    c. Comes straight from your heart.

11. What are you planning for your own personal time of prayer? (Write 3 things down)
    _______________________________________________________
    _______________________________________________________
    _______________________________________________________
    _______________________________________________________
    _______________________________________________________

You have probably never realized the great privilege you have to be able to talk to the Living God. All the grace, blessings and love He has shown you, will make you want to do something for Him in return. This will be handled in the next study.
It is wonderful living a life where you share everything with the Lord. There is a special way you can also share Christ with other people. You do that by testifying about what God has done for you. More about this in the next study.

*Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

1 Corinthians 10:31

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TO SHARE WITH GOD

Text to memorize: 1 Corinthians 10:31

Name: ____________________________________________

If you truly believe in something, you will support it wholeheartedly. Lord, I believe in you like never before! I will serve and honour You, everything that I am and have I want to give to you. The Apostle Paul said it like this: “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31) In everything you do, big or small, ask this question, “Does this glorify God?”

1. According to Matthew 22:36-40,

   a) How must I love God? __________________________________________

   b) How must I love my neighbour? ________________________________

2. How can I express my love for God and people?

   ________________________________ (1 John 5:2-3)

3. What did John say about this total surrender to God and His cause?

   a) What must happen to a corn of wheat so that it can bear fruit? (John 12:24-25)

   ________________________________
b) What will the Father do if I serve Jesus instead of the ‘self’? (John 12:26)
______________________________________________________

4. Now that I am a Christian I have a new attitude because of my relationship with Christ. If I am “in Christ” the old things have passed away, behold, all things have _______________________________. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

a) My new attitude towards things:
   i. My new attitude is selfish / giving. (Underline the correct word) (Luke 6:38)
   ii. Mark the 3 new attitudes named in this verse. Ephesians 4:28:
       ■ Steal no more ■ Is a hard worker
       ■ Keep everything to myself ■ Is lazy
       ■ Giving to those in need
       ■ Stealing if the opportunity presents itself

b) My new attitude towards people:
   i. I must be ________________________________, __________________________ and __________________________ towards people. (Ephesians 4:32)
   ii. I should avoid / look for fellowship with unbelievers (Underline the correct word), so that I can serve righteousness. (2 Corinthians 6:14)

c) My new attitude towards myself:
   i. In looking after your body, you must remember that it is the temple of the ___________________________. (1 Corinthians 6:19)
   ii. Because the days are evil, I should be redeeming the ___________________________. (Ephesians 5:16)

5. I must love my ________________________________ (1 John 2:10), but I should not love ________________________________ (1 John 2:15-16)

6. Why does God want us to glorify Him?
(1 Corinthians 6:20) _______________________________________

7. What will happen if we firstly seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness in our lives, before everything else? (Matthew 6:31-33)
________________________________________________________

8. In your relationship with God, who receives the most in the end, when you share your whole life with God?
________________________________________________________ (Mark 10:28-30)

9. To truly share everything with God, from now on I will have to ________________________________
________________________________________________________
12. What is your responsibility towards a person after he has received Christ into his life? (Acts 14:21-22)

_________________________________________________________

13. An effective testimony includes the following 3 points:
   (1) The state you were in before you became a Christian, (2) How you accepted Jesus Christ, (3) What Christ means to you now. Write your testimony in short here:

   _______________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________

14. Write a few names down of people you know that needs Jesus Christ, to whom you will testify the next time the opportunity presents itself:

   _______________________________________________________

You are aware of the fact that you must tell others about Christ, but you may still be scared to do so. Where will you get the courage from?
This will be discussed in the next study.

\textit{And he saith unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 4:19}

\textbf{WITNESSING FOR GOD}

\textit{Text to memorize: Matthew 4:19}

\textbf{Name: } ____________________________________________

Suppose you come across an old friend, and the last time you saw him his health was so bad that you didn’t expect to see him alive again. But now he is perfectly healthy. He tells you that he found a doctor that cured him completely, but he doesn’t want to tell you the doctor’s name. You would say that is impossible. There are unfortunately many people whom have been healed spiritually and still refuse to tell other people how they can be healed too. To testify is to tell others what God has done for you.

1. After Christ healed the demon-possessed man, he gave him an order. What other word did Jesus use here for ‘testifying’?

   (Luke 8:39) ____________________________________________

2. The Gospel of John teaches us a lot about being a witness.

   a) According to John 3:32 testifying is telling others

      (Mark the correct answer)

      - what you have learned to be the truth
      - what you have heard from someone else
      - what you have seen and heard yourself
b) What was Andrew doing in John 1:40-41?

______________________________________________________

(John 3:18) ______________________________________________

c) What did Jesus say was the work of God?

(John 6:29) ____________________________________________

d) What did Jesus appoint us to do in John 15:16?

______________________________________________________

3. What is the biggest thing that has ever happened to you?

________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________

4. What is the most considerate thing you can ever do for another person?

________________________________________________________

5. What order did Jesus give us in Matthew 28:18-19 to do?
Name 3 things:

i. _______________________________________________________

ii. _____________________________________________________

iii. _____________________________________________________

6. In what state is someone who does not believe in Jesus Christ?

(John 3:18) ______________________________________________

7. If I follow Jesus faithfully, He will make me

__________________________________________ (Matthew 4:19)

8. According to 1 Peter 3:15 I should always be ready to

________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________

9. Where did Paul go to meet people so that he could preach to them the Gospel? (Acts 17:17; 20:20)

a. ______________________ b. _______________________

c. ______________________ d. _______________________

10. Why should your testimony revolve around Jesus? (John 14:6)

a. ______________________ b. _______________________

c. ______________________

11. What must our message be, as witnesses for God, to those who do not know Him?

a) Romans 6:23 _________________________________________

b) Romans 3:23 _________________________________________

c) Isaiah 53:6 ___________________________________________

d) 1 John 1:9 ___________________________________________
The Christian life that is filled with the Holy Spirit is cleansed and filled with power. This new life bubbles over and flows out to other people. Do you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit? Here are four steps to follow:

1) Acknowledge your need for inner purification. (Acts 15:8-9)
2) Give your whole life to God. (Romans 13:1-2)
3) Ask God to give you the Holy Spirit in his fullness. (Luke 11:13)
4) Receive the Holy Spirit by faith. (Acts 15:8-9)

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Ephesians 5:18

FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD

Text to memorize: Ephesians 5:18

Name: ______________________________________________

How many times does Christians say that they want to do more for the Lord but they don’t have the spiritual power to do so? There is only one answer to this problem – the Christian must get more of God’s power through the Holy Spirit. This is why Paul said to the Christians of his time “be filled with the spirit”. (Ephesians 5:18)

1. Jesus spent a lot of time teaching His disciples about the Holy Spirit, John recorded a lot of this teachings.

   a) Whom, did Jesus say, will give us an abundant experience with God (“out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water”)? (John 7:38-39)

   ____________________________________________________________

   b) Who will teach us all things? (John 14:26)

   ____________________________________________________________

   c) Of whom does the Holy Spirit testify? (John 15:26)

   ____________________________________________________________
d) At what moment in a person’s life, does the Holy Spirit work for the first time? Acts 2:38, Titus 3:5 (John 3:5)

2. When did the apostles receive the necessary power to testify? (Acts 1:8)

3. Accept for Paul’s order in Ephesians 5:18 how do we know that we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit? (Acts 9:17)

4. The things that keep us from living a spirit filled life can be seen in the church of the Corinthians. Thy had wrong attitudes, such as jealousy and spite, which shows that they were still: (1 Corinthians 3:1-3)
   a. 
   b. 
   c. 

5. What do you call the work that the Holy Spirit does in us when he removes all sin from us and makes us totally devoted to God? (1 Peter 1:2)

6. What did God do with the impurity in the hearts of the early Christians when He filled them with His Spirit? (Acts 15:8-9)

7. What must we do with all sinful and unclean attitudes? (2 Corinthians 7:1)

8. How must God sanctify and preserve us? (1 Thessalonians 5:23)
   a. 
   b. 

9. For the law of _________________ hath made me free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:2)

10. The wrong attitude of the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 3:1-3) showed that they didn’t have the most important Christian characteristic (1 Corinthians 13:13)
    Namely ________________________________.

11. I receive the love of God through: (Romans 5:5)

12. How should my relationship with God be after being filled with the Holy Spirit? (Romans 8:4)
…not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25

TO BE ONE IN CHRIST

Text to memorize: Hebrews 10:25

Name: ____________________________________________

You will realize that when you received Jesus Christ, you not only received the Father but also a whole new spiritual family. All other Christians have become your brother or sister. This family is called the church. You must make sure that you show a lot of love toward your spiritual family.

1. The followers of Christ were called different names in the Bible. Name three of these terms as seen in Acts 11:26.
   a. _____________________________________________________
   b. _____________________________________________________

2. Since all Christians must work together, the church is sometimes called: (1 Corinthians 12:27)
   a. _____________________________________________________
   b. _____________________________________________________

3. Who is the head of the church?
   (Ephesians 5:23) __________________________________________
4. How important is the church to Jesus Christ? (Ephesians 5:25)
_________________________________________________________

5. To who must you be subject to be part of the church? (Ephesians 5:24)
_________________________________________________________

6. Where did Paul proclaim the Gospel? (1 Corinthians 4:17)
_________________________________________________________

7. What lessons about the church do we learn in the Gospel of John?
   a) How will the world know that you are part of the church?
      (John 13:35) ___________________________________________
      _____________________________________________________
   b) What is the pastor or teacher’s responsibility to the church?
      (Ephesians 4:11-12, John 21:16)
      _____________________________________________________

8. How should you treat your fellow Christians? (Galatians 6:2)
_________________________________________________________

9. With what purpose does the Holy Spirit give spiritual gifts to some? (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)
_________________________________________________________

10. Some churches are powerful and filled with love, and others aren’t. Which one of the following churches would you want to be part of?
   a. The church in Jerusalem (Acts 4:32-33)
   b. The church of the Laodicean’s (Revelation 3:14-17)

11. What do the early Christians teach us about the apostle’s teaching, fellowship, the sharing of meals and prayer? (Acts 2:42)
_________________________________________________________

12. What must I do to please God? (Hebrews 10:25)
_________________________________________________________

13. A few reasons why I should attend church are:
   a. ___________________________________________________
   b. ___________________________________________________
   c. ___________________________________________________
   d. ___________________________________________________

Through faith you have become one with Jesus and other Christians. You should now join a church. This fellowship is very important, and the task is so big that Christians must unite in every way possible. You will continue to grow spiritually with the help of your church and teacher. Congratulations with finishing these studies!!