

# *Detailed Discipleship Questionnaire*

For use with a disciple in a one on one context for the purpose of customizing an 8-10 week plan of discipleship

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### **Instructions for the Disciple:**

In the presence of your discipler answer the following 60 questions. Merely place a check mark in the blank provided if you can answer the question yes. If your answer is no for any of the questions, merely leave the blank empty.

This is not a test in the sense of receiving a letter grade like A, B, C, D, or F. Your discipler will not take a red pen out and mark all over your sheet. What the questionnaire will do is allow you to determine some of the areas of your Christian life you would like your discipler to help you grow in over these next 8-10 weeks.

Do not spend too much time on any one question. If you do not understand what is meant by a question, by all means ask your discipler what is meant by the question. Following the questions there is detailed advice to guide the discipler in helping you address an area of your Christian life that you need to. Do not look at that section to help you answer the 60 questions, but by all means do look at it after you have answered the questionnaire. In that sense this booklet could be used by an individual alone. But it is intended to guide a one on one discipling relationship.

### **Instructions for the Discipler:**

This tool is intended to help you disciple another person. It is assumed that the other person has already become a Christian and wants to grow in their faith. The questionnaire is intended to help you customize the areas that need to be addressed by the disciple.

Have the disciple fill out the questionnaire in your presence. Then ask them to look over the questions they were not able to check and write in the bottom blanks five areas they probably need to work on the most. Using the **Explanation of Questions** section after the questionnaire, decide what you will address together in your next session together.

Where it is appropriate, give a little bit of homework to get the disciple ready for your next session together. For instance, one of the questions reveals whether a disciple can say ten things that are true of them as a Christian. To be ready to discuss that truth, you could have the disciple read Ephesians chapters 1-3 in advance of the session and ask them to record the things it says are true of a Christian.

Take whatever notes you need at the first session to be ready to customize the 8-10 sessions you will have with your disciple. You can use the **Explanation of Questions** to help you get ready for each session. But by all means draw on other sources that have helped you grow as a believer. Finally, let me encourage you to answer the 60 questions yourself and address whatever areas of growth you have. See you in Heaven!

Rev. Danny Campbell <><

## The Disciples Checklist

**Place a Check in the blank if you can answer the question 'yes.'**

1. I have prayed to receive Jesus as my Savior and Lord \_\_\_\_\_
2. I can recount the specifics of my conversion to Christ \_\_\_\_\_
3. I can concisely explain the gospel to another person \_\_\_\_\_
4. I have assurance of my salvation \_\_\_\_\_
5. I have been baptized as a believer \_\_\_\_\_
6. I attend the main weekly service at my church at least 75 % of the time \_\_\_\_\_
7. I take notes when the speaker preaches or teaches \_\_\_\_\_
8. I regularly participate in a weekly small group of believers \_\_\_\_\_
9. I feel comfortable praying out loud with other believers \_\_\_\_\_
10. I have a meaningful time of prayer and Bible study daily \_\_\_\_\_
11. I have read completely through the Bible \_\_\_\_\_
12. I can give a brief overview of the entire Bible \_\_\_\_\_
13. I understand the basic principles of interpreting the Bible \_\_\_\_\_
14. I memorize a verse of the Bible every week \_\_\_\_\_
15. I regularly do a word study in the Bible \_\_\_\_\_
16. I can state ten things that are true of me as a Christian \_\_\_\_\_
17. I know 3 verses that teach Jesus is God and the only means of salvation \_\_\_\_\_
18. I examine myself before partaking of the Lord's Supper \_\_\_\_\_
19. I have forgiven everyone who has sinned against me \_\_\_\_\_
20. I have asked forgiveness of everyone I have sinned against \_\_\_\_\_
21. I go directly to someone before discussing their sin with another person \_\_\_\_\_

22. I do not let the day end without dealing with something I am angry about \_\_\_\_\_
23. Those closest to me would describe me as more self-less than selfish \_\_\_\_\_
24. I can state at least three of the “one another’s” of the New Testament \_\_\_\_\_
25. I am fairly familiar with the Bible’s teaching on spiritual gifts \_\_\_\_\_
26. I have discovered what my main spiritual gifts are \_\_\_\_\_
27. I use my spiritual gifts in a ministry setting each week \_\_\_\_\_
28. I understand what the Bible teaches my family responsibilities are \_\_\_\_\_
29. I exercise regularly and rarely consume alcohol or tobacco products \_\_\_\_\_
30. I have not viewed pornography in the last month \_\_\_\_\_
31. I have gone with a mature Christian on a ‘ministry’ visit \_\_\_\_\_
32. I have been present when someone has shared the gospel with another \_\_\_\_\_
33. I have shared the gospel with another \_\_\_\_\_
34. At least once a week I pray for missionaries I personally know \_\_\_\_\_
35. I would consider myself actively involved in Christ’s Great Commission \_\_\_\_\_
36. I understand that I am the steward of the possessions God entrusts to me \_\_\_\_\_
37. I spend less each month than I take in \_\_\_\_\_
38. I have adopted the tithe as a minimum standard for my giving \_\_\_\_\_
39. I know what I mean when I say that “Jesus is Lord” of my life \_\_\_\_\_
40. I would choose to obey a Biblical truth at odds with a lifelong practice \_\_\_\_\_
41. I understand that Jesus is the supreme authority in my life \_\_\_\_\_
42. On His behalf I submit to the other authorities in my life \_\_\_\_\_
43. I view the work I have to do as foremost work for Jesus \_\_\_\_\_
44. I pray for those in authority over me in my nation, church, job, and home \_\_\_\_\_

- 45. I believe in the existence of Satan and demonic angels \_\_\_\_\_
- 46. I understand the Bible's teaching on spiritual warfare \_\_\_\_\_
- 47. I can briefly discuss Satan's aims and strategy as recorded in the Bible \_\_\_\_\_
- 48. I understand the role of God the Holy Spirit in convicting sinners \_\_\_\_\_
- 49. I understand the role of God the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer \_\_\_\_\_
- 50. I understand what I must do to be "filled with the Spirit" \_\_\_\_\_
- 51. I understand what Jesus meant when He said to 'take up your cross daily' \_\_\_\_\_
- 52. I understand that the battle not to sin is a lifelong struggle \_\_\_\_\_
- 53. I understand the difference between justification and sanctification \_\_\_\_\_
- 54. I understand that suffering and persecution are part of the Christian life \_\_\_\_\_
- 55. I often eagerly think of Jesus' return as I go through a day \_\_\_\_\_
- 56. I have a spiritual mentor, a "Paul," I regularly learn from \_\_\_\_\_
- 57. I have a likeminded Christian friend, a "Barnabas," who encourages me \_\_\_\_\_
- 58. I have someone I am regularly pouring into, a "Timothy" \_\_\_\_\_
- 59. I regularly read good Christian books \_\_\_\_\_
- 60. I regularly receive godly instruction from Christian radio, internet, etc... \_\_\_\_\_

**Of the issues dealt with above, write the 5 areas you would most like to grow in:**

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## Explanation of Questions

### **1. I have prayed to receive Jesus as my Savior and Lord**

If the disciple has not yet become a Christian, you have the opportunity to lead them to personal faith in Jesus! If you have had training in sharing your faith, use it to present the gospel to the person and give them an opportunity to receive Jesus. If you have not had training, simply get and read together one of the following:

- The Steps to Peace with God booklet from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.
- The Four Spiritual Laws booklet from Campus Crusade with Christ.
- Any other solid evangelistic booklet you can find at your church, online or at a Christian Bookstore.

### **2. I can recount the specifics of my conversion to Christ**

You are now helping your disciple know how to give their testimony. You would begin by concisely sharing how you became a Christian. Then have your disciple take a sheet of paper and number it 1, 2, 3, using a third of the paper for each number.

Under number one write What Life Was Like Before I Became a Christian. Encourage your disciple to give some thought to what life was like before they became a Christian. They should emphasize how they came to know that they were a sinner and needed to receive Jesus as their Savior.

Under number two write How I Became a Christian. Encourage your disciple to emphasize the people and circumstances that God used to bring them to faith. Under number three write What God is doing now. Encourage your disciple to emphasize that they are not perfect but that Jesus is a living reality in their life as they face life now.

Let your disciple know that depending on their life experiences there may be more to write in one of the three places than another. For instance, a person that became a Christian as a child may not have as much to write under sections one and two. They may have much more meaningful content under number three. That's okay, because God uses every testimony! Encourage your disciple to share their testimony with at least one person before your next meeting.

### **3. I can concisely explain the gospel to another person**

Sadly, many believers simply cannot share the specifics of the gospel with another person. This is easily remedied. If you are comfortable that you can, share the basics of the gospel with your disciple in two minutes.

If you need help, use one of the booklets mentioned under question number one. There are basically four things to go over in sharing the gospel.

The first is that God has a wonderful plan for every person's life. It involves an abundant life now characterized by peace and joy, and an assurance that we will have eternal life with God in Heaven after we die. John 10:10b says "I have come that they may have life and have it more abundantly."

The second is that we do not experience God's plan because our sin has alienated us from God. Here we emphasize what it means that people are sinners and separated from God. Romans 3:23 says that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 6:23 says that "the wages of sin is death." Because sinners are separated from God, they have a "God shaped hole" in their heart that they try to fill in any number of ways, but there remains a spiritual emptiness in their life.

The third point to emphasize is who Jesus is and what He has done on behalf of sinners. Here we repeat the wonderful things the scripture says about Jesus' deity, sinless life, teaching, miracles, death, resurrection and ascension. We also speak of Him dying in the place of sinners as the only acceptable sacrifice for our sins. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says "God made Him who knew no sin to become sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

The fourth point to emphasize is that it is not just enough to agree with the first three points. The gospel must be acted upon or a person will remain in their sins. John 1:12 says "as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God." It is appropriate at this point to ask a person you have shared this with if they understand what has been said, and to give them an opportunity to receive Christ."

#### **4. I have assurance of my salvation**

There are those who do not believe a Christian can have assurance that they are saved. I John 5:13, however, says "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life." The testimony of the Bible is that those who have believed the gospel and received Jesus as their Savior have eternal life.

I believe that a fuller sense of assurance takes a couple of years after salvation to sense. After that time, others in the body of Christ are of great help to us as they reassure us that they see Jesus in our lives and the fruit we bear. Additionally as we have more and more devotional time with the Lord, the Holy Spirit bears witness in our hearts that we are His. After all, I John has five chapters of issues for the believer to wrestle with as they consider whether their faith is real before the great pronouncement of 5:13. As we grow, it is appropriate for the believer to look for the "fruits of salvation" in their life.

But the new believer should be counseled and the long term believer must be reminded that salvation is a gracious gift from a loving God. As a dear Christian now in Heaven

used to say, “God is not an Indian giver!” Once we have repented of our sins and placed our faith in Jesus the Bible tells us we have the gift of eternal life. It is absurd to think that an eternal gift, once received, can be lost. Assurance of salvation ultimately is based on the fact that God keeps all of the promises He has made. And He has promised eternal life to the one who receives Jesus. Or as Jesus said in John 11:25, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though He may die, he shall live.”

## **5. I have been baptized as a believer**

“Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about 3,000 souls were added to them.” -Acts 2:41

The New Testament record is clear that the first thing a believer is to do to show their faith and exclusive allegiance to Jesus is to be baptized. At His great commission in Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...” A true Christian convert is committed to doing what Jesus asked, beginning with being baptized.

It is comforting for the believer to realize that Jesus never asks His disciples to do that which He was not willing to do Himself. Matthew 3:13-17 shows Jesus being baptized in the Jordan River. When John the Baptist questioned the sinless Jesus about being baptized, Jesus remarked that it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness.

The command of Jesus for new believers to be baptized and the example of Jesus in being baptized are compelling enough witnesses that we are to expect the truly converted to obey Jesus and be baptized as soon as possible after their salvation. Acts 10:47-48 feature Peter saying, ‘Can anyone forbid water, that these should be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

The new believer may have fear of water or of standing before others in public, but they should be challenged to obey the Lord in this matter. Encourage them to speak with their pastor about being baptized as soon as possible. Hebrews 6:1-2 speak about leaving elementary principles like baptism behind and going on to perfection, i.e., the rest of what God has for the believer.

## **6. I attend the main weekly service at my church at least 75 % of the time**

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” -Hebrews 10:24-25

There is nothing magic about the number 75 %. It is simply a rule of thumb that shows that meeting with other believers for worship is the priority it should be in our lives.

Usually when a person chronically misses church they do so because they don't think what they are going to receive by going justifies the "trouble" of going.

But the author of the letter to the Hebrews connects the problem of absenteeism with what we will fail to give by not being there, not what we will fail to receive. It is our Christian responsibility to be around other believers to help stir them up to acts of love and good works. We obviously can't do that if we neglect to be around them!

Of course there are times work responsibilities or vacation or something else will keep us from church. But in the ordinary course of life church attendance should be given the highest priority. Conscientious believers will make it a priority, and may make life adjustments to keep it that way. For instance, I loved soccer growing up. But I said no to playing on a select team of soccer my senior year of high school in part because it would have kept me as a new Christian out of church several Sundays a month.

The discipler should deal tenderly with the disciple as the disciple tries to obey God in this area. There may be creative solutions. Some churches have Saturday night services and multiple services on Sunday morning. Attending Sunday night service could also be a solution for the person that has to work some Sunday mornings. But the spirit of Hebrews 10:24-25 should be followed! Sometimes this may mean supporting the disciple in a tough decision the Holy Spirit is leading them to make, such as my own as a senior in high school.

## **7. I take notes when the speaker preaches or teaches**

Acts 2:42a says this about the first Christians: "they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine..." That means that as the apostles spoke God's Word to them, the first Christians paid careful attention to what was said, so that they could apply it to their lives. Taking notes when a preacher preaches is not a biblical command, but will certainly help the disciple remember what was said!

Here are some practical suggestions on taking notes. The disciple may want to get a book about the size of a diary with lined paper in it. They should carry it to church with their Bible. When the Preacher speaks, they should write at the top of the page the speaker's name, the date, the title of the sermon, and the Bible passage being preached from.

As the speaker is speaking it will be a good idea to write the major points the speaker says. The note taker will also want to write down anything that the Holy Spirit really impressed on them during the talk. I have personally taken notes since college when I have listened to preaching. I have made it my goal to write down at least one thing in every sermon I have heard that really stuck out to me. Over the years I have found this practice has helped much truth stick in my mind that may not have otherwise.

The discipler will want to encourage the disciple to take notes the next time they are in a service. At the next session they can go over what they learned as they took notes. This would also allow for any follow questions on the practice of note taking!

## **8. I regularly participate in a weekly small group of believers**

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostle’s doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.” -Acts 2:42

As helpful as regular participation in a weekly worship service is, it is vitally important for believers also to participate in a small group. It allows believers to fellowship with one another, being encouraged by others testimonies of how God is at work in their lives. It allows them to talk about what obedience looks like in the situations they find themselves in. It allows them to ask questions that clarify what the Bible says. It helps them learn how to pray for and with others, and to discover ways to encourage and minister to others.

As a pastor I have noticed that 90 % of the people who attend church regularly, are involved in a small group (whether Sunday School or a small group that meets during the week) and who have a ministry they are involved in, are still active in the church three years after they join. But that falls to less than 50 % if the person only attends the worship service. I think that demonstrates the power of relationships in the life of a growing Christian!

## **9. I feel comfortable praying out loud with other believers**

Jesus did talk of a believer not flaunting prayer, instead favoring going into their “prayer closet” and spending time with God. Some use that truth to mistakenly say that it is not important to pray with other believers. But clearly the early Christians constantly prayed with each other about the things going on in their lives.

We already saw that in Acts 2:42. In Acts chapter four we see believers praying together and that leading to a great sense of effectiveness in their lives. In Acts 4:31 we read, “and when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke the Word of God with boldness.” Clearly there is spiritual power when believers unite in prayer.

Praying out loud with other believers is easier “caught” than taught. If this is an item the disciple needs to grow in, it may not be best to try and pray out loud together in a crowded restaurant. It may be that another time and place needs to be scheduled and perhaps another person or two added so praying out loud together can be modeled for and then participated in by the disciple.

As part of this the disciple should be told that many times others will ask them to pray about something. They should develop the habit of not just saying they will pray, but learn to stop and pray for the person right there when asked to pray. The discipler should

take some time talking with the disciple about the privilege we have as Christ's disciples to intercede for others.

#### **10. I have a meaningful time of prayer and Bible study daily**

A good rule of thumb for time spent in "devotions" each day is to try and spend at least 30 minutes with the Lord during that time. Most people spend over 2 hours a day watching television and/or on the Internet. Therefore it is ludicrous to assert that time can't be found to have a meaningful time of Bible study and prayer.

Here is what I would recommend. Use the headings in your Bible as your text for that day's devotions. If you don't know where to start then the gospel of John is a good place to begin. Usually a whole chapter is too much for your devotional time. The headings in most Bible's provide a more manageable amount of scripture.

Pray as you begin your devotional time for the Holy Spirit to lead you into the truth He wants you to discover. As you go through the passage, you are looking for truths to apply to your life. For instance, if you were in John chapter three, verses 22-36, the Holy Spirit may impress verse 30 on you. It says, "Jesus must increase, but I must decrease." It may really hit you that what John the Baptist wanted for his life is what you want for your life: more of Jesus, less selfishness.

After spending time in a Bible passage like that, I like to use what I have just learned to begin my prayer time. I would start by turning what I have learned into a prayer. That way God has spoken first to me through the Bible, and I talk to Him in a way guided by the way He has first spoken to me. Then I would spend the remaining time praying about things going on in my life. It looks something like this:

*"Jesus, I want more of you and less of me in my life. I want the way you would respond to situations to be the way that I will today. Help me to be respectful of my boss today when he treats me badly, and may he see that I am a team player that wants the company to prosper. Please also help my coworkers to see the change in me since I have met you. Please give me an opportunity this week to share my testimony with Bill. Give me the strength at the end of the day to help my wife around the house. As Aunt Edna has her radiation treatment today, please help her to not feel as sick afterwards as she did the first time. And I ask you to help the Heffner's in Taiwan as they do a big outreach Thursday at a university there. Jesus I love you and ask you to guide me today. In your name I pray, Amen."*

#### **11. I have read completely through the Bible**

The Bible takes around 40 hours to read. The New Testament takes only around 10 hours! The disciple should be encouraged to read the entire Bible through many times during their lifetime. That way they will better understand the particular passages they are doing devotions in or being preached to from.

I recommend the disciple first reading through the New Testament, understanding that it helps them understand who Jesus is and what is expected of a Christian. Then I encourage them to go back and read the entire Old Testament, looking for all the ways that it prepared the way for the coming of Jesus. The New Testament makes clear that some things expected of Israel in the Old Testament are no longer necessary now that Jesus has come. But the New Testament takes on richer meaning when the Old Testament has been read.

The discipler should tell the disciple to expect that there will be things they don't understand as they read. Seasoned Christians only understand some things after years of Bible reading, and some mysteries may only be explained in Heaven. But encourage the disciple that there will be so much as they read that will bless them in their walk with Christ!

## **12. I can give a brief overview of the entire Bible**

It is easy for Christians to get lost as they read the Bible, understanding how things in places like Leviticus or Ezekiel relate to their own lives. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 tells us that the entire Word of God is helpful in equipping us for everything God wants us to do. But for the Bible to come alive for the average Christian, they need a little help from more mature believers in understanding how the parts of the Bible relate to the whole.

The basic groupings in the Old Testament are:

Law or Torah  
Historical books  
Poetry  
Prophecy

The basic groupings in the New Testament are:

Gospels  
Book of Acts  
Epistles or Letters written by apostles, Paul's first  
Book of Revelation

It is very helpful to be able to describe the entire Bible in about ten minutes giving an overview of the entire book. You should cover the following about the Old Testament:

- How the first 11 chapters of Genesis speak of creation, the fall of man, the flood, and the scattering of people all over earth.
- How the predictions of a Messiah coming appear early and often in the OT
- The significance of God choosing Abraham & sons and how they got to Egypt
- How God raised up Moses and delivered the Israel from Egypt, making a covenant with them and leading them out toward the Promised Land
- The establishment of the Law including the ten commandments, with its provisions for Israel to be a model nation in areas such as ministry to the less fortunate

- The establishment of the tabernacle and with it what priests and sacrifices were to be like (Leviticus)
- How the people finally made it to the promised land under Joshua but how they continually entered into a cycle of sin as seen in the book of Judges
- How there came to be kings in Israel in I Samuel through 2 Chronicles
- How the Temple came to be built and how Israel was divided
- God's incredible love and patience with His people despite their sin
- The eventual captivity of Israel because of her sin, and restoration to the promised land despite no longer being a self governed nation
- The poetic books written during the times of the Kings
- The prophetic books featuring sermons preached during the times of the kings, and amazing predictions of the coming of the Messiah

You should cover the following about the New Testament:

- The coming of Jesus Christ, and His credentials as the Messiah
- His sinless life and victory in the areas Israel and all of us had failed in
- His amazing teaching and His incredible miracles
- His atoning sacrifice for sinners at His crucifixion and His resurrection from the dead
- The sending of the Holy Spirit, the amazing advance of the gospel and the establishment of His church
- God's instructions to Christians and churches in the epistles
- How those epistles are the final word in interpreting doctrinal questions
- About Christ's Second Coming and how what was lost in the beginning chapters of Genesis through the fall is restored at the end of the Book of Revelation!

### **13. I understand the basic principles of interpreting the Bible**

The first thing that should be understood is the central role that Jesus Christ has for understanding the Bible. The Old Testament must be understood as preparing us to understand the need for the Christ to come. The New Testament must be understood as the record of Christ's coming and how Jesus is the only way of salvation.

An example will show why this is important. The Old Testament in several places refers to the work of the Holy Spirit. There are some passages that seem to indicate that the Holy Spirit left a person He had previously helped do something. David seems to fear such a loss in Psalm 51:11. That has led some to say that the Christian believer can lose their salvation and have the indwelling Holy Spirit leave them.

This shows a lack of understanding in basic principles of understanding the Bible and the central role the work of Jesus has to understanding the Bible. Before Jesus came the role of the Holy Spirit was limited to helping people fulfill temporary assignments. After Jesus' death and resurrection, the Holy Spirit took on a greater role, indwelling every true believer at salvation (see Ephesians 1:13-14).

Thus instead of pitting Psalm 51 against Ephesians 1, the person who understands basic interpretation principles and a brief overview of the Bible will be able to understand the significance of Psalm 51 coming before Christ's completed work and Ephesians 1 coming after Christ's completed work.

If you as a discipler do not have confidence that you can explain some of these basic principles you may want to read a basic book like Gordon Fee's How to Read the Bible for all it's Worth. A Pastor may be able to recommend others that will help you. But I suspect you know more than you think!

Remember to speak about things like the importance of the context of a passage in understanding individual verses. Sometimes a question that comes up from one verse is clearly addressed just a verse or two before or after the verse in question, or by the book as a whole. Hebrews 6:4-8 has been used by some to mean that a believer can lose their salvation. But in verse 9 the author emphatically says the following: "But beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, the things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner." Thus whatever he means in 6:4-8, he is not speaking of a true believer.

Another thing is to speak of how different kinds of literature call for different kinds of handling. Just as you read a cookbook different than you read a novel, Proverbs are to be read and applied differently than other areas of scripture. And the Bible has an amazing variety of literature types:

- Historical narrative
- Prophecies
- Laws
- Commands
- Genealogies
- Dietary codes
- Health regulations
- Building plans
- Songs
- Poems
- Prayers
- Promises
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Eyewitness accounts
- Apostles letters of instruction

Teach your disciple that narrative literature (which tells what happened) must be understood in light of clear doctrinal teaching (which explicitly states what to do). For instance, the book of Acts records three instances of speaking in tongues, leading some to conclude that speaking in tongues should be normative in the lives of all believers. But

in I Corinthians 12-14, there is clear doctrinal teaching about speaking in tongues, including the clear teaching that all believers will not speak in tongues.

#### **14. I memorize a verse of the Bible every week**

Psalm 119:11 says, “I have treasured your word in my heart so that I might not sin against You.” God’s Word is meant to be meditated on. One of the best ways to take the Bible off of the page and put it into your heart is to memorize it. It is scandalous how few believers are able to remember a specific passage about such things as the deity of Jesus Christ.

For children, being involved with a scripture memory program like AWANA is invaluable. For all of us, we can learn the Bible by writing verses on 3 x 5 cards and going over them enough that we have memorized them. As you regularly read through the Bible, when God the Holy Spirit impresses the importance of a verse on your heart, write it on a 3 x 5 card and go over it until it is learned. One verse a week would mean 500 Bible verses memorized every ten years.

#### **15. I regularly do a word study in the Bible**

The Bible contains some amazing words like grace, forgiveness, faith, hope, and love. It really helps a believer grow when they understand the full teaching of such words in the Bible. So believers will want to do regular word studies to “flesh out” the fuller use of words that they come across.

Word studies are easier to do than they have ever been. In the past, a believer would take a concordance they bought at a Christian Bookstore and look up a word and then have to look up each passage separately to see how it was used. Concordances are still useful books to have, but now thanks to computer technology, believers can simply look on websites like [crosswalk.com](http://crosswalk.com). There under Bible study tools a word can be entered, and you can print out the full verse of each occurrence of the word. It can even help you trace the Hebrew or Greek words behind the English translation.

Then you classify the different ways the word seems to be used for your own edification. You also look for the ways the Holy Spirit used different authors in the Bible to emphasize different things about the word. Taking the time to do word studies can really make the Bible come alive.

I would recommend the discipler actually find a time to show the disciple how to use the [crosswalk.com](http://crosswalk.com) tool on the computer. Use a word like love, and then walk through all that can be learned by doing the word study. Then give a homework assignment with a word like faith, asking the disciple to come back next session with all they have learned by studying what the Bible has to say about faith. A helpful resource showing how to do word studies and ten other kinds of Bible studies is Rick Warren’s [Bible Study Methods](#).

#### **16. I can state ten things that are true of me as a Christian**

I have in mind here that the believer is able to realize how much the New Testament says is true of them because they have become a believer. If your disciple cannot do this, you will want to assign them Ephesians chapter 1-3 to read. Ask them to write down every thing those three chapters says is true because they have become a Christian.

They are, for instance, these ten things among others:

- A saint 1:1
- Blessed with every spiritual blessing 1:3
- Chosen 1:4
- Predestined 1:5
- Adopted 1:5
- Accepted 1:6
- Redeemed 1:7
- Forgiven 1:7
- Heirs 1:11
- Sealed with the Spirit 1:13

One of the things you will want to impress on your disciple is that the New Testament writers delight in emphasizing first who a Christian is in Christ, and only then reminding them of the things Christians do. For them knowing who you are in Christ preceded knowing what you are to do for Christ. For them faith was always the basis for any work they were called to do.

For instance, Ephesians chapters 1-3 give dozens of things that are true for the Christian. And then chapters 4-6 give a couple of dozen commands for the Christian to obey. The emphasis clearly shows that we are to obey not to merit Christ's favor but because the changed status He has given us at salvation merits our best response by faith. Emphasize for your disciple that as they read the Bible they should look for things that are true of them now that they are a Christian.

### **17. I know 3 verses that teach Jesus is God and the only means of salvation**

Cults like Jehovah's witnesses and Mormon's deny the deity of Jesus Christ. Sadly, many Christians cannot answer from the Bible with clear verses that speak of the deity of Jesus Christ. An earlier question asked if disciples memorized one verse a week. In addition to memorizing verses for spiritual growth, Christians will want to memorize verses that speak of truth they need to share with others.

Here are three verses that speak of Christ's deity taken from just one of the Bible's books, the gospel of John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
-John 1:1

Jehovah's Witnesses actually couldn't deal with this verse, so in their "translation" of the Bible they changed this verse to say "a god," something the Greek original simply doesn't allow!

"Unless you believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins." -John 8:24

He in the italics is added. Jesus was saying that He was the same I Am that Moses spoke to at the burning bush!

And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and My God." -John 8:28

Many other references to Christ's deity could be added. I'll give just one more from the Old Testament prediction that the coming Messiah actually would be God:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God..."

## **18. I examine myself before partaking of the Lord's Supper**

There are two ordinances (called sacraments in some traditions) Christ gave His disciples to obey. The initial ordinance is Baptism, done just once to testify of allegiance to Christ. The Lord's Supper (also referred to as communion and the Eucharist) is the other. It is to be partaken of often by the Christian.

Like Baptism the Lord's Supper testifies of our identification with Christ, but properly understood it is also a regular "check up" for our faith. In First Corinthians 11:23-30 the apostle Paul chastises the Christians in Corinth for failing to examine themselves before they took communion. Apparently the Christians in Corinth were taking this holy time for granted, not dealing with individual and corporate sins before partaking.

I really see the genius of the Lord in the two ordinances. Baptism is a public act that lets everyone know a person has made an exclusive commitment to Jesus, just like two people do at their marriage ceremony. The Lord's Supper is a regular way of calling Christians to remember their faith and to confess any sin towards God or others that is not in keeping with their profession.

With that in mind, I recommend you ask the following three questions of yourself before taking the Lord's Supper:

1. Am I trusting in Christ's work alone for my salvation?

I am only saved because of His body broken for me, His blood shed for me.

2. Have I confessed all known sin to God and received His forgiveness?

If not, claim this verse:

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” -I John 1:9

3. As much as depends on me, have I tried to be at peace with all men?

If not, make the effort and then take communion.

### **19. I have forgiven everyone who has sinned against me**

“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” -Matthew 6:14-15

“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”  
-Romans 12:18

Jesus taught us to forgive those who have sinned against us, even as we have been forgiven by God. As you talk with your disciple about forgiveness, this could lead to a lot of emotion on the part of your disciple. Be very sensitive with them.

In the world we live in, as in the days of Jesus, some despicable things have been done to people in their past. Many disciples really struggle to forgive those who have wounded them deeply. As we address this issue, it is worth remembering that Jesus Himself practiced what He preached on this topic. From the cross He said, “Father, forgive them.”

Help your disciples process the two parts of forgiving another person. Forgiveness involves you going to God and asking Him to help you remove the asterisks you have placed by another person’s name because of what they have done to you. You are choosing to obey Jesus by praying for the one who persecuted you, asking God to bless those who cursed you and to help you display love toward that enemy.

Then if there ever comes a time when that person recognizes what they have done and asks you for forgiveness, you gracefully respond that you have and you do forgive them. That doesn’t mean that you will allow the person to be in a position to sin against you again, but before God you are not going to hate the person any longer. You are doing this for yourself as much as the other person. Someone has rightfully said that “unforgiveness is a poison you drink hoping another will die.” Choose with God’s help to release the bitterness.

Paul’s words in Romans 12:18 are very helpful as well. What if you make the effort to forgive someone, or be forgiven by them, and they will have none of it? You have done what you were supposed to do, try and make peace. Having done that, you can only now pray that the other person will act as God leads them.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. -Ephesians 4:32

## **20. I have asked forgiveness of everyone I have sinned against**

Everything said under number 19 applies here as well. It should be pointed out that most of us think first of how others have sinned against us, but not given much thought to how we may have sinned against others. Part of maturing as a believer is thinking through this issue, and then acting on anything the Lord reveals to us. Listen to Psalm 139:23-24:

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Your disciple should pray this prayer, and ask God to reveal anyone that they may have sinned against. If the Lord reveals someone to your disciple, it will be absolutely freeing for them to let that person know that they are sorry for what they had done. The disciple should be careful to offer no justifications for the sinful behavior. They are owning that they did something wrong and asking for forgiveness.

Again, Romans 12:18 is helpful here:

“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”

What if the person refuses to forgive or responds with anger. That is unfortunate, but beside the point. The disciple has acted to live peaceably. If the other person refuses to accept the apology, that is their problem. The disciple's response should not be to be defensive or obsessed with the situation, but to simply pray for the person, asking God to bless them. They have done what God required of them and He will bless that.

As the discipler you may need to help your disciple wrestle with some related issues that call for your wisdom. It may be that the person wronged has already died. Or there may be appropriate reasons not to contact the person (such as a restraining order). The disciple may want to write a letter to the person that won't be sent, verbalizing how sorry they are and asking for forgiveness. There may be situations where that is the best that can be done.

## **21. I go directly to someone before discussing their sin with another person**

What I have in mind here is obedience to Jesus' command in Matthew 18:15-20. There he taught the disciple what to do when their brother in Christ sins against them. It probably extends to when we have first hand knowledge of sin in the body of Christ.

First, I am to go to the person one on one and try to clear it up.

As a Pastor I have observed that 90 % of the time when a person does this everything gets cleared up pretty well. Of course that means that the person who receives the visit will be open to hearing what their brother has to say and acting on it.

Unfortunately, most of the time that first step is not done. People who feel wronged talk to as many people as will listen, and much more damage is done than if they had simply gone to the person one on one.

Second, if the person who has sinned does not respond to my one on one visit, I am to involve 1-2 more people and try again. This does not mean that I stack the deck with people who agree with me. No, I am to bring a godly person or two that may have the gifts of wisdom and discernment. It is possible I am mistaken and need to hear that from an impartial brother or sister in Christ. My personal experience makes me believe that 99% plus of issues are resolved by this point.

Third, Jesus said that if there is still no repentance about the sin, to deal with it before the church. I personally feel that leaves room for the deacons or elders or some other group to also try and bring resolution and restoration. But sin that will not be dealt with and repented of by a believer is a serious issue, and we must heed Christ's call to lovingly exclude the unrepentant sinner until they do repent.

This brings up the question about what to do when the person sinning is doing something illegal or which the state demands contacting their authorities instead of tipping off the person that you know what they are doing. After wrestling as a Christian and as a Pastor with these issues, I believe in such cases we must be good citizens and obey the authorities by contacting them first in what would be felony level charges.

## **22. I do not let the day end without dealing with something I am angry about**

“Be angry, but do not sin:” do not let the sun go down on your wrath.  
-Ephesians 4:26

The apostle teaches us to deal with our anger before the day is over. If people followed this one simple command, there would be a lot less stress in their lives. It is because we internalize and fume and let the anger build that it destroys us from within. Or we explode in anger at others, or at the person we are upset with but with much more anger than the situation really justified.

If this a problem for you, you should do word studies on anger and wrath and related words (see 15 above). Then you should memorize the best verses for you (see 14 above). A meaningful time of Bible study and prayer will also help (see 10 above). Finally, you must learn to go to people one on one and try to work things out (see 21 above). And do it before you go to bed! This is especially important in your family relationships. So get off the couch and go say you are sorry!

## **23. Those closest to me would describe me as more self-less than selfish**

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. -Philippians 2:3-4

“It’s not about you.” -Opening Line of Rick Warren’s Purpose Driven Life

If being a selfish person has characterized you in the past, you may want to memorize the above verses and begin putting them into practice. Someone gave the church this great acronym for JOY:

Jesus first  
Others second  
Yourself last

The world tells you to pamper yourself, but don’t pampered people make you sick when you come across them! They put themselves first and are never happy. Truly joyful Christians live instead first for Jesus’ glory, than they serve others, and they take care of themselves so they can keep loving Jesus and others.

The discipler may want to teach the disciple at this point to look at what I Corinthians 13 says about love, and to place their name every time love is mentioned and ask if that trait is true in their life. For instance:

Am I patient?  
Am I kind?  
Do I parade myself?  
Am I puffed up?  
Do I behave rudely?

And so on; as you can see, such a practice can easily humble a selfish saint!

#### **24. I can state at least three of the “one anothers” of the New Testament**

I have in mind the great “one anothers” of the New Testament, such as:

Love one another  
Serve one another  
Be hospitable to one another  
Forgive one another  
Minister your gift to one another

This would be a great word study to do with your disciple. Ask them to find all of the “one anothers” and then make three observations from the “one anothers.” You should point out that clearly God considers us as needing each other to be all we can be in the body of Christ.

## **25. I am fairly familiar with the Bible's teaching on spiritual gifts**

This is a great study to do with your disciple! The Bible clearly teaches that each believer has received a spiritual gift mix at salvation and needs to use that gift to help build up and grow the body of Christ. Ephesians 4 clearly teaches that the body of Christ experiences stunted growth when people hold back in this area. Here are the passages that need to be studied about spiritual gifts.

I Peter 4:7-11

Ephesians 4:11-22

Romans 12:3-12

I Corinthians 12:1-11; 27-31

Discipler, you are probably aware that there is some controversy in the body of Christ over whether some of the more miraculous gifts like healing or tongues ceased at the end of the apostolic age or are still around today. I would recommend that you speak with your pastor to make sure your comments on this matter do not cause disunity in the body with the church's position.

## **26. I have discovered what my main spiritual gifts are**

There are many modern tools that ministries have put out that can help a person discover their spiritual gifts. I like to use one put out by John Maxwell's **Injoy** organization called a *Spiritual Gifts Discovery Guide*. Others can be accessed via the internet by typing in the search engine something like Spiritual Gifts Inventory. Some tests can even be taken online. Your church leadership may have one they like to use.

Discipler, find one that you feel gets the job done and share it with your disciple. But one word of caution: Christians have an important role in affirming the spiritual gifts they see in fellow believers. Someone filling out an inventory may answer what they wished to be true, or may downplay something that is a true gift. For instance, a gifted evangelist may not feel they are evangelistic enough, yet fellow Christians have come to see a real gift in evangelism. It is as important to listen to Christians who have observed you as it is to fill out an inventory!

## **27. I use my spiritual gifts in a ministry setting each week**

Discipler, here's where God may allow you to be a bridge between the disciple and ministry opportunities in the church. Just as Barnabas recognized teaching and leadership gifts in Saul (Paul) and brought him along to Antioch, you may be able to help your disciple discover openings in the church's ministry he didn't know about. As a Pastor/ Equipper, this is one of the things that really brings me joy; helping believers match their giftedness with ministry opportunities.

Unfortunately, many churches put new disciples in a position to fail by failing to do two things. First, they don't make enough effort to match a person with their giftedness. A person with the spiritual gift of behind the scenes service will struggle as a out in front teacher. Secondly, too many churches put a person into a position and run away from the person to the next pressing matter, leaving the person isolated, giving them no training, feedback or ongoing encouragement. In such cases the person often burns out and stops serving.

Discipler, help your church and your disciple by recommending team ministry in nearly every area. The early church did not do lone ranger ministry, they went out in twos!

Using the spiritual gift of teaching, let's show how this could unfold over a few months:

- The mature teacher teaches, the disciple with the gift is there observing
- The disciple teaches part of the lesson, the mature teacher provides feedback
- The disciple teaches all of the lesson, the mature teacher is present to encourage
- The disciple teaches all of the lesson without the mature teacher present
- The disciple becomes a mature teacher, with a disciple with the gift present

And everyone wins!

## **28. I understand what the Bible teaches my family responsibilities are**

Ephesians 5:21-6:4 is one of the best passages to study to begin understanding our roles in the family. There we find that:

- There is a mutual submission called for among Christians
- Wives are to show respect to their husbands
- Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loves the church
- A wife's gracious submission to her husband's leadership is a reflection of whether she has submitted to the Lord
- Husbands are to cherish and nourish their wives
- Husbands are to wash their wives with the Word of God, being the spiritual leader
- Children are to obey their parents in the Lord
- Children are to honor their father and mother
- Parents are not to provoke their children to wrath through negative communication, but instead are to train them in the things of the Lord

You will find a gazillion resources at Christian bookstores and online to help you grow in your family responsibilities. One of my favorite is the ministry of *Focus on the Family*, found online at [family.org](http://family.org). You should encourage your disciple to invest in their marriage and family by reading good books, attending conferences and retreats. Also share some of the solid tips you have learned, like having a regular date night, taking meaningful vacations, eating together regularly without distractions like television, family devotions, praying together, having a sense of a family mission to advance the Kingdom of Christ.

**29. I exercise regularly and rarely consume alcohol or tobacco products**

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you...”  
-I Corinthian 6:19

“For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.” -I Timothy 4:8

I have included this as one question out of sixty because we will be less effective for the kingdom if we are sluggish and unhealthy.

Most Christians wisely stay away from drinking a lot of alcohol and smoking. While not absolutely forbidding the occasional drink, the Bible warns often of the abuse of alcohol.

Lemuel’s mother’s advice in Proverbs 31:4 is instructive:

“It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for kings to drink wine, nor for princes intoxicating drink.”

We are also now well aware of the effects of regular smoking to long term health. A person who regularly smokes is looking at an average of 20 years or so less life than a person who does not.

Obesity is a third problem that is too often tolerated among Christian. Overeating and a sedentary life style have led to America being overweight. And overweight is very bad for long term health.

To know if you are overweight calculate your Body Mass Index. Here’s a website you can do it on:

[www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/bmi/adult\\_BMI/english\\_bmi\\_calculator/bmi\\_calculator.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/bmi/adult_BMI/english_bmi_calculator/bmi_calculator.htm)

Begin by eating healthier and drinking more water and exercising 3-6 times a week. The exercise you need is aerobic exercise for 35-40 minutes in length each time you exercise. A good pace at walking would count.

Take the number 220 and subtract your age from it. Then multiply it by .65 and .85. Those are the numbers that you want your heart rate, or pulse to be at while you are exercising. Warm up 5 minutes before exercising and cool down 5 minutes after exercising. If you are very overweight consult your physician to determine a good plan for you.

**30. I have not viewed pornography in the last month**

“I have made a covenant with my eyes: why then should I look upon a young woman?”

-Job 31:1

“I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” -Jesus in Matthew 5:28

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor; not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God.

-I Thessalonians 4:3-5

It's a big deal to God, so it's a big deal. Pornography is a terrible problem in America. It cheapens your view of the opposite sex and impairs intimacy in your own marriage. God intends our only sexual satisfaction to be derived from our own mate. Looking at pornography must be called what it is by the Christian, an unhealthy type of adultery.

The best resource I know of for dealing with this problem is Every Man's Battle series coauthored by Stephen Arterburn. The series includes books for women and a lot of specialty books.

Additionally, here are four tools for victory for the person addicted to pornography:

First, you must have a zero tolerance policy. Lust is like a fire. If you keep putting “logs” on the fire, it will keep burning. You must end the access you have to pornography.

Secondly, because you can't do the first alone, you must develop an accountability relationship with someone you trust, confessing your sin to them and them to you. This person should be of the same sex as you, can keep your confidence and will ask you the tough questions.

Third, you must fill the void with Bible verses you have memorized. Job's covenant with his eyes, Jesus plain declaration that lust is adultery, and the apostle telling us it's God's will for us to be pure and other verses have great power. It is as if you have turned a hose on the burning embers of your lust.

Four, if you do blow it, claim I John 1:9 and keep your resolve to fight. Never, Never, Never Give Up. Your effectiveness as a Christian and your marriage are far too important to live with this sin cancer inside you.

### **31. I have gone with a mature Christian on a 'ministry' visit**

I have in mind here such visits as:

- Hospital visits
- Visits to shut ins at home
- Visits to elderly members in nursing homes
- Visits to someone who has not been to church in a while

Ministry visits require a certain amount of sensitivity on the part of the visitors. Discipled, I do not recommend that you spend much time talking with your disciple about how to do a visit. I recommend that you schedule a time and take your disciple on a ministry visit. The basic principles the disciple needs to learn are easier “caught” than taught!

Be sure you model such things as:

- Praying before and after the visit
- Being sensitive to the environment of the visit (for instance, being ready to step out of the room if the nurses or doctors need to do something)
- Keeping the visit relatively short
- Talk more about life issues than church issues
- Don’t be defensive if the person begins criticizing, simply try to redirect the talk
- Share appropriate words from Scripture
- Pray with the person before you leave the room

### **32. I have been present when someone has shared the gospel with another**

The basic fact is that most Christians are not going to share the gospel with another person until they have seen it modeled. The discipled will want to coordinate with the Pastor or Outreach Leader at their church a time when the disciple can be present while evangelism is actually happening. This may mean going out together on the church’s visitation night to visit a prospect. It may call for some other creative approach. Again, like the ministry visit, witnessing is better “caught” than taught.

### **33. I have shared the gospel with another**

This goes with number 32. The discipled will want to pray and hope that during their time together the Holy Spirit provides an opportunity for the discipled or another mature Christian to model evangelism. Then the disciple should be encouraged to share their testimony and the gospel with someone during the next week. As discussed in number 1 and number 3 above, a gospel booklet like Steps to Peace with God is an invaluable help to a witness.

The discipled will want to share some basic help in leading in to sharing the gospel. Perhaps the best way to say it is that God the Holy Spirit has a way of impressing on a conscientious disciple that an opportunity is before them to share. If the disciple has developed some rapport with the person they are sharing with, and the environment seems to minimize distractions, rarely will someone be put off by the discipled asking if they can share the greatest discovery they have made.

Getting the exact words right will not be as important as the person’s sense that the discipled’s words are heartfelt and shared in love. If everything seems to be going right, the disciple will want to give the person an opportunity right there to pray the prayer in the booklet. If not, the discipled should be encouraged that they have been part of a

process that may one day culminate in the person receiving Christ. Most people have multiple “touches” before they receive Christ.

**34. At least once a week I pray for missionaries I personally know**

Christ’s Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20 told the disciples to take the gospel to all the nations. Missionaries are on the front line in taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. Many are in cultures that have a lot of spiritual warfare going on. The LEAST we can do is regularly pray for them. If you know of no missionaries on the field, ask your Pastor or missions coordinator at your church to give you the name of one of the missionaries your church supports. Get your name on their prayer lists and e-mail updates so that you can intelligently pray for them as they take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

**35. I would consider myself actively involved in Christ’s Great Commission**

The discipler will want to take some time to share ways that the disciple can be personally involved in missions. We listed prayer for real live missionaries above. A very helpful resource is a book called Operation World, that lists specific prayer requests for individual nations, so you can pray for a nation every day. The website for that wonderful book is <http://www.gmi.org/ow/>.

In addition to prayer, missionaries can use financial support. As your heart gets stirred for the work of a missionary, you should consider a monthly amount you can give to support their fine work. You will also want to support the special offerings for missions your church and/or denomination collects.

It is also a good idea to personally encourage missionaries by sending them e-mails and care packages. Your children can e-mail their children, because missionary kids need encouragement also. You may be led to do something that will help missionary kids attend college. Be creative and help!

Finally, it is a great idea to go on one of the short term mission trips your church is getting up. If your church hasn’t done a trip yet, maybe you are supposed to be the organizing force. And by all means, if God leads you to be a missionary, say yes!

**36. I understand that I am the steward of the possessions God entrusts to me**

For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to him who is good before God. –Ecclesiastes 2:26

“For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.” -Psalm 50:10

Cattle are owned by people, right? Not in God's eyes! God says that all of the possessions of men have been given to them by God, and we are accountable to Him for how we act as "stewards" of the things God has entrusted us with.

This principle of "stewardship" goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden before sin entered the picture. Because of sin, we think we own stuff. But usually the person who takes that view is really owned by the stuff they have accumulated!

The discipler will want to talk through these things with the disciple. If it seems uncomfortable to talk about "money matters," remind the disciple that Jesus talked about money more than anything else, and the Bible has a couple thousand verses about the use and misuse of possessions.

Have the disciple study and report on the principles of the following 2 passages:

- 2 Corinthians chapters 8-9
- Matthew 25:14-30

### **37. I spend less each month than I take in**

Christians get into trouble when they get into debt, and buy things on credit they don't have the money to pay off at the end of the month. It is poor stewardship to spend more each month than we take in. It limits our ability to invest in Kingdom causes and creates tension in relationships.

If the disciple needs help putting a budget together and thinking Biblically about their money, the best resource I know of is Crown Financial Ministries. Their website is: <http://www.crown.org/>.

### **38. I have adopted the tithe as a minimum standard for my giving**

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone." -Matthew 23:23

"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'in what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," Says the Lord of Hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of Heaven and pour out on you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it." -Malachi 3:8-10

Christians debate on whether the tithe, or tenth of our income, is mandatory for the Christian the way it was in Old Testament Israel. There certainly is not a command to tithe in the New Testament like the ones repeated often in the Old Testament. As you can see above, Jesus chided the Pharisees for being diligent about tithing but neglecting more important things like justice and mercy and faith. Clearly those things are most important

for the believer. But did you notice the last thing Jesus said in Matthew 23:23? “These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.”

I believe the tithe remains as a solid standard for our giving. When we read about giving in the book of Acts and in places like 2 Corinthians 8-9, I believe the Christians were far exceeding the tithe. In the Old Testament tithes were used to fund the work of the tabernacle and its workers, as well as to provide for ministry to those who needed it most. That’s the same thing churches do with tithes today.

There is debate among Christians whether ten percent of income should go directly to a person’s home church or can be divided up among many ministries the Christian supports. My personal practice has been to tithe to my church and give beyond the tithe for various missions and ministries I support. Most churches that have a thoroughly funded ministry have it because of the faithfulness of tithing members. There is nothing sadder than seeing a church having a bake sale to try and pay the bills! You be a tither!

### **39. I know what I mean when I say that “Jesus is Lord” of my life**

“Not everyone who says to Me ‘Lord, Lord’ shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in Heaven.” -Matthew 7:21

Jesus connected knowing Him truly as Lord with doing the will of God. How do we know the will of God? It is revealed in the Holy Bible. In the gospel of John Jesus said “if you love Me you will do what I say.” As a Pastor, I know in my own life and observing Christians that we all fail to measure up to 100 % obedience to Jesus. So what does it mean to truly acknowledge the Lordship of Christ in our lives?

I believe it is tied up with the initial act of repentance. Becoming a Christian involves repentance and faith. What is repentance? It is when I change my mind about how I have been running my life and agree that Christ’s way is better.

The way I like to say it is this. If a person has truly repented of their sins, they have agreed that when my way and God’s way as revealed in the Bible collide, by God’s grace I will choose His way. I retain only one vote about what I would will to happen, but God’s Word gets three votes (Father, Son, Spirit) when it would have me choose God’s way instead.

Ever since I first became a Christian and repented, I have been losing 3-1 votes to the Lordship of Christ. Fortunately, most of the time now the vote is 4-0 because I agree with His Word. But when His Word outvotes me 3-1, I try and submit to God. There are times I still choose my way over His Lordship, and have to face the consequences of taking the wrong path. But His Spirit has a way of convicting me until it’s God’s way for me again.

Discipler, you may have a better way to present Lordship than this. By all means use it! You may want to take the time to reiterate salvation by grace as you introduce this topic, lest there be any confusion that we are promoting a type of 'works salvation.' God forbid!

#### **40. I would choose to obey a Biblical truth at odds with a lifelong practice**

This builds on question number 39.

Here the discipler will want to give personal experiences of deciding to obey God rather than what they have always done. Before I was a Christian I argued and complained about everything. Then God the Holy Spirit impressed on me the verse that says, "Do everything without arguing or complaining." I had to choose to obey the Bible rather than continue complaining as a way of life.

The Discipler should teach the disciple to expect God to confront the old ways like this as they read scripture. Pornography gets thrown away, adultery stops, homosexuality is viewed as sin, alcohol and tobacco and gambling addictions are overcome as God speaks to us about sin in our lives.

"For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." -Hebrews 4:12-13

#### **41. I understand that Jesus is the supreme authority in my life**

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and earth." -Matthew 28:18

This is obviously another way to say that Jesus is the Lord of my life. Therefore the things said in number 39 apply here as well. The purpose of repeating it this way is so that the disciple will understand that Christ's claim as our ultimate authority is the basis of our submitting to the earthly authorities that the Bible says that He has set up over us.

Indeed to fail to submit to authorities He has put over us is really to reject His authority in our lives. The exception would be when those authorities abuse their God given trust and ask us to obey them instead of God. At that point we must obey God rather than man.

#### **42. On His behalf I submit to the other authorities in my life**

"Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." -Romans 13:1

The comments on number 41 are foundational here and I encourage you to read them again. We live in such an anti authority culture that even Christians are constantly

questioning the authorities in their lives. In a way they are wasting valuable energy that could be spent for Kingdom causes. The New Testament call is to spend that energy in praying for those in authority over us.

“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and for all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.” -I Timothy 2:1-2

The Discippler will also want to study I Samuel 10:17-27 with the disciple, especially the last two verses. Saul went on to be a poor leader. But the Bible condemns the rebels who rebelled against his authority and presents as valiant those who did everything they could to help Saul succeed. It’s a great call to the believer to help the authorities in our life, whether they are good or bad leaders.

When you think about it, God has graciously provided authority for us in every area of life: home, church, school, sports teams, work, and government. Perhaps you are the authority in one of these areas but not in all. Remember what Adrian Rogers said in his Kingdom Authority sermons, “you’ll never be over what God intends you to be over until you are under what God intends for you to be under.”

#### **43. I view the work I have to do as foremost work for Jesus**

Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eye service, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. **And whatever you do, do it heartily, as for the Lord and not to men**, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; **for you serve the Lord Christ**. But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality. -Colossians 3:22-25

One of the great things about becoming a Christian is from that day on you know who your Big Boss is! Disciplers, help your disciple wrestle with what this means. All we do is to be done for God’s glory, meaning everyday work takes on a new value as we do it for Jesus rather than ‘the man’ or the paycheck.

If you work for a rotten boss, remember that you have a better Boss in Heaven. Do everything you can to be part of the solution at work rather than part of the problem. God is keeping tabs in Heaven and He has told us He’ll reward the right and repay the wrong!

#### **44. I pray for those in authority over me in my nation, church, job, and home**

“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and for all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” -I Timothy 2:1-4

This passage tells us to pray two things for the authorities in our lives. First we pray for their salvation. Then we pray for them to come to the knowledge of the truth. For an elected official this may mean praying that they'll understand that the unborn fetus is an actual baby human that needs as much protection as a bald eagle egg.

The Discipler should encourage the disciple to either keep a prayer journal or keep lists of who the authorities are in the different spheres of their life so they don't neglect to regularly pray for them. A good beginning goal will be to start spending as much time in prayer for these authorities as was previously spent criticizing them! Someone has said that prayer changes things, but it also changes the hearts of the ones praying!

#### **45. I believe in the existence of Satan and demonic angels**

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the Devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. -I Peter 4:8

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. -Ephesians 6:12

Sadly, researchers like George Barna report that many people who claim to be Christians do not believe in the existence of Satan. Keith Green used to sing an insightful song as if he were Satan that sang out that his job was a lot easier because "no one believes in me any more." Yet as I Peter 4:8 says, Satan is not only real, he is seeking to devour us like a lion would.

The Discipler should especially go over Ephesians 6:12 with his disciple, affirming that behind every physical situation that is happening there is a spiritual battle going on in another realm that we cannot see. The goal is awareness, not fear. The disciple who gets the reality of supernatural enemies will be more likely to put on the full armor of God every day, which is what we will speak of next.

#### **46. I understand the Bible's teaching on spiritual warfare**

The Discipler will want to have the disciple study Ephesians 6:10-18. The Christian, aware that spiritual warfare is happening behind every physical situation, must learn to daily "put on the armor of God" so that they can stand against Satan's schemes. Having the armor on helps us resist Satan and stand firm against His assaults. I try to daily visualize myself putting on this armor as I go out to face the spiritual battle behind life's issues.

The Discipler will want to clarify what this looks like in regular life. The disciple may go to work and make an innocent comment to a co-worker, who immediately gets angry and put out with the baffled disciple. What the disciple doesn't realize is that before work the coworker had a big fight with their spouse, who threatened to leave them. On the drive to

work demons were whispering in the coworker's ear all kinds of thoughts suggesting they do themselves harm.

Thus with raw emotions they took an otherwise innocent comment by the disciple and blew up. The disciple, if they have not put on the armor of God, may walk away from the coworker saying, "what's their problem" and missing an opportunity to show compassion. But if the disciple is sensitive to spiritual warfare going on behind physical situations, they may be ready to realize there is more to the situation than the issue at hand.

The armor includes:

- The belt of truth. Belts keep a person's britches from falling down, and God's truth helps the believer not be caught with their "pants down"
- The breastplate of righteousness keeps us from getting a fatal wound to the chest. This represents first the perfect righteousness of Christ in which the believer stands. It also represents the credibility our own righteous acts give us before others.
- The gospel shoes indicate that we are sensitive to allowing the magic shoes to take us to places and opportunities we would miss if our spiritual eyes are closed
- The shield of faith helps us when the demons begin firing darts at us making us question any number of things about our faith. Satan wants us to be so wounded that we feel we must nurse those wounds rather than go forward and help others
- The helmet is salvation. People with helmets on don't become organ donors, and our salvation keeps us from spiritual death.
- The first offensive weapon is the Word of God. When we share God's truth in Satan's playground, gospel changes begin to happen. The promise is that the Word will not return void; it will have effect!
- The second offensive weapon is prayer. As we pray, we recognize that the real battle for the co-worker is going on between God and Satan.

Daniel 9:20-23 features the angel Gabriel telling Daniel that he was dispatched to help Daniel the moment Daniel had begun praying! Gabriel arrived in the middle of Daniel's extreme weariness and encouraged him with God's truth. Clearly whether or not we engage in fervent prayer affects the things that are going on around us.

One helpful resource in dealing with spiritual warfare is [The Bondage Breaker](#) by Neal Anderson.

#### **47. I can briefly discuss Satan's aims and strategy as recorded in the Bible**

In John 10:10 Jesus contrasted Satan's aims with His own:

"The thief has come to kill, steal, and to destroy, but I have come that they might have life and might have it more abundantly."

In I John 2:16 we learn of the three strategies Satan uses to achieve his ends:

“...the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life...”

Satan loves to use those three “pitches” to try and strike us out! He uses them in a masterful way to get us to believe that God is holding out on us, that God is giving us a raw deal, that we are missing something by choosing the narrow way. The conscientious disciple will realize that Satan always distorts God’s Word and flat out lies to us to try and get us to “swing” at one of the three “pitches.” Satan loves the bait and switch technique that works in fishing. We see the shiny lure and have to have it, and then he hooks us and reels us in!

The discipler will want the disciple look at the following two passages:

- Genesis 3:1-7 where Satan succeeds in getting Adam and Eve to strike out
- Matthew 4:1-11 where Jesus hits all three “pitches” for Grand slam home runs!

Of note is how Jesus used the truth of God’s Word to reject Satan’s crafty appeals to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

There is an old Puritan classic I would recommend to someone who wants to study further: Precious Remedies Against Satan’s Devices by Thomas Brooks.

#### **48. I understand the role of God the Holy Spirit in convicting sinners**

“And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go the Father, and you no longer behold Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.” -John 16:8-11

The above verses reveal that the Holy Spirit goes before the Christian and is already actively working in the hearts and minds of unbelievers. Rarely will you meet someone who will not admit that they are a sinner to some degree. And when we speak of Jesus, even though it has been 2,000 years since He walked this planet, there is something compelling and drawing people to realize there is something about that name. And all men wonder what they will face after this life ends.

I have now had the opportunity to share the gospel in several different countries and dozens of different contexts. I have always seen evidence that the Holy Spirit had already been working on hearts and minds before I ever got there. The discipler should assure the disciple about this activity of the Holy Spirit in the world.

#### **49. I understand the role of God the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer**

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you will know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you.” -John 14:16-17

“When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me.” -John 15:26

“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He shall glorify Me; for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.” John 16:13-14

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance... -Ephesians 1:13-14

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be witnesses... -Acts 1:8

The Discippler may want to have the disciple do a word study to find out all that is said in the Bible about the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. The verses I have given teach a lot of truth about the third person of the Trinity:

- At the moment of salvation the Holy Spirit indwells the believer
- This sealing is an act that guarantees the believers eternal inheritance
- The Holy Spirit witnesses to the believer constantly about Jesus
- The Holy Spirit helps us understand Biblical truth
- The Holy Spirit gives power to believers in their witness of Christ

#### **50. I understand what I must do to be “filled with the Spirit”**

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. -Ephesians 4:30

And do not get drunk with wine...but be filled with the Spirit. -Ephesians 5:18

We have discovered that true believers are indwelt by the Spirit of God. What does it mean then to be filled with the Spirit? Let me share with you two analogies that help us understand filling by the Spirit.

Suppose you invited someone to come and live in your house. Let’s say that you gave them a room on the lower level at first. They would live in the house, but they wouldn’t have access to every part of the house until you gave them permission to use everything in the house and even to redecorate and give you an extreme makeover as necessary. We have all seen believers who have been Christians for years and even impacted others, but have not been filled with Spirit because some areas of their lives are still under lock and key. Being filled with the Spirit means allowing Him to work in even those areas it hurts to get cleaned up.

The other illustration involves a cup. Suppose you poured a beer into a glass. The glass would contain the beer, which is not as good for a person as water. Suppose you took

that glass full of beer and put it under the sink and turned the water on so that it would also go into the glass. As you watched over the next 60 seconds or so, the water would fill the glass and displace all of the beer. A glass can't be filled with beer and water at the same time. Neither can a believer! As we allow the Spirit to fill us, there is no longer room for the junk we have had in our hearts!

### **51. I understand what Jesus meant when He said to 'take up your cross daily'**

"If anyone wants to come after Me, let Him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." -Luke 9:23

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." -Galatians 2:20

In a number of ways we have already said that you can't do what God wants you to do and what you want to do at the same time. People died on crosses. For us to deny ourselves and die daily means that every day we are choosing afresh to go with what Christ wants over what we want.

The discipler will want at this point to reinforce that God wants what's best for us even more than we want what's best for us. Most people reject God's plan for their lives because they think they will be more fulfilled by doing what they want to do. Wrong! God is more committed to our fulfillment than we ever thought of being in. But He knows that we try to find that fulfillment in that which does not satisfy.

What you are trying to get at here is something of what John Piper means when he speaks of Christian hedonism. At some point you may want to read Desiring God by John Piper to get the teaching a whole lot better than I am saying it. Then again, God says it best in Psalm 37:3:

"Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart!"

### **52. I understand that the battle not to sin is a lifelong struggle**

"If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. But if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

-1 John 1:8-2:1

The Discipler will also want to have the disciple read Romans 7:15-8:1.

Most Christians experience times when they wonder if they are even saved because of a nagging sin that keeps rearing it's ugly head. Certainly the Christian wants victory in this

area even as they have had it in others. And yet it seems like a constant battle and can be very discouraging. To be sure, as John says, the goal is not to sin. But thank God Pastor John wrote that when we do sin, and confess that sin, Jesus forgives us and cleanses us.

It is not the purpose in this question to give all the answers in dealing with nagging sins. Here the discipler is in a loving spirit reassuring the disciple that all Christians will battle with sin until they die and go to sin free Heaven. Believers need to realize that Christ has won the war for their souls, but everyday is an ongoing battle for our effectiveness in advancing Christ's Kingdom.

We would rather put on pajamas than the armor of God. That's precisely when David committed his biggest sins. At the time Kings were supposed to go out to war, David stayed decided to sit that battle out, and his adultery with Bathsheba followed. Believers need to replace their peace-time sense of naivety with the realization that every day WILL be a spiritual battle. When we lose that battle, we need to claim God's forgiveness and put the armor back on so we can advance Christ's Kingdom.

### **53. I understand the difference between justification and sanctification**

This question goes with number 52. As the believer lives the spiritual battle, it is critical that they understand that they are not in danger of losing their salvation because they sinned. Here the discipler is helping the disciple realize the New Testament presents salvation as having three tenses.

The past tense is justification. I have been saved from the penalty of sin. I will not go to Hell when I die.

The present tense of salvation is sanctification. I am being saved from the power of sin. Sin's chains were broken when I became a Christian, and sin only now has the power I allow it to have by my disobedience and failure to do such things as take up my cross daily, put on the armor of God and be filled with the Spirit. This is where the ongoing battle is being fought. I should not live in fear of losing my salvation but by concern that my sin limits my current effectiveness in advancing Christ's Kingdom.

The future tense of salvation is glorification. I will be saved from the presence of sin when I die and go to be with Jesus. Hallelujah!

The discipler will want to note that all three tenses are clearly spoken of in the New Testament as already accomplished by Jesus on the cross. So even though we struggle in the process of sanctification, God already speaks of it as having happened. That's kind of cool to think of as we face the battle, isn't it?

### **54. I understand that suffering and persecution are part of the Christian life**

We usually leave this part out of our gospel booklets! It's not of much help in recruiting people to become Christians! Can you see it: "Come to Jesus and suffer great hardship!"

Seriously though, there is pain and suffering for everyone in this life, and Christians are not exempt. In addition to the general suffering that comes as a result of sin in the world, Christians are also often persecuted because of their faith. It is not the purpose of this entry to give the answers in dealing with suffering. I am only trying to let the Christian know that it will happen. Consider the following verses:

“In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

-2 Timothy 3:12

### **55. I often eagerly think of Jesus’ return as I go through a day**

The New Testament’s pages are filled with encouraging references to the rapture of the church and Christ’s Second Coming to rule. Have you ever wanted a trophy or crown? The Bible teaches that those who look forward to Christ’s coming with a sense of anticipation will receive a crown:

“In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.” -2 Timothy 4:8

It’s helpful to realize that part of our anticipation involves the desire that Jesus will find us involved in the right kinds of things when he comes back. The discipler and the disciple should go through the three amazing entries in Matthew 25: The parable of the ten virgins, the parable of the talents, and the separation of the sheep and the goats.

### **56. I have a spiritual mentor, a “Paul,” I regularly learn from**

“You therefore my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things which you heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.” -2 Timothy 2:1-2

It is incredibly helpful for believers to have a mature Christian in their life who they can turn to for wise counsel and discipleship. Perhaps the relationship you have taken on as discipler and disciple has this feel to it. If you do not have this kind of person in your life, begin praying for God to reveal a possible “Paul” to you. I made the initial move to secure a Paul in most of the relationships like this I have had.

### **57. I have a likeminded Christian friend, a “Barnabas,” who encourages me**

Barnabas’ are friends closer to our station in life who encourage us and we often do ministry together. I think of how Barnabas took Paul and together they ministered in Antioch.

**58. I have someone I am regularly pouring into, a “Timothy”**

The 2 Timothy 2:2 cycle is complete when the Timothy's become a Paul to a new Timothy. Each of us has so much to offer to other Christians. I have made it my goal now to always have at least one Timothy I am pouring the faith into. As they grow, I graduate them to be more of a Barnabas to me and look for a new Timothy.

Can you imagine how powerful the relationships in the church would be if everyone always had a Paul, a Barnabas and a Timothy? You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope some say you'll join us, and the world will be won one by one!

**59. I regularly read good Christian books**

There are so many helpful Christian books out there. There are some real awful ones as well, I guess. But as a discipler you should recommend the disciple begin the habit of reading solid Christian books. Recommend to your disciple some books that have benefited you. Don't forget about the classics!

I think every Christian should read John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. I often find myself using the metaphors in the book to help me in my Christian walk. For instance, many is the time I have been in Doubting Castle beaten up by the Giant named Despair. I have had to remember as Christian did that at salvation I was given a key that could change to fit any lock it needed to. The key represents the promises of God.

I have also found much benefit by reading many C.S. Lewis books. His Mere Christianity is a good place to start. Thomas Watson's The Godly Man's Picture is also a wonderful book showing what a godly man looks like. Avoid extinction: READ!

**60. I regularly receive godly instruction from Christian radio, internet, etc...**

At this point the discipler is merely helping the disciple know about some of the resources that are out there, like where to find the Christian radio stations on the radio dial. It is also helpful to recommend some websites like answers.org and crosswalk.com and family.org. You will also want to tell the disciple the location of area Christian bookstores, etc...