

Bible Study, Becoming More Like Jesus, Series 2, Week 1

Day: 1 Showing God's Character More And More

1. Place God's characteristics in chronological order
2. Which characteristics of God are described in?
 - 1 Peter 1: 14-16
 - 1 John 4: 8-11
3. What is preventing God's characteristics from materializing in our lives?
4. What is the role of the following to help us to become like Jesus?
 - The Holy Spirit
 - The Word of God
 - Hardships and Problems
5. What does Hebrews 12: 1-3 teach us about becoming like Jesus more and more?
6. How do you know a person is a hypocrite?
7. Further Reading:
 - Matthew 23: 1-33. Jesus unmasks hypocrisy
 - 2 Corinthians 4: 7-18. Despondency prevents true profit
 - 2 Corinthians 6: 3-11. Formed by hardships
 - Galatians 5: 16-25. The Spirit forms us in the image of Jesus
 - Psalm 103: 8-13. God is good

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Day: 2 Living A Spirit Filled Life

Read Galatians 5: 2-26

1. What does it mean to live a Spirit Filled life?
2. Who controls your life when you are living a spirit filled life?
3. What does a Spirit filled life looks like?

4. Why do I have to "allow" the Holy Spirit to fill me?
5. LET your life be controlled by the spirit, why is that a command? Galatians 5: 16 and 25
6. Do we still have a free will?
7. Why does God not simply "rush" in and force us?
8. How does one stay under the control of the Spirit in a practical way?
9. Do you only have to make the choice once?
10. What is the role of prayer in your choices?
11. What does John 10: 28 tell us in this respect?
12. How does the Bible describe a child of God that has inherited it all? Romans 8: 13-17
13. Should a Christian enjoy life?
14. Do you have to make a choice for the Holy Spirit again?
- 15 Further Reading:
 - Matthew 7: 14-23. Church goes not given over to the Holy Spirit
 - Romans 12: 9-21. Church goes given over to the Holy Spirit
 - Matthew 5: 17-48. God's law in practice

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Day: 3 Stumbling Blocks

1. How does Satan use the following as stumbling blocks for Christians?
 - Money 1 Timothy 6: 8-10
 - TV (Christian values, get used to sin, wasting time)
 - Ambition 2 Chronicles 26: 16
 - Anger Ephesians 4: 31-32
 - Friends James 4: 4

2. What is the reason why some Christians stumble easier than others?

- 2 Corinthians 6: 14-15
- James 1: 14-15

3. What is the difference between stumbling and sinning on purpose?

- Hebrew 10: 26-31

4. What are the commands and standards given in the following?

- 2 Corinthians 6: 6
- 2 Corinthians 7: 1

5. What can we do to prevent ourselves from stumbling?

- Luke 22: 40
- Mark 14: 38
- Galatians 5: 16-18

6. Further Reading:

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| • James 3: 1-12. | Tongues that stumble |
| • Philippians 1: 27-30. | The spiritual struggle |
| • Philippians 2: 14-16. | Live irreproachable |
| • Romans 12: 9-21. | Live an exemplary life come what may |
| • Matthew 4: 1-11. | Jesus conquers temptations |

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Day: 4 God Speaks Through His Word

1. What do the following metaphors teach us about the Bible?

- Sword: Hebrews 4: 12
- Mirror: James 1: 23-25
- Lamp: Psalm 119: 105
- Seed: 1 Peter 1: 23-25

2. Why does the Bible have authority?

- 2 Timothy 3: 16

- 2 Peter 1: 21

3. Make a list of the things you would like more light on from God.

4. Try and find the scripture verses that can help you with it.

5. Here are a few general guidelines of some of the issues very prominent in our times:

- Living together and sex before marriage: Deuteronomy 22: 29-22 and John 8: 1-11
- Homosexuality: Romans 1: 26-28, 1 Corinthians 6: 9-10 And Leviticus 20: 13
- People that have never hear of God: John 14: 6, Romans 2: 15, Romans 1: 20 and Romans 10: 13-15
- Christians suffering: Luke 12: 2-3 and 1 Peter 4: 12-19

6. What are consequences of disobeying Gods Word?

- John 3: 36
- 1 Samuel 15: 22
- Jonah 1: 1-12

7. Further Reading:

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| • Hebrews 12: 4-7. | Obedience can be difficult |
| • Philippians 2: 5-14. | Christ teaches us obedience |
| • Jonah 1: 1-12. | The consequences of disobedience |
| • 1 Corinthians 2: 6-16. | The Spirit explains the word |
| • 1 Thessalonians 12: 19-23. | Test if it is God's Word |

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Day: 5 Misleading Voices

Read 2 Peter 2: 1-3

1. Name examples of misleading voices you have heard lately.

2. How do you know when a voice is misleading or false?

3. Why do you have to test religious utterances, visions and prophecies?

- 2 Corinthians 11: 12-15
- Matthew 7: 15-20

4. What is the enemies plan for the Christians? 2 Timothy 4: 1-5

5. How can the following help to make us sure that a word is from God?

- The Bible
- Fellow Christians
- Prayer
- Circumstances

6. Further Reading:

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| • Titus 2: 7-15. | Pure teaching |
| • Titus 3: 8-11. | A Word that you can count on |
| • 2 Thessalonians 2: 9-12. | The power of evil |
| • Philippians 2: 12-21. | Carry out the light of the Word |
| • Hebrews 5: 12-14. | The importance of Bible study |

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Day: 6 Obedient Whatever The Cost

Read Acts 4: 13-22

1. What does this teach us about the price of obedience?
2. What do we learn about the importance of obedience?
3. What do we learn about the blessing of obedience?
4. Discuss the following: "obedience is not easy or cheap"
5. What does Jesus teach about the price that obedient disciples have to pay? Luke 14: 26-27 and 33
6. Describe "cheap Christianity."
7. Further Reading:

- 1 Samuel 15: 22-26. The seriousness of disobedience
- Psalm 32: 8-9. Beware of obstinacy
- Isaiah 1: 15-20. The danger of hypocrisy
- Acts 9: 10-19. The battle and blessing of Ananias' obedience
- Act 10: 11-29. Peter's battle and blessing of obedience

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Day: 7 The Dangerous Comfort Zone

1. What do you think is a dangerous comfort zone?
2. Discuss the following: "Our comfort zone is the biggest factor in our disobedience to God."
3. Describe the following people's battle with their comfort zones:
 - Abraham: Hebrews 11: 17-19
 - Gideon: Judges 6: 14-16
 - Jonah: Jonah 1: 1-3
 - Peter: Mark 14: 66-72
 - Jesus: Matthew 26: 39-46
4. Name examples of comfort zones keeping us back from day to day.
5. What is the secret to conquering comfort zones?
6. Further Reading:
 - Hosea 14: 1-6. God's judgment on sin
 - Hebrews 3: 12-19. Judgment over immovable hearts
 - 1 Samuel 13: 9-14. The result of disobedience
 - Luke 9: 57-62. Refusal to leave comfort zone
 - Luke 9: 23-27. Victory over the power of the comfort zone

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