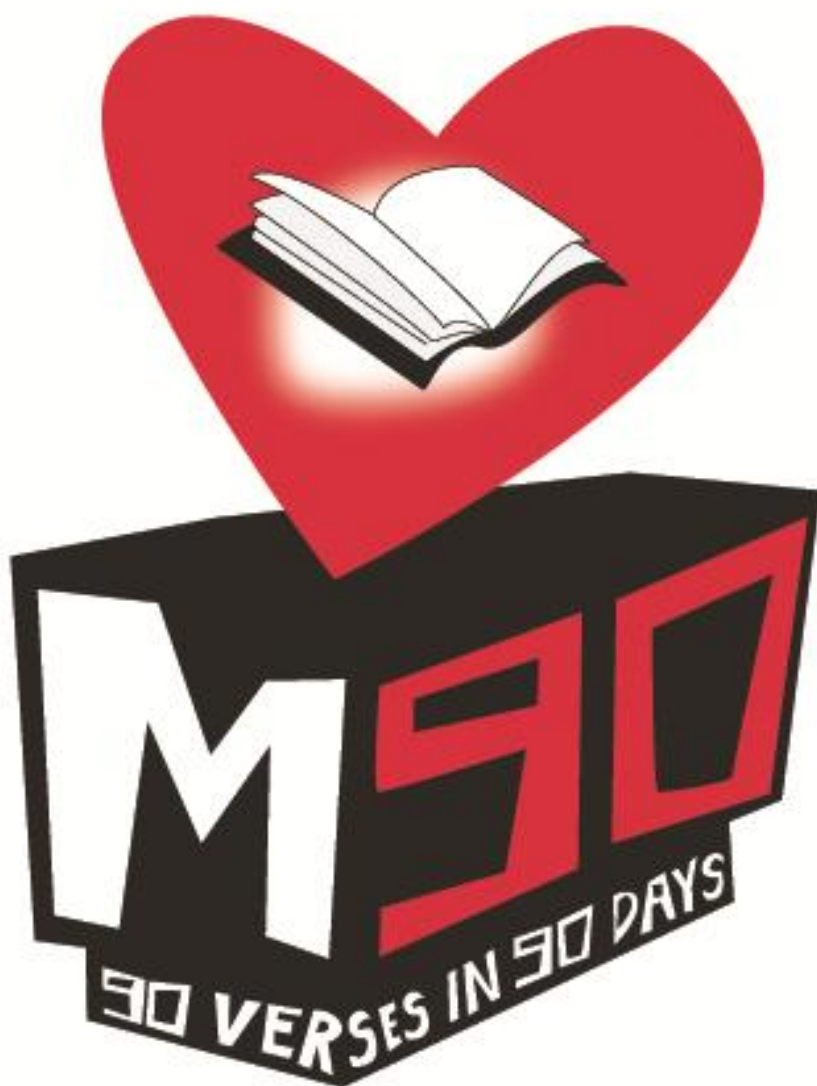


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MEMORIZE 90

Student's Guide

Version 2 – Bible Doctrine

Thy word have I hid in my heart...

Psalms 119:11

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Introduction

So you're sitting in your Social Studies class at school and then it happens.

Out of nowhere your teacher informs you that there is a test the next day. Your evening is shot. The dismissal bell rings and you file out of your classroom dreading the next day's test.

You walk in the door of your house that afternoon, grab a snack from the kitchen, and head straight to your room to study. No Facebook or Twitter. No texting. No X-box or Playstation.

Just names, places, and dates. You rack your brain trying to cram as much into it as possible before the next day's test. You feel as if your brain is going to explode and you look at the clock by your bed only to realize that you have only been studying for thirty minutes. You study as much as you can before finally giving up and falling asleep.

You wake up the next morning, pick up your drool covered Social Studies book and quickly get ready for school. You convince yourself that you will have plenty of time to study on the way to school and in homeroom, but later you realize that you just can't bring yourself to cram any more information into that over saturated brain of yours.

Then the moment of truth comes. You get the test in your hand, and then it happens. You realize you don't know the answers to the questions that you knew the night before. You do your best to finish the test, knowing in the back of your mind that you completely bombed.

Life is full of tests.

Many of these tests, which we have all experienced in one way or another, are as unexpected as the Social Studies test given in the example above.

You will face tests in your life. It's not a question of "if" but rather "when" they will happen. The real question is whether or not you will be able to pass those tests when they arise.

Consider life an open book test.

Your textbook is your Bible.

In the Word of God you can find the answers to all of life's test questions. But will you know the answers when the time comes for that test? You can, if you commit yourself to the process of preparation through memorizing Scripture.

What is Memorize 90?

Memorize 90 (M90) is a very easy-to-use systematic Scripture memorization program. It is also a personal devotion guide. Who is it for? It is for anyone who wants to memorize and apply Scripture, especially our target audience of teenagers and young adults.

How does it work? Memorize 90 verses in 90 days. 3 months. 1 verse per day.

The verses for the M90 program are selected passages from the upcoming Bible quiz season—***Bible Doctrine: Exploring our Apostolic DNA***. Memorizing these verses could give you a head start on the Bible quiz season, but most importantly they will prepare you with the answers you need for the tests of life.

Not just Scripture memorization, but Scripture application.

M90 is designed to help you understand the Scripture that you are memorizing so you can apply it to your life. Our prayer is that the verses you memorize will become more than just words on a page, but that they will come alive in your own life through application and use.

Study beyond just what your verse of the day says. Read the additional verses. Read before and after the Scripture you are memorizing so that you understand the context. Do whatever it takes to not just memorize these verses, but to understand them as well. The M90 program was developed with a “verse per day” format to insure that you have adequate time to truly study the verses.

M90 is simple, but challenging at the same time. Some days you will want to throw in the towel and give up. Some days you will discover that you don’t want to put your material down.

Yes, at times it will be a challenge. It certainly won’t be easy, but most of the things that are worthwhile in life aren’t easy to obtain!

Are you up to the challenge?

Personal Devotion Guide

Here are some easy steps to put M90 into action in your life as a personal devotion guide.

1. **Pray before you begin each day** and ask God to open your mind and heart by giving you understanding of the Scripture. Pray that God will speak to you through His Word and that His Word will become alive in you. Some days you may pray for five or ten minutes. Other days your prayer time will be much longer as you grow in your relationship with



the author of each Scripture. Be sensitive to the Spirit of God and don't rush through your prayer time.

2. **Review the verses you have already memorized.** See review methods in the Memorizations Methods and Tips section.
3. **Read the topic description** of the passage you are memorizing.
4. **Memorize your Scripture for the day.** See memorization methods in the Memorization Methods and Tips section.
5. **Use the margins of your M90 guide to write notes.** What is that particular verse speaking to you? Write out why a particular topic is relevant to your life?
6. **Complete the *Apply the Scripture* section** at the end of each topic when you have memorized all the verses in that section. You may need to "Google" some words used in these questions or even terms used in the Scriptures themselves. You can also use www.dictionary.com, Bible study software, or a good old fashioned concordance and Bible dictionary. They still work.
7. **Check the corresponding box (☐ Day 1) each day** after you have memorized your verse and finished your personal devotion time.

Memorization Methods and Tips

Anybody can memorize. Yes, even you. If you have a brain you have the ability to memorize. You already memorize things that are important to you. It is simply a matter of priority and a commitment of time.

The human brain has an amazing capacity to store information. Through focus and repetition an immeasurable amount of data can be stored for a lifetime in the long-term memory of the brain. You have used this ability to commit to memory phone numbers, songs, poems, passwords, answers to a test, obscure facts, and the statistics of professional athletes. Much of this information is important and useful in life, while some of it is simply trivial.

But what about Scripture? What if you memorized the Word of God! This information is definitely not trivial, and far more than just useful. It is critical. It is eternal. It is alive! It is wisdom, inspiration, and encouragement.

Following are some memorization methods and tips that will help you commit Scripture to memory. Everyone's memorization ability is unique to that individual and everyone has their own style of memorizing. However, you will discover that repetition is the key to memorizing, no matter which method you use. You do not have to do each of the following methods or try



every tip. Find out what works for you and go with it. These are simply listed to assist you in your Scripture memorization journey.

- **Read the verse out loud** one time for every word in the verse. If there are ten words in the verse, read it ten times.
- **Write the verse out by hand.** Writing it out will cement the Scripture into your memory. You can write one verse out multiple times on a sheet of paper. You can also write it out on an index card with the Scripture text on one side and the Scripture reference on the other side. Create these flash cards so that you can take them with you anywhere you go to assist you with your memorization and review.
- **Record yourself reading the verse** and play it back to yourself on your mp3 player.
- **Sing the verse.** Singing the words of the verse to a melody can help you retain the Scripture. We only recommend doing this when no one else is around.
- **The 15 repetition method.** Break the verse down into smaller portions (phrases or sentences). Say the first phrase fifteen times without looking at the verse. Say the second phrase fifteen times. Now add the second phrase to the first phrase and say them both fifteen times without looking at the verse. Say the third phrase fifteen times and then add it to the first two and say them all fifteen times without looking. Keep doing this until you can say the entire verse fifteen times without looking. This method takes a little bit of time, but you will have no problem memorizing or recalling verses if you use this method.
- **Review every day.** Reviewing what you have already memorized is absolutely critical to your long term recall of memorized Scripture. It is very important that you have someone listen to you quote the verses and make sure they correct you when you miss a word. The more accurately you memorize and review, the more likely you will be to remember these verses for the rest of your life.

Join the Memorize 90 community.

1. Twitter: follow M90 on Twitter (username: Memorize90) and join the M90 conversation. You can tweet about the impact M90 is having in your life. Use Twitter to invite friends to join you in the challenge. Use hashtag: #memorize90
2. Facebook: join the Memorize 90 Facebook page. Share your church name, youth group name, city/state, and testify about the impact M90 is having in your life. Post what the Scripture for that day is speaking into your life.
3. Download the free GYD app through iTunes and Android. It has a powerful interactive M90 function that will help you memorize and track your progress.

Now you are ready to go! Turn the page and memorize the first verse of M90 Version 2!

The Bible Is the Word of God

The Bible is God's message to you. It is the highest authority that man has to govern him in all matters of faith and practice. Both the act of believing and what you believe come from hearing and studying the Word of God. It is not for the church to decide what the Scriptures teach, but rather it is the Scriptures that decide what the church should teach. It is not up to you to accept part of the Word and reject the rest, nor to be a critic of the Bible; instead, the Word will determine whether you are acceptable or not, as your critic and judge. Some erroneously teach that truth and righteousness are relative to conditions and circumstances. However, wrong is still wrong; right is still right. Truth and righteousness are still absolutes, and God's Word is still infallible. You must fully believe and obey it all. To write the Bible, God used about forty men over a period of about 1600 years. God moved upon these selected men, inspiring them to write His Word accurately and in detail. Memorize these verses and know that God is the author of the Bible. Additional reading: Exodus 34:27; Psalm 19:7-10; Isaiah 30:8; Jeremiah 30:1-2; Luke 1:1-3.

- **Day 1** **Hebrews 4:12**
For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- **Day 2** **II Timothy 3:16**
All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- **Day 3** **II Peter 1:21**
For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Apply the Scripture:

What does "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God" mean? Use a Bible dictionary or Google to find out the Greek definition of the word "inspiration."

Has anyone ever told you the Bible was written by men and not by God? How did you respond?

The Bible Is the Inerrant and Eternal Word of Salvation

The Bible is inerrant. Every word is true. Every promise will be fulfilled. Every prophecy will come to pass. And it can only be inerrant if it is the Word of God. With man's knowledge constantly growing and adapting to new understandings, were the Bible a result of man's knowledge, it would be full of ridiculous ideas that by now would have been proven false. Yet it



remains true and unchanged because it is the Word of God. Despite the importance the Bible places on simple words (Hebrews 12:27), the tense of a verb (Luke 20:37), and even a single letter (Galatians 3:16), it holds no error. Because it is pure, it is able to purify and save. The psalmist declared that by the Word a man's way is cleansed; Jesus stated that through the Word we are sanctified; and Paul affirmed that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Memorize these verses and know that you can trust the Word of God. Additional reading: Psalm 12:6; Psalm 119:9; Psalm 119:130; Luke 21:33; John 17:17; John 20:30-31; Romans 15:4; I Peter 1:25; II Peter 1:19.

□ **Day 4** **Psalm 119:89**

For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

□ **Day 5** **Psalm 119:105**

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

□ **Day 6** **Romans 1:16**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Apply the Scripture:

What does the word "inerrant" mean? How is it different from the word "infallible"?

Explain how the Word of God is like "a lamp unto my feet" and "a light unto my path."

What is your definition of "the gospel"? What is the Apostle Paul's definition of "the gospel" in I Corinthians 15:1-4?

The Word of God Should Be Loved and Hidden in Our Hearts

It is not enough to be merely a student of the Bible. Knowledge puffeth up, and the letter killeth; but charity edifieth, and the Spirit giveth life. It is not enough to have the Word in your head only. You must approach it with a heart-felt passion that saturates you from the inner man outward. In the last days, God will send a strong delusion upon all who do not receive a love of the truth (II Thessalonians 2:10-11). You will be saved from believing a lie, not simply by *knowing* the truth, but by *loving* the truth. Memorize these verses and hide them in your heart. Additional reading: Psalm 37:31; Psalm 119:16; Psalm 119:72; Psalm 119:97; Colossians 3:16.

□ **Day 7** **Joshua 1:8**

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.



□ **Day 8**

Psalm 119:11

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Apply the Scripture:

Choose one particularly challenging or inspiring verse of Scripture and meditate on it for 10 minutes. Now, write down what God speaks to you through that verse.

What is the total number of Bible verses you have committed to memory (including the 8 from M90 version 2011)? “Committed to memory” means you can still quote them today and give the Scripture reference. What are some benefits of memorizing Scripture?

How has Scripture kept you from sinning against God in the past?

The Oneness of the Godhead

Why is there so much confusion about the nature (and number) of God? Paul’s words to the church at Colossae provide as succinct an answer as any: “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.” Paul then follows this warning with the reason for it: “For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.” When men trust more in their own philosophizing and the empty self-delusion that results; when they rely more upon their own tradition and ceremonialism, than the inspired, infallible scriptures of the Word of God, the result is that even the most straightforward and fundamental fact about God—that He is one, unalterably and indivisibly one—can be lost. Memorize these verses and know that God is One! Additional reading: Psalm 86:10; Isaiah 45:21-22; I Timothy 2:5; James 2:19; Revelation 1:8.

□ **Day 9**

Deuteronomy 6:4

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

□ **Day 10**

Isaiah 43:10

Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

□ **Day 11**

Isaiah 43:11

I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

□ **Day 12**

Ephesians 4:5

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

□ **Day 13**

Ephesians 4:6

One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.



Apply the Scripture:

Why is it important to understand the nature of God? Does this understanding come from knowledge or revelation?

What does the term “Godhead” mean?

What practical benefits are derived from an understanding of the oneness of the Godhead?

God Is a Spirit

Ancient civilizations conveniently fashioned their gods in the images of themselves. God commanded Israel never to do so (Exodus 20:4). He is a Spirit and is limitless in every sense of the word. Any statue or image to be worshiped as God does disservice to His scope and being. Any references to His hands, eyes, ears, etc. are simply figures of speech to help comprehend the incomprehensible. Memorize these verses and know that God is a Spirit. Additional reading: I Kings 8:27; Acts 17:24-25; II Corinthians 3:17.

□ Day 14 **John 4:24**

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

□ Day 15 **I Timothy 1:17**

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Apply the Scripture:

Since God is a Spirit can you feel Him? What do you mean when you say you “feel” God?

Define these three terms that are often used to describe the Spirit of God—“omnipresent,” “omnipotent,” and “omniscient.”

God Was Manifest in the Flesh as Jesus Christ

The Scriptures do not teach that one-third of God was manifest in the flesh but that God Himself and the entire quality of His being dwelt in a physical body—the person of Jesus Christ. When you get to Heaven, all of God that you and everyone else will ever see for all eternity will be Jesus. While God, in Christ Jesus, became something He had never before been—a man—He never ceased to be all He had ever been—the great I AM. Memorize these verses and know that God was manifest in the flesh to die for your sins. Additional reading: Isaiah 9:6; Matthew



1:20-23; John 1:18; John 8:57-58; John 10:30; John 14:8-10; Philippians 2:5-8; Colossians 1:15; Colossians 1:19.

- **Day 16** **John 1:1**
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- **Day 17** **John 1:14**
And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
- **Day 18** **II Corinthians 5:19**
To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
- **Day 19** **Colossians 2:9**
For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.
- **Day 20** **I Timothy 3:16**
And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Apply the Scripture:

Use a Bible dictionary or Wikipedia to learn the Greek definition of “word” used in John Chapter 1.

Why was the “Incarnation” necessary? By the way, what does “Incarnation” mean?

Jesus Is the One Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Simple logic tells us that if A = B and B = C, then A = C. All three values are the same, despite their representation as A, B, and C, respectively. Jesus, as the Son (Matthew 1:21), said that He had come in His Father’s name (John 5:43) and that the Holy Ghost would come in His name (John 14:26). So if Jesus = Son and Jesus = Father and Jesus = Holy Ghost, then Son = Father = Holy Ghost. All three are the same despite different manifestations. To put it as simply as possible, Jesus = Jesus = Jesus. Memorize these verses and know that there is one God and His name is Jesus. Additional reading: Zechariah 14:9; Matthew 28:19; John 14:17-18; Acts 4:12; Acts 7:59; Acts 9:5.



- **Day 21** **Matthew 1:21**
And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

- **Day 22** **John 5:43**
I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

- **Day 23** **John 14:26**
But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Apply the Scripture:

What does the name “Jesus” mean?

Have you ever called on the name of Jesus in a moment of crisis? What was the result?

Man Is Born in Sin

Just as physical genes transfer physical traits from one generation to the next, so spiritual genes have transferred the trait of sin from Adam and Eve, our original parents, to every generation that has followed them. Sin is no surface problem; it is a spiritually genetic defect. The heart of man is deceitful and desperately wicked (Jeremiah 17:9), his mind cannot understand spiritual things (I Corinthians 2:14), his conscience is dull and insensitive (Ephesians 4:19; Titus 1:15), his will cannot do good, even if he desires to (Romans 7:19), and his best efforts are but filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). Memorize these verses and know that all have sinned. Additional reading: Isaiah 64:6; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:10-12; Romans 5:12; Romans 6:23; James 1:14-15; I John 1:8.

- **Day 24** **Psalms 51:5**
Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

- **Day 25** **Romans 3:23**
For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Apply the Scripture:

Man is a sinner. How does this harsh reality make you feel? What is your response to this fact?



Do you remember how old you were when you began to realize that you were a sinner?
How did you respond?

Jesus Christ Provides Salvation

Although He is the Master Teacher, the Great Physician, the Lion of Judah, the Lily of the Valley and so much more, Jesus' primary mission is as Redeemer and Savior. As the Light, it is only by Him that you are no longer in darkness (John 12:46). As the Door, it is only by Him you shall enter and be saved (John 10:9). As the Vine, it is only in Him you can abide, for without Him, you can do nothing (John 15:5). As the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, it is only by His precious blood that you are redeemed (I Peter 1:18-20). As the Way, the Truth, and the Life, salvation, by whatever metaphor, is only by Jesus Christ. Memorize these verses and know that Jesus is your savior. Additional reading: Isaiah 53:2-7; Luke 2:11; Luke 19:10; John 1:29; John 3:14-17; John 15:13; Romans 6:23; I Timothy 1:15; Hebrews 2:9; I Peter 2:24; Revelation 5:9.

- **Day 26** **Isaiah 12:2**
Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.
- **Day 27** **John 3:16**
For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Apply the Scripture:

Use a Bible dictionary or Google to discover the Greek words and definitions for "Jehovah" and "salvation" in Isaiah 12:2.

Is Jesus a way or the only Way? What does your answer mean for other religions?

The Blood of a Sinless Sacrifice Atoned for Our Sins

Sin took life from Adam and Eve. The only acceptable recourse for life taken is life given. As life is derived from blood (Leviticus 17:11), the first animals were slain to cover the sin of Adam and Eve. Cain's sacrifice of vegetables was rejected because it offered no blood, no life, in restitution for his sin. And so for centuries the blood of countless animals was spilt to cover (atone) sin, though it was not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away (remit) sin (Hebrews 10:4). The remission of sins to obtain eternal redemption, required a sacrifice unlike any ever offered, unlike any mankind could offer: a perfect and sinless sacrifice, which only God Himself could become. As He who knew no sin, Jesus Christ was once offered for all sin, for all mankind, for all time. Memorize these verses and know that the blood of Jesus Christ paid



the penalty for your sins. Additional reading: Exodus 12:13; Leviticus 17:11; Matthew 26:28; Hebrews 9:14; Hebrews 9:22; I John 1:7.

□ **Day 28** **I Peter 1:18**

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

□ **Day 29** **I Peter 1:19**

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Apply the Scripture:

Use Webster's Dictionary and a Bible Dictionary to define the terms "redeem," "conversation," and "atone." Note the difference in the definitions from each source.

If all men are born in sin, and Jesus was born of a woman, how can His blood be "without blemish and without spot"?

Obedience Is Essential to Salvation

Jesus' first recorded words were that He *must* be about His Father's business (Luke 2:49). Years before it would even begin, His earthly ministry was already predicated upon obedience. In fact, He revealed that it was obedience that was His life's motivating and sustaining factor when he told his disciples, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" (John 4:34). Even in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed, "Not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42). If Jesus was not exempt from obedience to obtain salvation for mankind, neither are you exempt from obedience in order to share in it. Memorize these verses and obey the Word of God. Additional Reading: Acts 5:32; Romans 6:16; James 1:25.

□ **Day 30** **1 Samuel 15:22**

And Samuel said, hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

□ **Day 31** **Revelation 22:14**

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.



Apply the Scripture:

Write out a practical application of the Scriptural principal, “to obey is better than sacrifice.” What does this mean in your daily life?

Obedience must lead to submission. What is the difference between obedience and submission?

Saving Faith and Belief Is Essential to Salvation

Faith is more than a mental exercise. If just believing was all that was necessary for salvation, the devil himself would be saved (James 2:19). Faith is inherently an action word. Person after person named in Hebrews 11 demonstrated their faith by their action, for there is no true faith without action. Obedience is the litmus test of your faith, not your feelings. Feelings should follow faith, not the other way around. “Do you believe?” is always more accurately asked, “Do you obey?” The answer to the first question is safely limited to your own evaluation and interpretation of your thoughts and beliefs, just as today’s world likes it. The answer to the second question, however—your actions for all to see—is under no such limitation. Faith that obeys is the only faith that saves. Memorize these verses and have faith in God. Additional reading: Mark 16:16; John 7:38; Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9-13.

□ Day 32 **Ephesians 2:8**

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

□ Day 33 **Hebrews 11:6**

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Apply the Scripture:

Recount a time when your faith in God was challenged, either by someone or a difficult circumstance. Did your faith in God pass the test?

Read the context of Hebrews 11:6. Whose faith pleased God? What actions preceded him having God-pleasing faith?

What is the difference between faith and trust?



Repentance Is Essential to Salvation

The call to repent is not an invitation, it is a command; and those who refuse are guilty of further disobedience before God. Repentance involves four vital elements: 1) you must confess that you are a sinner, alone responsible for your sins; 2) you must determine to forsake sin; 3) you must turn to God as the only hope of your salvation; and, 4) you must be willing to make restitution to the degree possible for wrongs against others. Godly sorrow is more than feeling badly—Judas Iscariot felt remorse, but hung himself rather than repent. Godly sorrow brings a carefulness not to sin, an indignation against sin, a desire to restore what sin has taken, and a longing to save others from the present and eternal effects of sin. Repentance is a prerequisite to receiving anything from God. Just as the altar of sacrifice in the Old Testament tabernacle was the first station on the path into the presence of the Lord, so your drawing near to God must always begin with repentance. Memorize these verses and repent of your sins. Additional reading: Psalm 34:18; Isaiah 55:7; Ezekiel 18:21; Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19; Acts 17:30; II Corinthians 7:10.

□ **Day 34** **II Chronicles 7:14**

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

□ **Day 35** **II Peter 3:9**

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Apply the Scripture:

What is the literal translation of the word “repent”?

Repentance should be an important part of your daily devotion. Have you repented today? If not, pause and spend some time in repentance before God.

What is the relationship between us forgiving others and God forgiving us?

Water Baptism Is Essential to Salvation

The Red Sea marked the boundary for the children of Israel between their future in God’s promised land and their past slavery in Egypt. Crossing obediently and miraculously on dry land, however, was not yet enough to ensure their deliverance. It was not until Pharaoh’s army, and the many years of bondage it represented, were washed away by the collapsing walls of water were the Israelites truly free from their oppressors. Paul wrote that they had been “baptized...in the cloud and in the sea” (I Corinthians 10:2), paralleling Jesus’ words that a



man cannot enter the kingdom of God, except he be born of water and of the Spirit (John 3:5).
Memorize these verses and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of your sins.
Additional reading: John 3:3-5; Acts 2:38; I Peter 3:20-21.

□ **Day 36** **Mark 16:16**

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

□ **Day 37** **John 3:5**

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Apply the Scriptures:

What is the Greek word for “baptism” and what does it mean?

Is it important how you are baptized? Why?

Have you been baptized? Recount the experience. Have you told your friends about your baptism experience?

Water Baptism Should Be Performed in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ

Right now, take a piece of paper and before going any further, write on it the name of your father or mother or guardian, then come back and read on . . . Done? I wrote, “David,” as that is my father’s name; and you, I’m sure, wrote the first name of the father, mother, or guardian in your life. What you did *not* write was “the name of my father or mother or guardian” because you understood that those literal words held no value compared to the person’s actual name. The apostles understood this same fact in the instruction of Jesus to baptize in the “name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” when they in turn only ever baptized in Jesus’ name. Memorize these verses and know that Jesus is the only saving name. Additional reading: Matthew 28:19; Acts 8:12, 14-16; Acts 10:47-48; Acts 19:1-5; Acts 22:16; Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:27.

□ **Day 38** **Acts 2:38**

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

□ **Day 39** **Acts 4:12**

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Apply the Scriptures:

If you have not done so already, do the exercise explained in the paragraph above.

In the context of the 1st century culture, what does the phrase “in the name of” imply?

Is it important to actually speak out loud the words “in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ” when someone is baptized? Why?

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost Is Essential to Salvation

Encountering disciples of John at Ephesus and having them re-baptized in Jesus’ name was not sufficient for Paul. He then laid his hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost (Acts 19:7), once again confirming Peter’s day of Pentecost words, “ye *shall* receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38). Paul would later write in Romans that not only is it by the Spirit’s witness that we are the children of God (Romans 8:16), but without the Spirit we are none of His (Romans 8:9). Jesus Himself told Nicodemus that without being born again of the Spirit you cannot enter into the kingdom of God (John 3:6). The Holy Ghost is not an optional spiritual accessory; it is essential to your ultimate salvation. Memorize these verses and experience the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Additional reading: Ezekiel 36:26-27; Joel 2:28-29; Zechariah 4:6; Matthew 3:11; Luke 11:13; Luke 24:49; John 3:3-8; John 14:16-18; Acts 1:4-5; Acts 2:16-18; Acts 2:37-39; Acts 8:14-17; Acts 10:44-47; Acts 19:1-6.

- ☐ **Day 40** **John 3:7**
Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
- ☐ **Day 41** **John 7:38**
He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.
- ☐ **Day 42** **John 7:39**
(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)
- ☐ **Day 43** **Romans 8:9**
But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Apply the Scriptures:

What is the Scriptural definition of being “born again”?



Have you received the baptism of the Holy Ghost? Recount the experience. Have you told your friends about your experience?

Speaking in Tongues Is the Initial Physical Evidence of the Infilling of the Holy Ghost

James described the tongue as the most unruly member of the body and untamable (James 3:8). He likened it to a bit in a horse's bridle and the rudder on a ship (James 3:3-4): although it is small, it can determine your direction. If your tongue can be brought under submission, then your whole body will follow. It was with this innate understanding that God chose speaking in other tongues as the sign of full surrender in the moment that the Holy Ghost is received. Every Book of Acts account—in Jerusalem (ch. 2), in Samaria (ch. 8), in Caesarea (ch. 10), in Ephesus (ch. 19)—includes obvious physical evidence of the infilling of the Holy Ghost. Just as the Jews who came with Peter to Cornelius's house knew that the Gentiles had received the Holy Ghost because "they heard them speak with tongues" (Acts 10:46), so you today can be assured that your experience is the same as the apostolic church of the first century when you speak with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. Memorize these verses and know that speaking in tongues is the initial, physical evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Additional reading: Acts 2:1-11; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 19:6.

- **Day 44** **Isaiah 28:11**
For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.
- **Day 45** **Mark 16:17**
And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
- **Day 46** **Acts 2:4**
And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Apply the Scripture:

Is it possible to receive the Holy Ghost without speaking in tongues? Explain.

What does the phrase "as the Spirit gave them utterance" mean?

Have you ever been mocked because you speak in tongues, or been asked to speak in tongues on command? If so, how did you respond?

The Benefits of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost

God never intended for your Holy Ghost experience to be a “one and done” event. The gift of God comes with a myriad of blessings and benefits to help you live a life that overcomes sin, Satan, and yourself. In addition to the fruit of the Spirit to be manifested in your life, and the gifts of the Spirit meant to edify yourself and the church, the Holy Ghost also adopts (Romans 8:15), teaches (John 14:26, 16:3), refreshes (Acts 3:19), empowers (Acts 1:8), emboldens (Acts 4:31-33), intercedes (Romans 8:26-27), seals (Ephesians 1:13-14), frees (II Corinthians 3:17), and resurrects (Romans 8:11). Memorize these verses and experience the benefits of the Holy Ghost. Additional reading: Luke 12:12; John 6:63; John 14:26; John 16:13; Acts 4:31-33; Romans 5:5; Romans 8:11-17; II Corinthians 3:6; II Corinthians 3:17; Ephesians 1:13-14.

- **Day 47** **Isaiah 28:12**
To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.
- **Day 48** **Acts 1:8**
But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
- **Day 49** **Romans 8:26**
Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Apply the Scripture:

Add to the list of benefits listed above. How has the Holy Ghost personally benefitted your life?

Acts 1:8 says that you shall be a witness. How has the Holy Ghost helped you witness to your friends? If you have not allowed the Holy Ghost to use you in this way, pray for boldness and courage to be a witness.

Prayer Is a Daily Essential Part of Our Walk with God

Every mighty move of God, whether individually or collectively, from biblical times to today, has been preceded by penitent and hungering prayer. Revival happens where prayer is a priority. It is not something to be relegated to the pastor, elders, or “prayer warriors” of your church. Whatever you do, do not neglect your personal daily prayer and devotion with God. Eliminate the verbiage and clichés that are repetitious and lack true meaning. Talk to God openly from your heart. Let your conversation with Him be fresh, spontaneous, honest, and



thankful. Prayer is an attitude as well as an activity. Memorize these verses and walk with God through prayer. Additional reading: II Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 91:15; Isaiah 56:7; Jeremiah 29:13; Matthew 6:5-8; Matthew 7:7; Matthew 18:19; Matthew 26:41; Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6; I Thessalonians 5:17; I Timothy 2:8; James 5:13-18.

- ☐ **Day 50** **Matthew 6:9**
After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
- ☐ **Day 51** **Matthew 6:10**
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
- ☐ **Day 52** **Matthew 6:11**
Give us this day our daily bread.
- ☐ **Day 53** **Matthew 6:12**
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
- ☐ **Day 54** **Matthew 6:13**
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Apply the Scripture:

Take time right now to pray through the Lord's prayer. Personalize it. For example, pray verse ten by saying, "Thy kingdom come *in me*, Thy will be done *in me*, as it is in heaven."

Start using a prayer journal if you don't already. This accountability will help you develop a consistent prayer life. Record the date, time, prayer requests, answered prayers, and things God speaks to you.

Fasting Is an Important Practice in Our Christian Life

It is God's expectation that you fast. Jesus said, "*when* ye fast," not, "*if* ye fast." Fasting is not about changing God—it is not a hunger strike to force God's hand—it is about changing you. Fasting denies your flesh of one of its most basic needs, food, so your dependence upon God and His spiritual meat may grow (John 4:32). Greater dependence upon Him means greater preeminence for Him. Fasting is never to be used to impress others with your spirituality, but to quiet your flesh that you might hear from God more clearly. Memorize these verses and deny your flesh through fasting. Additional reading: Joel 2:12; Matthew 6:16-18; Acts 13:2; Acts 14:23.



- **Day 55** **Joel 1:14**
Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord,

- **Day 56** **Matthew 17:21**
Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Apply the Scripture:

What is the Biblical definition of the word “fast”?

What is the longest that you have ever fasted? Recount that experience. What was the spiritual result?

It is important that you deny your flesh by fasting food, but have you ever fasted other things besides food? How about the internet, facebook, video games, sports, magazines, music, your cell phone? Sometimes we need to turn all the noise off so we can hear the voice of God.

Bible Study Is Vital to Spiritual Growth

To defeat Satan during His time of temptation in the wilderness, Jesus quoted scripture He had undoubtedly learned as a young person. In your own fight against the devil, you can only wield the sword of the Spirit to the degree that you know and live the Word of God. Johann Bengel is quoted as saying, “Apply thyself wholly to the Scriptures, and apply the Scriptures wholly to thyself.” The Bible is a mirror in which not only do you see yourself as you are now (James 1:23-24), but by continuing to look into it more deeply and openly, you will see yourself changed from glory to glory to look more and more like Jesus (II Corinthians 3:18). Memorize these verses and grow in God. Additional reading: Deuteronomy 17:19; Psalm 119:11; Isaiah 34:16; Matthew 4:4; Matthew 22:29; John 5:39.

- **Day 57** **Hosea 4:6**
My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

- **Day 58** **II Timothy 2:15**
Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Apply the Scripture:

Choose a topic not covered in M90 and study what the Bible says about that topic. Write a topic description and list the Scripture references that are applicable.

What does it mean to “rightly divide the word of truth”?

We Are Commanded to Worship and Praise the Lord

If you have breath, then you qualify to worship and praise the Lord. In fact, not only do you qualify, but you are commanded to. His greatness demands praise; His holy perfection requires worship. While worship may take personal and even private forms, praise by its very nature is to be done outwardly and openly, not *for* others, but to draw others’ attention toward your God. You cannot truly worship that which you do not know. If you are not compelled to worship, it may well be because you do not know God as well as you should. To know Him is to worship and praise Him, because He is great, He is holy, He is wonderful, and He is worthy! Memorize these verses and worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. Additional reading: I Chronicles 16:29; Psalm 9:11; Psalm 22:3; Psalm 47:1; Psalm 95:1-2; Psalm 95:6; Psalm 100:4; Psalm 150:1-6; Ephesians 5:18-19; Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 13:15.

- ☐ **Day 59** **Psalm 150:6**
Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.
- ☐ **Day 60** **John 4:23**
But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
- ☐ **Day 61** **I Peter 2:9**
But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

Apply the Scripture:

What is the difference between “praise” and “worship”?

What is the literal translation of the words “spirit” and “truth” in John 4:32?

How can you practically reflect the praises (attributes) of God to those who are in darkness?

Regular Church Attendance Is Necessary and Spiritually Enriching

It is impossible to miss church and not feel the effects of it in your spirit. One of the crucial reasons we come together is to edify (build up) the body of Christ, the church. If you are not there to help edify others, you will fail to be edified yourself. David sang of how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity (Psalm 133) because agreement in the church brings anointing from the top of the head to the sole of the feet, from the senior-most pastor to the newest of converts. It was under just such conditions of agreement and togetherness that the Holy Ghost fell as the charter members of the church were “with one accord in one place” (Acts 2:1). Memorize these verses and faithfully visit the house of God. Additional reading: I Chronicles 29:3; Psalm 84:4; Psalm 84:10; Psalm 122:1; Luke 4:16.

- **Day 62** **Psalm 27:4**
One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.
- **Day 63** **Hebrews 10: 25**
Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Apply the Scripture:

Track your church attendance on a spreadsheet to analyze your faithfulness to the house of God. If the results are disappointing how can you improve your faithfulness?

What is “the day” referring to in Hebrews 10:25?

Christ-likeness Is Exhibited in the Life of a Maturing Believer

Having been born again, God doesn’t intend for you to barely make it into Heaven by the skin of your teeth, or to put life in neutral and hope to coast through the pearly gates. He has made provision for you to live life “more abundantly” (John 10:10) as an overcomer and conqueror. Everything you need for growth and maturity is found in Jesus Christ and His Word. Memorize these verses and mature in Christ. Additional reading: I Corinthians 13:11; Ephesians 4:11-13; I Peter 2:1-3; II Peter 1:4-9; II Peter 3:18.

- **Day 64** **Ephesians 4: 14**
That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;



- **Day 65** **Ephesians 4: 15**
But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

- **Day 66** **Ephesians 4: 16**
From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Apply the Scripture:

Take a spiritual inventory of your life. Is there an area where you need to grow? How can you mature spiritually in that area?

What does it mean to “speak the truth in love”?

The Fruit of the Spirit Is Evident in the Spirit-filled Life

God created every tree to bring forth fruit “after his kind” (Genesis 1:11) through the seed each fruit contains. As branches of the “true vine” (John 15:1-6), you are no different. The fruit of the Spirit is to be manifested in your life, making you more like Jesus and attracting others to “taste and see” (Psalm 34:8) so that the Word of God might be sown in their lives. Memorize these verses and manifest the fruit of the Spirit. Additional reading: I Corinthians 13:4-8; Ephesians 5:8-10; Philippians 1:9-11.

- **Day 67** **Galatians 5:22**
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

- **Day 68** **Galatians 5:23**
Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Apply the Scripture:

Use a Bible dictionary to look up the definition of each fruit of the Spirit.

For each fruit of the Spirit list one way you can practically manifest it in your life.

The Gifts of the Spirit Are to Be Active in the Church

The gifts of the Spirit are available to, and to be used by, all believers, not just your pastor or elders. They flow from God’s grace and their use should be motivated by love. As such, they do



not place you on a higher spiritual plane than other believers. The gifts of the Spirit show forth the glory of God; you are merely a willing channel through which God may bless His church. While Paul does encourage to earnestly desire the “best gifts” (I Corinthians 12:31), you must always be God-conscience over being gift-conscience. As you dedicate and yield yourself to Him, His Spirit will flow through you as the need requires. Memorize these verses and make yourself available for God to use you. Additional reading: I Corinthians 12:4-11; I Corinthians 14:1-5; I Corinthians 14:26-28; I Corinthians 14:33; I Corinthians 14:39-40.

□ **Day 69** **I Corinthians 12:4**

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

□ **Day 70** **I Corinthians 12:5**

And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

□ **Day 71** **I Corinthians 12:6**

And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

Apply the Scripture:

List the gifts of the Spirit and describe how they are used to edify the body of Christ.

What is the difference between the “gift of the Holy Ghost” and the “gifts of the Spirit”?

Holiness Should Be Manifested in the Life of the Believer

Holiness is the core attribute of God from which all other attributes flow. God is love because He is holy. God is peace because He is holy. God is patient and gracious because He is holy. The basis, pattern, and standard of all holiness is the holiness of God Himself. You and I could never follow such a pattern or attain to such a standard on our own, which is why God “made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (II Corinthians 5:21). By your faith in the work of Christ on Calvary, you may be “found in him,” not having your own righteousness, but “the righteousness which is of God” (Philippians 3:9). God will never require you to be that which He will not enable you to be. Memorize these verses and live a life of holiness. Additional reading: Psalm 29:2; Isaiah 35:8; Matthew 5:8; II Corinthians 7:1; Ephesians 4:22-24; Ephesians 5:25-27; I Thessalonians 3:12-13; II Peter 3:11; Revelation 21:27;

□ **Day 72** **Leviticus 20:26**

And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the Lord am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.



□ **Day 73** **Hebrews 12:14**

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Apply the Scripture:

What does the term “holiness” mean to you? After giving your personal definition use a Bible dictionary or Google to get another definition.

Holiness is the only attribute of God that he commanded us to emulate. How can you manifest holiness in a practical way in your daily life?

We Are Separated for God and from the World

Just as you can't have momentum without direction, so distinction without purpose is of no value. You are called to be separate *from* the world so that you might be separate *for* God; and you cannot be separate *for* God without being separate *from* the world. Peter wasn't name-calling when he labeled you “peculiar” (I Peter 2:9). He meant that you are God's unique, purchased possession, no longer your own, but distinctly His. Jesus Christ valued you so highly that He sacrificed Himself to buy you back from sin and make you His own. It is His purpose then that your life now glorify God and show forth His praises. Memorize these verses and be separate. Additional reading: Deuteronomy 12:30; Psalm 19:14; Psalm 101:3; I Corinthians 6:9-11, 15-20; I Corinthians 15:33; II Corinthians 6:14-17; Ephesians 4:29-32; Ephesians 5:11; Colossians 3:2; Colossians 3:8; II Timothy 2:4; Titus 2:11-12; I John 2:15.

□ **Day 74** **Romans 12:1**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

□ **Day 75** **Romans 12:2**

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

□ **Day 76** **I Corinthians 6:19**

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

□ **Day 77** **I Corinthians 6:20**

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.



□ **Day 78** **II Corinthians 6:17**

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

Apply the Scripture:

What does “separate for God” and “separate from the world” mean to you?

What is a “living sacrifice”?

Make a list detailing the areas of your life that should reflect a difference from the life of your non-saved friends.

Our Apparel and Adornment Should Glorify God and Reflect Christ in Us

Holiness should never be just a doctrine to which you adhere outwardly because “that’s what my pastor teaches,” or “that’s what my church believes.” Holiness is an attitude of the heart that desires to be just like God, whether that means being unlike the world around you or even unlike other young people in your own youth group. That old Sunday school song, “I’ve got something on the inside, that’s showing on the outside...,” remains as true today as when it was first sung. Genuine inner holiness will always be manifested outwardly, not only by how you look and dress, but also by your behavior and relationships. Memorize these verses and glorify God through your lifestyle. Additional reading: I Corinthians 11:3-16; I Peter 3:3-5.

□ **Day 79** **Deuteronomy 22:5**

The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God.

□ **Day 80** **I Corinthians 11:14**

Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

□ **Day 81** **I Corinthians 11:15**

But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

□ **Day 82** **I Timothy 2:8**

I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.



□ **Day 83** **I Timothy 2:9**

In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

Apply the Scripture:

Throughout Scripture, God clearly emphasizes the importance of gender distinction. Make a list of Scriptures that detail the God-defined role of men and women in Scripture.

Do an in-depth study of the Scriptures that command gender distinction in relation to apparel and hair.

Be a Good Steward of God's Resources through Tithes and Offerings

Tithes and offerings belong to God, and failure to pay what you owe makes you a thief (Malachi 3:8). All you have, and all you will ever have, is God's already. It is He who "giveth thee power to get wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:18). God simply requires that you be a good steward of the 90 percent He allows you to keep. Tithing does require faith, and God asks that you prove Him by worshipfully trusting Him. Your tithes are not paid to your pastor, but to God in support of those who give themselves full time to the work of His kingdom. God will take money from a grinch, but He loves a cheerful giver. Why would you not want to please God as often as you could? Faithfully give as you have been blessed, not irresponsibly or haphazardly, and never without first seeking God's direction in your giving. It is His money after all, and you are simply its steward. It is a proven biblical principle that to the degree you give, it shall be given back to you (Luke 6:38). Memorize these verses and faithfully give your tithes and offerings. Additional reading: Genesis 28:22; Exodus 25:2; Leviticus 27:30; Numbers 18:21; Deuteronomy 16:17; Matthew 23:23; Luke 21:1-4; Acts 11:29; I Corinthians 4:2; I Corinthians 9:9, 13-14.

□ **Day 84** **Malachi 3:8**

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

□ **Day 85** **Malachi 3:10**

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.



- **Day 86** **II Corinthians 9:6**
But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.
- **Day 87** **II Corinthians 9:7**
Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Apply the Scripture:

What does “tithe” mean? What does “offering” mean?

Recount a time you put God first in your finances and gave sacrificially to his kingdom. Was God faithful to help you meet your financial needs?

Giving principles to live by: 1) Prove God by giving your tithes and offerings before you pay any other bills; 2) Pay tithes on your gross increase (before taxes); and, 3) Consistently give five percent of your increase as offering.

Honor and Submission Are to Be Given to God-ordained Authority

Leadership in the church will always be prone to attack because Satan knows that to undermine the leadership is to compromise the effectiveness of the church. Speak positively to others about your pastor and prayerfully to God for him, and you will support the very covering God has ordained to protect you. Even when David knew Saul had been rejected by God, he insisted that he would not touch God’s anointed or do him any harm (I Chronicles 16:22). How much more care and esteem should you give the godly spiritual authorities in your life? It is the anointing of God above any charisma, speaking ability, or management style that qualifies your pastor to be your pastor. Memorize these verses and submit to the spiritual authority in your life. Additional reading: I Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 2:19-22; I Timothy 5:17.

- **Day 88** **I Thessalonians 5:12**
And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;
- **Day 89** **I Thessalonians 5:13**
And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.
- **Day 90** **Hebrews 13:17**
Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Apply the Scripture:

Write a thank you letter to your pastor and youth pastor (use actual pen and paper instead of an email or text). Express appreciation for their leadership in your life and for the spiritual guidance they provide.

What is the difference between obedience and submission? You can have obedience without submission, but you cannot have submission without obedience. Obedience without submission will breed resentment and eventually rebellion.

Recount a time you obeyed and submitted even though you did not agree with the given instruction. What was the end result of your obedience and submission to authority?

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James 1:22-25

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Live the Word!