

## SCRIPTURE STUDY SERIES – LESSON #6

### A STUDY IN THE ART OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

#### Designed Especially For New Converts and Christians Desiring Greater Fulfillment

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#### WORKING FOR THE LORD

Jesus is calling His church to accomplish a work for Him that His Name may be magnified and glorified, and that His power may be manifested in the lives of His children. He is looking for those who are willing to be emptied of self and filled with the Lord so that they may reap a harvest in this end-time. Christ's work through you is a continual lifetime process, which is renewed daily. You may have a new motivation flowing out of your life. Christ has redeemed you...you now belong to Him. As a result, you have a new work in life. Christ has a claim to your life, and He gives direction and guidance in any and all decisions. Commitment is not a single act which you, as a Christian, made once for life, but daily you grow by specific commitments in new areas and at new levels. Jesus at age 12 was committed to a ministry when He said, **“I must be about my Father's business.” (Luke 2:49)** However, it was years later before He realized the results of that commitment. Then another great commitment was required of Him, which led Him to pray in the garden, **“O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me.” (Matthew 26:39)** Three times He prayed this prayer to the Father, but always followed it with a surrender of His will ... **“Nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”** Because He was faithful to His Father in obedience and went to the cross, He could acclaim with authority, **“It is finished,”** and provide so great salvation for the world. You will also find that the very happiest place in the world is the center of God's will. No amount of self effort or even prayer on your part could bring you the satisfaction and joy your heart craves as the assurance and knowledge that you are where Jesus wants you to be and are doing what he wants you to do. Human planning for a Christian can never take the place of God's divine blueprint for his life. Misguided enthusiasm must never be substituted for the power that is given in the unfolding of God's orderly plan for our lives. Christ desires to work in your life to make you efficient in what you are and what you do in every area of your life. God's plan for you includes total success in all you do, and it is so much deeper and broader than you could ever realize. It is vitally important that you discover His plan or will and fulfill His plan. What a joy it is for me to share with you that the Lord is even now shedding His light across your pathway. As you search these scriptures, Jesus will reveal the work that He wants you to accomplish for Him, and your part will be to rejoice in the privilege of serving Him.

Scriptures to study: Romans 12:1-2, Colossians 3:4-10, Ephesians 4:13-15

A. As a born again Christian, with whom do we labor? (I Corinthians 3:9, I Corinthians 15:58)

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B. You are the human instrument. Who does the work through you? (I Corinthians 3:7)

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C. You are now building upon a new foundation. What instruction should you have for this building? (Romans 12:3)

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D. If you would continue to sin repeatedly, what would happen to you as a believer? (Revelation 3:19)

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E. There are certain hindrances to the work of God. What human characteristic can be singled out in the following verse? (I Peter 5:5)

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F. If you are humble, who will exalt you? (James 4:10)

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G. As a believer, you can expect grace and peace. What is the condition for this? (II Peter 1:2)

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H. When one finds his delight in God and in His service, what can that person confidently conclude? (II Peter 1:10)

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I. If you have some doubts as to what is proper for you to do as a Christian, what is the instruction given in the following verses? (Colossians 3:1-2)

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J. You have just started what is proper for you to do. How do we discover the things in the last verse you just used? (Colossians 3:16)

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K. "I have \_\_\_\_\_ you in every \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ like this, that you must \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. And \_\_\_\_\_ the words of the \_\_\_\_\_, that He said, It is more \_\_\_\_\_ to give than to \_\_\_\_\_." (Acts 20:35)

L. "For our \_\_\_\_\_ is this: the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ that we conducted ourselves in the world in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, not with \_\_\_\_\_ but by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and more \_\_\_\_\_ toward you." (II Corinthians 1:12)

M. "Let him who \_\_\_\_\_ steal no longer, but \_\_\_\_\_ let him \_\_\_\_\_, working with his \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, that he may \_\_\_\_\_ something to \_\_\_\_\_ who has \_\_\_\_\_." (Ephesians 4:28)

N. "If you \_\_\_\_\_ in Me, and My \_\_\_\_\_ in you, you will \_\_\_\_\_ what you desire, and it shall be \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_." (John 15:7)

O. "For we \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, not by \_\_\_\_\_." (II Corinthians 5:7)

P. "\_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_ lusts; but pursue \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ with those who \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ out of a \_\_\_\_\_ heart." (II Timothy 2:22)

Q. "Holding \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ as he has been \_\_\_\_\_, that he may be \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, both to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ those who contradict." (Titus 1:9)

R. "If anyone \_\_\_\_\_ Me, let him \_\_\_\_\_ Me; and \_\_\_\_\_ I am, there My \_\_\_\_\_ will be also. If anyone \_\_\_\_\_ Me, him My \_\_\_\_\_ will honor." (John 12:26)

S. As followers and workers with God, what must we do? II Corinthians 6:3-10 will help you answer this.

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