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INTRODUCTION

“So let us stop going over the basics of Christianity again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don’t need to start all over again with the importance of turning away from evil deeds and placing our faith in God.” Hebrews 6:1 (NLT)

In U-200, we’ll focus on the **Four Basic Habits** of Discipleship, and the discipline of maturing in Jesus Christ, that every follower of Jesus must develop to grow toward Spiritual Maturity.

The goal of this class is that you will commit to the habits necessary for achieving spiritual maturity. Romans 6:19

SPIRITUAL MATURITY AND HABITS

WHAT IS "SPIRITUAL MATURITY?"

Spiritual Maturity is _____ Ephesians 4:13-15

FACTS ABOUT SPIRITUAL MATURITY

- It’s not _____. Hebrews 5:12-13
- It’s a _____. 2 Peter 3:18
- It takes _____. 1 Timothy 4:7

UNDERSTANDING DISCIPLESHIP

1. Mature believers are called _____.
2. I cannot be a disciple without being _____.

3. The more disciplined I become, the _____.
4. The mark of a disciple is _____. Luke 14:27 (NIV)
5. "Cross-bearing" means _____ to give Christ first place in my life!
6. I am to do this _____. Luke 9:23 (NIV)

FOUR HABITS OF A DISCIPLE

1. **Time with God's Word** (John 8:31-32)
2. **Prayer** (John 15:7-8)
3. **Tithing** (Luke 14:33, Deuteronomy 14:23)
4. **Fellowship** (John 13:34-35)

U-202a The Quiet Time Habit

What is Daily Time with God?

Daily Time is also known as Quiet Time with God. A Quiet Time is defined as: "A daily time I set aside to be alone with God to get to know Him through the **Bible** and **prayer**."

THE IMPORTANCE OF A DAILY QUIET TIME

Your time alone with God should be the top priority in your schedule for five reasons:

We were _____ to have fellowship with God. Genesis 1:27, Revelation 3:20

Jesus _____ to make a relationship with God possible. 1 Corinthians 1:9

Personal time alone with God was Jesus's _____.
Luke 5:16, Mark 1:35, Luke 22:39

Every person who has been effective in _____ for God developed this habit. (Abraham, Moses, Daniel, David and Paul to name a few.)

You cannot be a _____ Christian without it!
Matthew 4:4, Job 23:12, Psalm 119:9

THE PURPOSE OF A DAILY QUIET TIME

1. TO GIVE _____ TO GOD. Psalm 29:2, 2 Chronicles 31:21

2. TO GET _____ FROM GOD. Psalm 25:4

For God's direction during quiet time, you must:

- Consider your way Proverbs 4:26, Proverbs 3:6
- Commit your day Psalm 37:5

3. TO _____ IN GOD. Psalm 37:4, Psalm 16:11

FACT: The better I get to know Jesus Christ, the more I love Him.

The objective of your Quiet Time is not to study about Jesus, but to spend time with Him!

4. TO GROW _____ LIKE GOD. 2 Peter 1:4, Acts 4:13

U-202b The Quiet Time Habit

HOW TO BEGIN A DAILY QUIET TIME

1. SELECT A SPECIFIC TIME.

The best time to have a Quiet Time is when you are at your best.

Reasons for considering an early morning Quiet Time:

- The example of Bible characters
- It seems logical to begin the day with it.
- It demonstrates that meeting with God is your first priority.
- You are likely to be more rested, your mind is less cluttered, and it's often the quietest time of the whole day!

Whatever time you set, _____.

2. CHOOSE A SPECIAL PLACE. Luke 22:39

The Important Factor:

*"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went to a **solitary place**, where he prayed." Mark 1:35 (NIV)*

3. GATHER THE RESOURCES YOU'LL NEED.

- A Bible -- with readable print.
- A journal - to use to record what the Lord says to you and in which to keep your prayer list.
- A Pen, highlighter, etc.

4. BEGIN WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDES.

R _____ Psalm 46:10

E _____ Psalm 119:18

O _____ Matthew 6:33

5. FOLLOW A SIMPLE PLAN AND STICK WITH IT.

DEALING WITH CHALLENGES TO YOUR QUIET TIMES

1. THE PROBLEM OF DISCIPLINE (The "*Battle of the* _____.")

- Go to bed on time.
- Get up immediately; do not hit the snooze button.
- Get thoroughly awake.
- Read and pray aloud; it will help you stay awake.
- If you need to, walk during your prayer time.
- Keep a journal.

2. THE PROBLEM OF DISTRACTIONS (The "*Battle of the* _____.")

- Give your day over to the Lord in prayer. Matthew 6:33
- Don't worry about tomorrow. Matthew 6:34
- Be aware of Quiet Time Robbers.
 - Phones - Turn off your cell phone and do not answer your home phone, unless it is an emergency. Mobile Devices - Don't look at them until you have had your Quiet Time.
 - Family: Babies and Toddlers - Schedule your Quiet Time around feeding and sleeping times. Older Children - Your children must understand that your Quiet Time is important to help you become the best parent you can be.

3. THE PROBLEM OF DRYNESS (The "*Battle of the* _____.")

- Never judge your Quiet Time by your _____.
- Be Aware of Some of the Possible Causes of Spiritual Dryness
 - Your physical condition.
 - Disobedience to God.
 - Rushing your Quiet Time.
 - Getting in a rut.
 - Not sharing insights with others.

4. THE PROBLEM OF DILIGENCE (The "*Battle of the* _____.")

- Make a covenant or vow to God.

- Schedule your Quiet Time on your daily calendar.
- Be prepared for Satan's excuses.
- Leave your Bible open at night to the passage you want to read the next day.

What if I miss a day?

Don't _____.

Don't _____.

NEVER _____.

"Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up." Galatians 6:9 (LB)

A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

"Father, I realize that I was created to have fellowship with You. Thank You for making this privilege possible through Jesus's death. I know that daily fellowship with You is to be the most important thing in my life. I now want to commit myself to spending at least some time every day with You in a Quiet Time of Bible reading and prayer. I'm trusting in Your strength to help me be consistent. In Jesus's name, Amen."

U-203 The Study Habit

HOW TO STUDY YOUR BIBLE

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, [and] for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)

THE ELEMENTS OF STUDYING YOUR BIBLE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." Romans 10:17 (NASB)

How to Improve Your Hearing

1. Be ready and eager to hear God Hebrews 11:6b
2. Deal with attitudes that prevent hearing from God Luke 8:18
 - A Closed Mind
 - A Superficial Mind
 - A Preoccupied Mind
3. Confess any sin in your life James 1:21
4. Take notes on what you hear Hebrews 2:1
5. Act on what you hear James 1:22-25

READING GOD'S WORD

"It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees . . ."
Deuteronomy 17:19 (NIV)

According to Deuteronomy 17:19, how often should I read God's Word? _____

Here are some suggestions on how to read the Bible.

1. Read it systematically
2. Read it in a Bible without notes
3. Read it in different translations (see the Appendix A)
4. Read it aloud quietly to yourself
5. Underline or color-code key verses
6. Choose a reading plan and stick with it

STUDYING GOD'S WORD

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

- We use other, supporting books and references when we study
- The difference between reading and studying the Bible is that you **take notes** when you study

Suggested resources for Bible study:

- "Dynamic Bible Study Methods" by Rick Warren
- Study Bibles (see Appendix B)
- Other Bible study tools (see Appendix B)

MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

"Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart." Proverbs 7:2-3 (NIV)

Why memorize scripture?

- To resist temptation Psalm 119:11
- To make wise decisions Psalm 119:105
- To make me stronger Psalm 119:49-50
- To comfort me in sorrow Jeremiah 15:15
- To make me a witness 1 Peter 3:15

When to memorize a verse

- During your Quiet Time
- While exercising
- While waiting (spare moments)
- At bedtime (see *Psalm 63:6*)

The three keys to memorizing:

R_____

R_____

R_____

We remember what is _____.

Your teachings are worth more to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver.

Psalm 119:72 (NCV)

(A list of suggested Scripture verses that are basic to understanding the foundations of the Christian life and Christian growth are listed in Appendix B1.)

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Psalm 1:1-3 (NIV)

Meditation is _____ about a Bible verse to discover how to apply its truth to you.

Why meditate on Scripture?

- To be more _____. Romans 12:2a
- To see prayers _____. John 15:7
- To live _____. Joshua 1:8

Six ways to meditate on a verse

1. Picture it - Visualize the scene in your mind.
2. Pronounce it - Say the verse aloud, each time emphasizing a different word.
3. Paraphrase it - Rewrite the verse in your own words.
4. Personalize it - Replace the names and pronouns in the verse with your own name.
5. Pray it - Turn the verse into a prayer and say it back to God.
6. Probe it - Ask questions.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." James 1:22 (NKJV)

Application is hard work because....

- It requires serious thinking
- Satan fights it viciously
- We always resist change

Questions to ask:

1. What did this passage of Scripture mean to the original hearers (interpretation)?
2. What is the underlying timeless principle (implication)?
3. Where or how could I practice that principle (personalization)?

Four Signs of Proper Application

1. It's _____.
2. It's _____.
3. It's _____.
4. It's _____.

(Jesus) "Now that you know these things - **do them!** That is the path of blessing!"
John 13:17 (LB)

U-204 The Prayer Habit

PRAYER: ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT

*"Base your happiness on your hope in Christ. When trials come, endure them patiently; steadfastly maintain **THE HABIT OF PRAYER.**"* Romans 12:12 (Ph)

"Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrews 10:22

How are we to come to God? _____ and _____

APPROACH PRAYER WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE (Matthew 6:5-8)

- BE _____

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men." (Verse 5, LB)

- BE _____

"But when you pray go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." (Verse 6, LB)

- BE _____

"Don't recite the same prayer over and over as the heathen do, who think prayers are answered only by repeating them again and again. Remember, your Father knows exactly what you need before you ask Him!" (Verses 7-8, LB)

HOW TO PRAY: USING THE MODEL JESUS GAVE US

(Jesus) "This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.' For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." Matthew 6:9-15 (NIV)

THE SIX PARTS OF PRAYER

1. PRAISE: BEGIN BY _____

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. . ." (Verse 9)

TWO KINDS OF PRAISE

1. ADORATION - Praising God for *who He is*.

There are many names of God in the Bible, and each name describes a facet of His character. Below are a few of His many names that you can focus on to pray as affirmations of praise! (*See Prayer Guide 2, Appendix C for more examples.*)

A few Hebrew names of God that declare who God is:

Jehovah-Shammah - "God is Present with me" (Ezekiel 48:35)

Jehovah-Jireh - "God is my Provider" (Genesis 22:14)

Jehovah-Tsidkenu - "God is my Righteousness" (Jeremiah 23:6)

As you read your Bible, make a list of God's character traits, then review them when you pray. (*See Prayer Guide 1, in Appendix C.*)

KEY: GOD'S character is the basis for our boldness in making requests in prayer. God answers the prayers that acknowledge who He is!

2. THANKSGIVING - Praising God for *what He has done*. Psalm 100:4

Make a list of all the things that you are thankful for and review them when you pray. (*See Prayer Guide 3, Appendix C.*)

2. PURPOSE: COMMIT YOURSELF TO _____

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven ..." (Verse 10)

Pray for God's will to be done in:

- your family
- your church
- your ministry
- your job
- your future
- your city
- your nation
- the world

3. PROVISION: ASK GOD TO _____

*"Give us today our **daily** bread ..." (verse 11)*

What needs can you pray about? _____!

*"God will supply **all** your needs from his riches in glory because of what Christ Jesus has done for us." Philippians 4:19 (LB)*

KEY: BE SPECIFIC.

4. PARDON: ASK GOD TO _____

"Forgive us our debts ..." (Verse 12)

FOUR STEPS TO FORGIVENESS

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to _____ every sin. Psalm 139:23-24
2. Confess each sin _____. Proverbs 28:13
3. _____ matters, when necessary. Matthew 5:23-24
4. By faith, _____ God's forgiveness. 1 John 1:9

5. PEOPLE: PRAY FOR _____

"... as we have also forgiven our debtors." (Verse 12)

"Pray much for others; plead for God's mercy upon them; give thanks for all he is going to do for them." 1 Timothy 2:1 (LB)

Be _____ in praying for others.

Ephesians 1:15-19; Colossians 1:3-12; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3; and 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

Make a prayer list of people you want to pray for. You might pray for different people on different days of the week. *(See Prayer Guide 5, Appendix C.)*

6. PROTECTION: ASK FOR _____

"And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one." (Verse 13)

Believers face a spiritual battle every day. Satan wants to defeat you through temptation and fear. By praying for protection, you will have the confidence to face every situation during the day. Remember . . .

*"The Spirit, who is in you, is **more powerful** than the spirit who is in those who belong to the world." 1 John 4:4 (GN)*

Prayer Journal and Guides

A prayer journal is a simple way to remind you of the requests you have presented to God and of how He has answered them. A suggestion would be to get a small notebook in which to record dates, requests, answers, and thanksgivings.

This simple journal of prayers will encourage you and help you to keep your focus on what prayer is all about:

- praying according to God's concerns
- praying according to the Scriptures
- focusing on Him and His supernatural wisdom for every situation

You could have a section in the journal for various prayer guides (*see Appendix C*) to help you as you pray.

U-205a The Giving Habit

*"But just as you excel in everything -- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us -- see that you also **excel in this grace of giving.**"*
2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)

GIVING...

1. MAKES ME MORE _____. John 3:16
2. DRAWS ME _____. Matthew 6:21
3. IS THE ANTIDOTE TO _____. 1 Tim. 6:17-19
4. STRENGTHENS _____. Proverbs 3:5, 9-10
5. IS AN INVESTMENT IN _____. 1 Tim. 6:18-19
6. BLESSES ME _____. Proverbs 22:9
7. MAKES ME _____. Acts 20:35

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT TITHING

Over _____ verses of the Bible are dedicated to the subject of money, and _____ of **38** parables deal with money.

It is the "god" of money that keeps the Christian from truly getting close to God.

WHAT IS TITHING?

"Tithe" means "a _____th part."

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A "TITHE" AND AN "OFFERING?"

- A "tithe" is the first 10th of your income.
- An "offering" is anything you give in addition to your tithe.

WHY SHOULD WE TITHE?

1. God _____ tithing. Leviticus 27:30
2. Jesus _____ tithing. Matthew 23:23b
3. Tithing demonstrates that God has _____ in your life. Deut. 14:23
4. Tithing reminds us that _____ was given by God! Deut. 8:18
5. Tithing expresses our _____. Psalm 116:12
6. God says that refusing to tithe is _____ from Him! Mal 3:8-10
7. Tithing gives God a chance to prove _____ and wants to bless us! Mal 3:10
8. Tithing proves that we _____. 2 Corinthians. 8:7b - 8

U-205b The Giving Habit

WHAT SHOULD WE TITHE?

The first part of what we earn, not the _____. Proverbs 3:9

WHERE SHOULD WE GIVE OUR TITHE?

Where we _____. Malachi 3:10

WHEN SHOULD WE TITHE?

When God _____. 1 Corinthians 16:2

HOW SHOULD WE GIVE?

Giving with the Right Attitude

Tithe as an expression of _____. Deuteronomy 14:22-23

Tithe as an expression of _____ with God. Leviticus 27:30

Give with _____. Psalm 24:1-2, 1 Chronicles 29:14

Give _____. Proverbs 11:25

Give _____. 2 Corinthians 8:12, 9:7a

Give _____. 2 Corinthians 9:7b

Give _____. 2 Corinthians 8:3-4

Give _____. 2 Corinthians 9:6

HOW DO I START GIVING BACK TO GOD?

- Begin putting _____ in your finances
- Make a faith-commitment to begin giving _____
- Practice giving a _____ of your income (the principle of tithing)
- Make your giving an act of joyful _____

Remember to pray about your giving and ask God for guidance in your giving habits.

A COMMITMENT PRAYER

"Father, I know You love me and want what's best for me. I recognize that all I have, or ever will have, comes from You. I am more interested in pleasing You than in having more possessions. I want You to have first place in my life, and I am willing to begin tithing as You have commanded. Out of gratitude for all You've done for me, and in confident assurance that You will continue to provide for me, I commit myself to returning at least the first ten percent of all I earn back to You. I want to begin investing for eternity. Help me to remain faithful to this commitment. In Jesus's name, Amen."

U206 The Fellowship Habit

HOW'S YOUR "FELLOWSHIP"?

*"Let us not give up **the habit of meeting together**, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage each other." Hebrews 10:25 (GN)*

WHY IS FELLOWSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

1. YOU _____ IN GOD'S FAMILY WITH OTHER BELIEVERS.
Galatians 6:10, Ephesians 2:19
2. YOU NEED _____ TO GROW SPIRITUALLY.
Hebrews 10:24, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12
3. YOU NEED _____ TO GROW SPIRITUALLY.
Proverbs 27:17, Hebrews 3:13, Galatians 6:1-2
4. JESUS IS _____ WHEN WE FELLOWSHIP.
Matthew 18:20
5. THERE'S _____ WHEN PEOPLE PRAY TOGETHER.
Matthew 18:19
6. FELLOWSHIP IS A _____ TO THE WORLD.
John 17:21
7. WE ARE _____ TO EVERY OTHER CHRISTIAN.
1 Peter 4:10, 1 Corinthians 12:5, 27

HOW CAN WE MAINTAIN CLOSE FRIENDSHIPS?

EVERY MEMBER NEEDS TO BE PART OF A _____.
Acts 5:42, Romans 16:5, Acts 8:3, 16:40, 20:20; 1 Corinthians 16:19 and Colossians 4:15

THE PURPOSES OF SMALL GROUPS

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

1. BIBLE STUDY *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching . . ." (Verse 42)*

2. FELLOWSHIP *" . . . and to the fellowship . . ." (Verse 42)*

3. COMMUNION *" . . . to the breaking of bread . . ." (Verse 42)*

4. PRAYER *" . . . and to prayer . . ." (Verse 42)*

5. SUPPORT *" . . . gave to anyone as he had a need . . ." (Verse 45), Philippians 4:15*

6. SOCIAL INTERACTION *" . . . ate together with glad and sincere hearts . . ." (Verse 46)*

*"Get into the habit of inviting guests home for dinner or if they need lodging for the night."
Romans 12:13 (LB)*

7. PRAISE *" . . . praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people." (Verse 47)*

8. OUTREACH *"And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." (Verse 47)*

WHAT CAN I DO?

Small Groups are the doorway to deeper participation in the body of Christ; and the only way to experience true fellowship in church is to...

- Find a _____ and join it.
- Take _____ for your involvement in your church.
- Follow God's promptings to become _____ in your church.
- Become a bringer or _____ in the body of the church.

U-207 The Growth Habit

THE HARBOR CHURCH'S MATURITY VISION

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Romans 12:9-13 (NIV)

The leadership team of The Harbor have committed to the following as we all develop the Maturity Habit:

We will pray and work for members who have committed themselves to the Maturity Covenant: having a daily Quiet Time with God, giving Him a weekly tithe, and participating regularly in a Small Group for His sake.

We will pray and work for a network of hundreds of Small Groups within our church providing support, encouragement, and acceptance to our members as they seek to grow more like Jesus Christ. These groups will be headed by leaders who are loving shepherds of people, growing in Christ-like character themselves, trained in small-group dynamics, and grounded in the basic beliefs of our faith.

We will pray and work for gifted pastoral and lay teachers, equipped with the vision, character, skills, knowledge, and expertise to feed the flock in our church. We will train our teachers to be experts in areas such as doctrine, apologetics, and Christian growth.

We will pray and work for an expanded curriculum of Christian Life courses and seminars. We will offer Bible studies, topical seminars, and spiritual development classes for building up believers and producing mature doers of the Word.

We will pray and work for a loving "church family" who are becoming more like Jesus, resulting in:

A new relationship: a deep and lasting relationship with the Lord that is personal, intimate, and joyful.

A new belief system: a Christ-centered world view.

A new values system: that is driven by the Biblical habits of spiritual maturity.

A new lifestyle: change and exciting growth that touches every area of your life.

MATURITY COVENANT

Spiritual maturity is the responsibility of each and every one of us. And, although very beneficial, it cannot be achieved by simply listening to Sunday sermons or participating in once-a-week Bible studies. It must be **pursued** through our conscious efforts to seek God **every single day** and to **grow** in our relationship with Him.

Therefore, I, _____, commit myself to the habits necessary for achieving spiritual maturity and take responsibility for my spiritual life. I recognize that:

to read and study God's Word,

to spend intimate time with God,

to pray regularly,

to give my time and resources to God, and

to enjoy frequent, meaningful fellowship with other Christians -

are all **my** responsibilities, and I covenant with You, Lord God, to mature and grow in these areas.

Signature

Date

(Keep this as a reminder of your covenant with God.)

Appendix A (Bible Translations)

AMP	<i>The Amplified Bible</i> Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan (1965)
CEV	<i>Contemporary English Version</i> New York, NY: American Bible Society (1995)
GN	<i>Good News Translation</i> –Second Edition New York, NY: American Bible Society (1992)
LB	<i>Living Bible</i> Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers (1979)
NASB	<i>New American Standard Bible</i> Anaheim, CA: Foundation Press (1973)
NCV	<i>New Century Version</i> Dallas, TX: Word Bibles (1991)
NIV	<i>New International Version</i> Colorado Springs, CO: International Bible Society (1978, 1984)
NKJV	<i>New King James Version</i> New York, NY: American Bible Society (1990)
NLT	<i>New Living Translation</i> Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. (1996)
Ph	<i>New Testament in Modern English</i> by J.B. Phillips New York, NY: Macmillan (1958)

APPENDIX B: Bible Study Tools

List of Suggested Study Bibles

- The New American Study Bible
- English Standard Version (ESV)
- The NIV Study Bible (Zondervan)
- The Life Application Bible (Tyndale)
- The New King James Version
- The King James Version

Other Bible Study Tools

- As many different translations as you can afford (these can be purchased in parallel editions)
- A complete concordance to match each of your translations
- A Bible reference application such as "WordSearch" or "Logos"
- NIV Atlas of the Bible (Zondervan)
- The Moody Atlas of Bible Lands (Moody)
- The Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible (Baker)
- The Tyndale Bible Commentaries on the Old and New Testaments (Tyndale)
- Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary
- Richard's Complete Handbook (Word)
- Halley's Bible Handbook (Zondervan)
- Eerdmans's Bible Handbook (Eerdmans)

You can find these tools and many more (e.g., YouVersion, Bible Gateway, Strong's Concordance) on the internet.

Appendix B-1: Scripture Memory Courses

These verses are basic to understanding the foundations of the Christian life and growth.

Live the New Life:

Christ the Center	<i>2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20</i>
Obedience to Jesus Christ	<i>Romans 12:1; John 14:21</i>
The Word	<i>2 Timothy 3:16; Joshua 1:8</i>
Prayer	<i>John 15:7; Philippians 4:6-7</i>
Fellowship	<i>Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 10:24</i>
Witnessing	<i>Matthew 4:19; Romans 1:16</i>

Proclaim Jesus Christ:

All Have Sinned	<i>Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6</i>
Sin's Penalty	<i>Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27</i>
Jesus Paid the Penalty	<i>Romans 5:8; 1 Peter 3:18</i>
Salvation Not by Works	<i>Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5</i>
All Need to Receive Christ	<i>John 1:12; Revelation 3:20</i>
Assurance of Salvation	<i>1 John 5:13; John 5:24</i>

Rely on God's Resources:

His Spirit	<i>1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 2:12</i>
His Strength	<i>Isaiah 41:10; Philippians 4:13</i>
His Faithfulness	<i>Lamentations 3:22; Numbers 23:19</i>
His Peace	<i>Isaiah 26:3; 1 Peter 5:7</i>
His Provision	<i>Romans 8:32; Philippians 4:19</i>
His Help in Temptation	<i>Hebrews 2:18; Psalm 119:9, 11</i>

Be Jesus Christ's Disciple:

Put Jesus First	<i>Matthew 6:33; Luke 9:23</i>
Separate from the World	<i>1 John 2:15-16; Romans 12:2</i>
Be Steadfast	<i>1 Corinthians 15:58; Hebrews 12:3</i>
Serve Others	<i>Mark 10:45; 2 Corinthians 4:5</i>
Give Generously	<i>Proverbs 3:9-10; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7</i>
Develop World Vision	<i>Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19-20</i>

Grow More Christ-like:

Love	<i>John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:18</i>
Humility	<i>Philippians 2:3-4; 1 Peter 5:5-6</i>
Purity	<i>Ephesians 5:3; 1 Peter 2:11</i>
Honesty	<i>Leviticus 19:11; Acts 24:16</i>
Faith	<i>Hebrews 11:6; Romans 4:20-21</i>
Good Works	<i>Galatians 6:9-10; Matthew 5:16</i>

Appendix C: Prayer Guides

Prayer Guide 1: Character Traits of God

God is...

Faithful	2 Corinthians 1:20
Righteous	2 Timothy 4:8
The Light	John 8:12
All-knowing	Psalms 147:5
Loving	1 John 4:8

Prayer Guide 2: The Promises of God

As contained in the Names of God:

Jehovah-Shammah	God Present with Me
Jehovah-Rohi	God My Shepherd
Jehovah-Jireh	God My Provider
Jehovah-Rophe	God My Healer
Jehovah-Tsidkenu	God My Righteousness
Jehovah-M'Kiddish	God My Sanctification
Jehovah-Shalom	God My Peace
Jehovah-Nissi	God My Banner

