

WEEK 6: THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DAY 1: BEARING FRUIT

1. We are now half way through the lessons of this book. We have done 25 lessons on following Jesus. We have learned many things. We should be careful to use these in our life.

Last week we learned more about the Holy Spirit.

What is God's command to every Christian?

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2. God's command is that we are to be filled with the Holy Spirit. We must be filled with the Holy Spirit every day. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, he can work in our life. The Holy Spirit produces his fruit in our life.

Today we want to learn three big things.

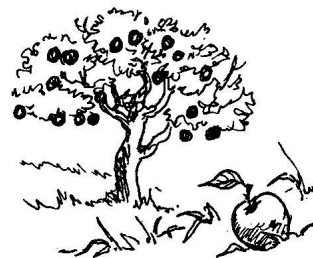
- 1) Fruit is that part of the plant:
  - (1) which is used for food and
  - (2) which has seed in it.
- 2) The Holy Spirit produces the fruit of the Spirit in a Christian.
- 3) The fruit of the Spirit:
  - (1) brings glory and praise to Jesus and
  - (2) brings others to Jesus.

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, who can work in our life?

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3. The Holy Spirit can work in our life. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is produced in our life.

We buy fruit in the store, or we pick fruit from trees. The fruit may be apples, figs, oranges or raspberries. Apples are the fruit of the apple tree. Raspberries are the fruit of the raspberry bushes.



What is the fruit of an apple tree?

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4. The fruit of the apple tree is the apple. Apples do not grow on raspberry bushes. Apples are not made by people. Apples grow on trees.

Do you think an apple tree without apples is very good?

Why not?

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5. No, it is not very good. We cannot eat the flowers or the leaves. We eat the fruit or the apples. Fruit is a food which tastes good. Apples also have seeds in them. Apples are fruit because they are food and have seeds in them. Look at the center of the apple. It has little shells or pockets. Each pocket has a seed.



Why are apples called fruit?

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6. The apples are fruit because they are food and they have seeds in them. These seeds can be planted. When they are planted, new apple trees grow. God said it would be this way when he made the world.

Genesis 1:11

*Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.*

How can we get new apple trees?

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7. We get new apple trees when we plant apple seeds. We don't get orange trees from apple seeds. The seeds of the apple tree are in the apple.

What is fruit?

Fruit is that part of the plant:

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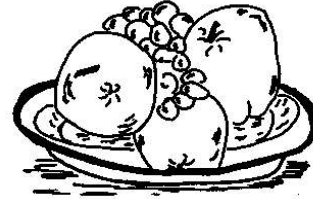
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8. Fruit is that part of the plant:

(1) which is used for food and

(2) which has seed in it.



Trees which have no fruit don't give us food. They don't give seeds to make new fruit trees grow.

What can be used for food and has seed in it?

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9. Fruit is food that has seed in it. Jesus told a story about fruit on a fig tree. Read Luke 13:6 to 9.

Why could this fig tree not be used?

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10. It didn't have fruit on it. Apple trees should have apples. Fig trees should have figs. Without fruit they are not good trees. When we look at the apples on the tree we know it is an apple tree. When we see figs on a tree, we know it is a fig tree. Just like this, Christians must have good fruit. Read Matthew 7:15 to 20.

Matthew 7:20

*Thus, by their fruits you will recognize (know) them.*

How do people know a Christian?

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11. People know a Christian by his fruit. This fruit is not apples or figs. This fruit is the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

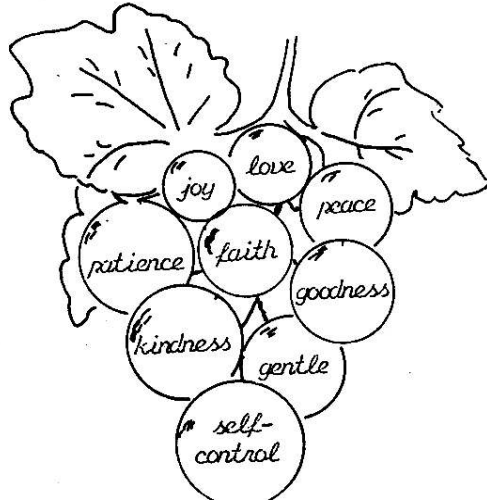
Galatians 5:22,23

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*

Who produces this fruit in the Christian?

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12. The Holy Spirit produces this fruit in the Christian. That is why it is called the fruit of the Spirit. This makes a Christian different from a person of the world. The Holy Spirit gives the Christian love, joy and peace.



What does the Holy Spirit produce in a Christian?

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13. The Holy Spirit produces the fruit of the Spirit in a Christian. A Christian has love, joy, and peace. Not only does he have this fruit, he also has fruit to be gentle, kind, patient, and to show goodness. He also has faith and self-control.

Who produces this fruit in a Christian?

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14. The Holy Spirit produces this fruit in a Christian. We said that fruit is that part of the plant which can be used for food and has seed in it. We like the taste of good fruit. We like to be with Christians who show the fruit of the Spirit. This is like tasting good fruit. This brings glory to God.

Philippians 1:11

*. . . filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God.*

What does the fruit of the Spirit bring to God?

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15. The fruit of the Spirit in a Christian brings glory and praise to God. God is pleased with such a Christian. People will listen to a Christian who has the fruit of the Spirit. They want to taste or have the same fruit.

What is fruit?

Fruit is that part of the plant:

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(2) which has seed in it.

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16. Fruit is that part of the plant which is used for food and has seed in it. The fruit of the Spirit also has seed in it. This seed is the Word of God.

Luke 8:11

*. . . The seed is the Word of God.*

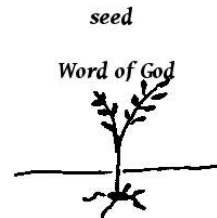
What is the Word of God?

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17. The Word of God is seed. The Word of God keeps us clean. The Holy Spirit can work through us when we are clean.

John 15:3,4

*You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.*



We are made clean by the Word of God. If we are clean, what will the Holy Spirit produce in us?

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18. The Holy Spirit will produce his fruit in us. This fruit has the seed, God's Word in it. When others see the fruit of the Spirit in us, they will want to come to Jesus. When we tell other people the Word of God, we plant seed. This seed can grow and some people will come to Jesus.

The fruit of the Spirit in us brings others to Jesus. What else does it do?

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(2) Brings others to Jesus.

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19. The fruit of the Spirit in us brings glory and praise to God. It also brings others to Jesus. Jesus commanded us to have fruit. If we do not have fruit, we are like an apple tree without apples.

John 15:16

*You did not choose me, but I chose you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last.*

Do you have the fruit of the Spirit in your life?

Do others know this?

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20. We will talk about this in class.

1) What is fruit?

Fruit is that part of the plant:

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2) Who produces the fruit of the Spirit in us?

What does the fruit of the Spirit in us, bring to Jesus?

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21. This week we will memorize John 14:23

*Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."*

WEEK 6: THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DAY 2: OBEYING

1. This week we are learning about the work of the Holy Spirit. Yesterday we talked about bearing fruit.

What is fruit?

Fruit is that part of the plant:

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Who produces the fruit of the Spirit in us?

What does the fruit of the Spirit in us, bring to Jesus?

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2. Fruit is that part of the plant which is used for food and has seed in it. The Holy Spirit produces the fruit of the Spirit in us. The fruit of the Spirit brings praise and glory to Jesus and brings others to Jesus. The Holy Spirit wants to work in us and through us. He produces the fruit of the Spirit in us. He also wants to work through us.

Today we want to learn that the Holy Spirit works through us:

- 1) when we let him lead us with the Word of God.
- 2) when we obey the Word of God.

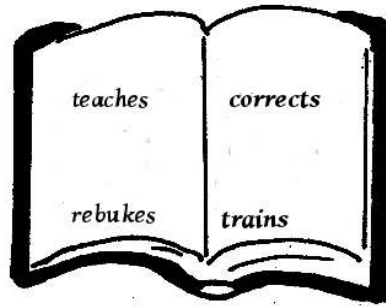
Who wants to work through us?

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3. The Holy Spirit wants to work through us. First the Holy Spirit produces his fruit in us. He also wants to work through us to bring glory to Jesus and to bring others to Jesus. If the Holy Spirit is to use us, we must be made ready for it. We must be equipped (prepared). We must have the things we need to do a good work.

2 Timothy 3:16,17

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*



Through whom does the Holy Spirit want to work?

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4. The Holy Spirit wants to work through us. In ourselves we do not know how to work for God. We do many things wrong. The Holy Spirit wants to lead us. He wants to work through us. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to prepare us. He uses the Word of God to lead us.

Romans 8:14

*. . . because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*

Whom does the Holy Spirit lead?

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5. The Holy Spirit leads the children of God. He uses the Word of God to show us what to do. He shows us the right things to do. The Holy Spirit tells us what Jesus wants to say to us.

John 16:13,14

*But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.*

Who shows us the right things to do?

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6. The Holy Spirit shows us the right things to do. He is called the Spirit of Truth. He will never tell us to do something wrong. He uses the Word of God to show us what to do. The Word of God is truth.



John 17:17

*Sanctify (make holy) them by the truth; your word is truth.*

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth and he uses the truth, the Word of God.

Do you think the Holy Spirit will tell us to do something which the Bible does not teach?

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7. We will talk about this in class.

When we think the Holy Spirit tells us to do something we must always check with the Bible.

Maybe a man says, "The Holy Spirit tells me to leave my wife and marry another woman." Do you think the Holy Spirit said this to him? No, the Holy Spirit does not tell this man to leave his wife and go to another woman, (Matthew 5:28, 1 Corinthians 7:10,11).

Who will never ask us to disobey the Word of God?

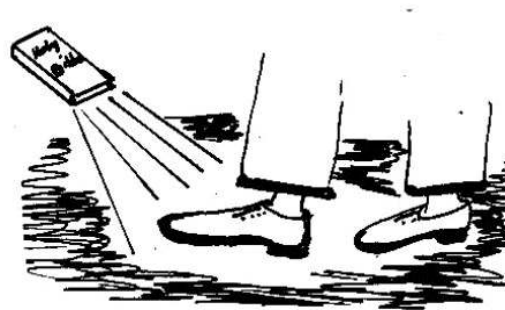
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8. The Holy Spirit will never ask us to disobey the Word of God. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth and he uses the Word of God, which is truth.

How does the Holy Spirit lead us?

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9. The Holy Spirit leads us with the Word of God. We must obey the Holy Spirit. This means that we must obey the Word of God. The Word of God is given to equip (prepare) us. Let us look at 2 Timothy 3:16 and 17 again.



*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,*

*so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to teach us, rebuke us, correct us and train us.

What does the Holy Spirit use to lead us?

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10. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to lead us. However, the Holy Spirit can only work through us if we obey the Word of God.

Let us think of a man who takes care of the money in the church. If he uses some of the church money for himself, we would say he is stealing. The Word of God says,

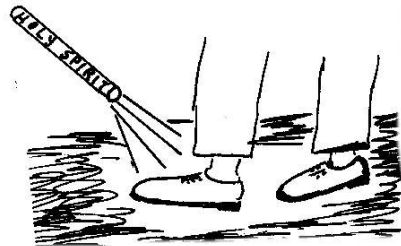
Exodus 20:15

*You shall not steal.*

Why can't the Holy Spirit use this man?

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11. You could say because he steals. You could say he uses the church money for himself. He does not obey God's Word. The Holy Spirit cannot work through him.



When we obey the Word of God, it is a light for our life. The Word of God shows us what is right and what is wrong.

Psalms 119:105

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*

What should we do with the Word of God?

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12. We should obey the Word of God. The Holy Spirit wants to teach us. He uses the Word of God to do this.

John 14:26

*But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

What does the Holy Spirit use to teach us?

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13. The Holy Spirit uses the words of Jesus. He uses the Bible to teach us. The Holy Spirit also uses the Bible (Word of God) to show us when we do wrong. The Word of God also shows us when our thoughts are wrong. When the Word of God shows us sin, we should confess it. We should obey the Word of God.

Hebrews 4:12

*For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates (cuts straight into) even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

When we obey the Word of God, who can work through us?

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14. The Holy Spirit can work through us when we obey the Word of God. The Word of God shows us sin. It also corrects us. It shows us how we can keep from doing the same sins over and over again.

Psalms 119:11

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

What should we do when the Holy Spirit wants to correct us?

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15. We should obey the Word of God. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to teach us, to show sin to us, and to correct us. It is very important that we obey the Word of God. The Holy Spirit also uses the Word of God to train us in clean and holy living.

Psalms 32:8

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will*

*counsel you and watch over you.*

The Holy Spirit can work through us

- 1) when we let him lead us with the Word of God.
- 2) when we obey the Word of God.

Is the Holy Spirit working through your life? Are you obeying the Word of God? If you obey the Word of God, the Holy Spirit will lead you.

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16. How can the Holy Spirit work through us?

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WEEK 6: THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DAY 3: OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

1. We have learned that the Holy Spirit produces the fruit of the Spirit in us. Yesterday we learned that the Holy Spirit wants to work through us.

How can the Holy Spirit work through us?

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2. The Holy Spirit can work through us when we let him lead us through the Word of God and when we obey the Word of God.

Today we want to learn three things about temptation.

- 1) We must flee the evil desires of youth, sexual immorality (sex sins), the desire for riches and idol worship.
- 2) We must pray that we will not give in to temptation.
- 3) We must stand against the devil:
  - (1) with the Word of God
  - (2) with the blood of Jesus.

Every Christian is tempted to sin at one time or another.

Have you ever been tempted to sin?

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3. We have all been tempted to sin. To be tempted means we are coaxed (asked) to do something wrong. God does not promise that we will not be tempted. He says we will be tempted.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

What happens to all people?

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4. All people are tempted to sin. It is not unusual for everyone to be tempted. It also says that God will make a way out so we can stand up under it. To be tempted is not sin. To give in to the temptation is sin.

To be tempted is NOT sin.

To give in to temptation is SIN.

Who will make a way out when we are tempted?

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5. God is faithful and he will make a way out so we can stand up under the temptation. We are looking at three things we must do.

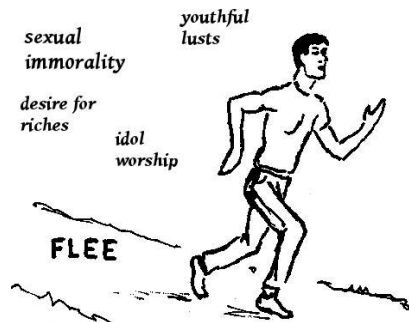
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These are ways which God makes that we can stand up when we are tempted.

What must we flee?

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6. We must flee the evil desires of youth, sexual immorality, desire for riches, and idol worship. When we flee from something, we run away from it. Let us look at these commands.



2 Timothy 2:22

*Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

1 Corinthians 6:18

*Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his body.*

1 Timothy 6:9-11

*People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. . . But you, man of God, flee from all this.*

1 Corinthians 10:14

*Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.*

What must we do when we are tempted with evil desires of youth, sexual immorality, desire for riches and idol worship?

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7. We must run away from them. We should not stay around where these sins are done. We should run away from these because these things hurt the Lord and harm our body.

1 Corinthians 6:19,20

*Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.*

Who lives in our body?

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8. The Holy Spirit lives in our body. What we do in our body or to our body should give honor to God. Careless and reckless living can harm (injure) our body. Sex sins hurt our body and our spirit. Smoking and drinking hurt our body. Young people often like to do these things.

When we hurt our body whom do we not honor?

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9. We do not honor God when we hurt our body. Sex sins bring shame to us and to God. The love of money keeps us from working for

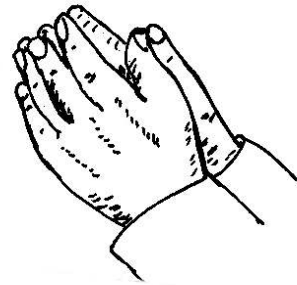
God in the right way. When we pray to other gods, saints or spirits, we do not honor God.

What must we flee?

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10. We must flee the evil desires of youth, sexual immorality, the desire for riches and idol worship.

There are times when we go to visit others. When we come to their house we see they may be having a party or are smoking pot (drugs). There may be a strong temptation to join them in their sin.



Jesus talked to his disciples about temptations which come to us.

Matthew 26:41

*Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.*

What did Jesus tell the disciples to do about temptation?

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11. The disciples were to watch and pray so they would not fall into temptation.

Jesus showed the disciples how to pray. He also wants us to pray about the same things.

Matthew 6:13

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*

What should we do when we are tempted to join others in their sin?

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12. We will talk about your answer in class. We should pray that we will not give in to temptation, but that we will be delivered from the evil one.

We are learning that:

- 1) We must \_\_\_\_\_ the evil desires of youth, sexual immorality, the desire for riches and idol worship.
- 2) We must \_\_\_\_\_ that we will not give in to temptation.
- 3) We must stand against the devil:  
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13. We must flee the evil desires of youth, sexual immorality, the desire for riches and idol worship. We must pray that we will not give in to temptation. We must stand against the devil with the Word of God and with the blood of Jesus.



The devil tempts us to sin. Sometimes he comes like an angry lion and frightens us. He wants us to give up living for Jesus. He wants us to live like the people of the world.

1 Peter 5:8

*Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

Who tempts us to sin?

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14. The devil tempts us to sin. Sometimes he comes like an angry lion. Sometimes he comes like an angel of light. He tries to make wrong things look right and beautiful. If we follow these things we will be led away from God into darkness.

2 Corinthians 11:14

*And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades (makes himself look like) as an angel of light.*

Who tempts us to sin?

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15. Satan tempts us to sin. When Satan tempts us, we must resist or stand against him.

James 4:7,8

*Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

Whom should we resist?

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16. We must resist the devil. We must stand against him.

Ephesians 6:10-12

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes (evil plans). For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (places).*

What must we do when the devil tempts us?

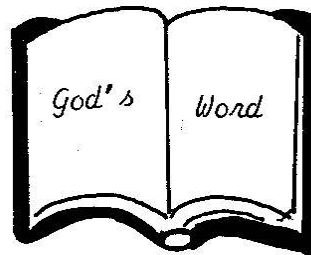
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17. We must resist or stand against the devil. The devil tempted Jesus. Read Matthew 4:1-11.

What did Jesus use to stand against the devil?

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18. Jesus used the Word of God to stand against the devil. We also must use the Word of God to resist the devil.



Ephesians 6:17

*Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.*

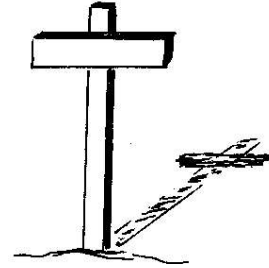
What must we use to stand against the devil?

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19. We must use the sword of the Spirit. This is the Word of God. There is something else we must use to stand against the devil. We read this in Revelation 12:10 and 11.

Revelation 12:10,11

*... For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.*



The Christians overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb. This is the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. When Jesus died on the cross he destroyed the power of the devil. Now we can claim Jesus' power because our sins are washed away by the blood of Jesus.

We can stand against the devil by using the Word of God. What else can we use to stand against the devil?

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20. We stand against the devil with the Word of God and with the blood of Jesus. When we do this, the devil has to run away because we stand against him in Jesus' name!

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21. What are the three things we must do about temptation?

- 1) We must \_\_\_\_\_ the evil desires of youth, sexual immorality, the desires for riches and idol worship.
- 2) We must \_\_\_\_\_ that we will not give in to temptation.
- 3) We must \_\_\_\_\_ the devil:

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WEEK 6: THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DAY 4: RESTORING FELLOWSHIP

1. Already this week we have learned many things. Let us see what we remember.

What is fruit?

Fruit is that part of the plant:

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Who produces the fruit of the Spirit in us?

What does the fruit of the Spirit in us, bring to Jesus?

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2. Fruit is that part of the plant which is used for food and has seed in it. The Holy Spirit produces the fruit of the Spirit in us. This fruit brings praise and glory to Jesus. It also brings others to Jesus.

How can the Holy Spirit work through us?

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3. The Holy Spirit can work through us when we let him lead us with the Word of God and when we obey the Word of God.

What three things must we do about temptation?

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4. We must flee the evil desires of youth, sexual immorality, the desire for riches, and idol worship. We must pray that we will not give in to temptation. We must resist the devil with the Word of God and with the blood of Jesus.

Today we want to learn two things. To give in to temptation is sin. To come back into fellowship with God we must confess our sin.

What happens when we give in to temptation?

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5. We sin when we give in to temptation. Temptation is not sin. Some people think they will never sin after they take Jesus as their Saviour. When they sin, they want to give up living for Jesus.

We believers live in the world. We see sinful things. We hear sinful sounds and stories. The sinful things of the world tempt us. Jesus knew this and prayed for us.

John 17:15

*My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.*

What tempts us to sin?

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6. The sinful things of the world tempt us. The Bible tells us how we should act toward the world.

Romans 12:2

*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

How should we act toward the world?

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7. We should not conform to the world. We should not be like the world. The sinful things of the world tempt us. When we give in to the temptation, we sin.

James 1:13-15

*When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.*

Why do we sin?

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8. We sin because we give in to temptation. The things of the world tempt us. Our sinful nature also tempts us. This sinful nature is called the old self. We should not give in to the sinful desires of the old self. We should be self-controlled. This means that we should be boss over our own sinful desires.

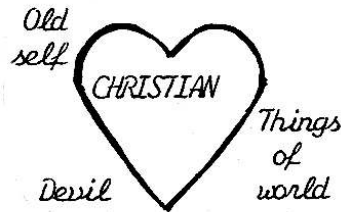
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*Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

Who else tries to get us to sin?

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9. The devil tries to get us to sin. The devil wants to destroy us. The old self wants us to sin. The sinful things of the world and the devil try to make us sin.



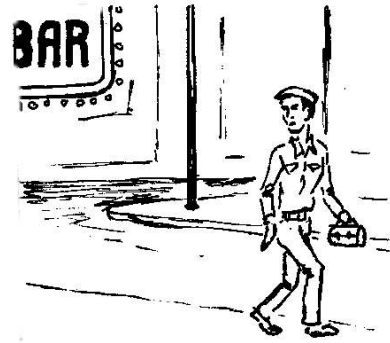
Do you remember what we should do about temptation?

- 1) We should \_\_\_\_\_ sinful things of the world.
- 2) We should \_\_\_\_\_ that we will not give in to temptation.
- 3) We must \_\_\_\_\_ the devil.

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10. We should flee the sinful things of the world. We should pray that we will not give in to temptation. We must resist the devil.

A man used to drink a lot before he was saved. After he was saved for some time, he started to work in another part of the town. When he came home he always walked past the bar where his old friends drank. Sometimes they would ask him to come and drink with them.



What should this man have done?

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11. This man should have gone home another way. He was not fleeing the sinful things of the world.

A young married man worked hard to earn a lot of money. He wanted to have a good home, good food, and a good car. He also attended the meetings at the church. At night he was too tired to pray and read the Bible. In the morning he had to rush to work. There were just so many things to do that he sometimes got angry with the other workers. He also argued with his wife and often scolded the children.



What did this man fail to do?

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12. This man did not take time to pray and read the Bible. He did not pray, "Lead us not into temptation." A lady taught Sunday school. Sometimes two boys talked so much that no one could hear the teacher. She got very discouraged and gave up teaching. The devil was pleased because one person gave up working for God.

What should this lady have done?

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13. This lady should have prayed and then resisted the devil. The devil used these two boys to discourage her.

We should flee the sinful things of the world. We should pray that we will not give in to temptation. We should stand against the devil with the Word of God and with the blood of Jesus Christ. We can do these things when we obey the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:16

*So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify (please) the desires of the sinful nature.*

What must we do so that we will not give in to temptation?

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14. We must live by the Spirit. We must obey the Holy Spirit. To be tempted is not sin. But to give in to temptation is sin.

To be tempted  
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Why do we sin?

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15. We sin because we give in to temptation. To be tempted is not sin. But to give in to the temptation is sin.

What should we do when we sin? Should we keep on sinning? Should we give up living for Jesus? No, we should not want to keep on sinning. The Holy Spirit will convict (show) us of our sin. We then need to repent of our sin and confess our sin.

1 John 1:9

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

It is wonderful to know that God is ready to forgive and to cleanse us from our sins.

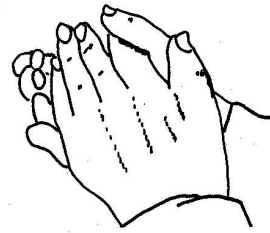
If we sin, what should we do?

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16. We should confess our sin and ask Jesus to forgive us. Before



we confessed our sin, the Holy Spirit had not left us, but he was sad. We broke our fellowship with Jesus. When we confessed our sin, Jesus forgave us and we again had fellowship with Jesus.



Does the Holy Spirit leave us when we sin?

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17. The Holy Spirit does not leave us when we sin. But he is very sad and wants us to come back into fellowship with Jesus.

Ephesians 4:30

*And do not grieve (make sad) the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*



Think of a son who disobeys his father. He is still his father's child. The son loves him and wants to obey him. But, he still disobeys him at times. When this happens, the father cannot have real fellowship with his son. When the son comes to his father and confesses his disobedience, he is forgiven, and there is fellowship again.

How can we come back into fellowship with Jesus when we sin?

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18. This happens just like a son who comes back into fellowship with his father when he confesses his disobedience. When we confess our sin, we again have fellowship with Jesus. Isn't it wonderful to know that God is always ready to forgive us and cleanse us when we confess our sin?

What should we do when we sin?

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19. We should go to God right away and confess our sin. Then God forgives us. Some people wrongly say, "If we sin much, then God will forgive much, and we will love God very much."

Romans 6:1-2

*What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?*

Why should we not sin often?

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20. We should not want to sin because we have died to it. This means that we put away the old way of life. We have a new life. The Holy Spirit lives in us. The Holy Spirit helps us to flee from the things of the world. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray. The Holy Spirit makes us strong so we can resist the devil in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

What should we do when we sin?

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21. When we sin, we must confess our sin to God. Temptation is not sin, but when we give in to temptation, we sin.

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22. Why do we sin?

What should we do when we sin?

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WEEK 6: THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DAY 5: BECOMING A MAN OF GOD

1. Why do we sin?

What should we do when we sin?

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2. We sin when we give in to temptation. When we sin we should confess our sin right away to God. He will forgive us and cleanse us. We will again have fellowship with God.

Today we want to learn:

- 1) how we can grow in our spiritual life and
- 2) what a mature (strong) Christian life is like.

We grow in our spiritual life when we put away the old life and put on the new life.

A mature Christian life is holy and stable (strong, firm) like Jesus Christ. Jesus will be seen in this kind of life.

We learned that when we accepted Jesus as our Saviour, we were like new born babies.

What kind of food do new born babies need?

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3. New born babies need milk. They need soft food. New Christians also want easy food. As we grow up in the spiritual life, we need heavier food.

Hebrews 5:14

*But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish (know) good from evil.*

As we study the Word of God, we see how we should live. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to show us the right way to live. He shows us what is sin and what pleases God.

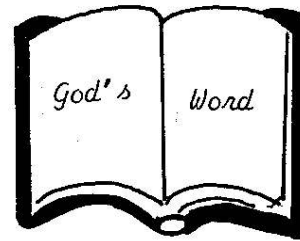
What does the Holy Spirit use to show us how to live?

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4. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to show us how to live. If we obey the Holy Spirit, we will grow spiritually. We will want to do what pleases God.

Romans 8:5,6

*Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.*



The old way of life made us do what the sinful nature wanted to do. The new way of life makes us do what the Holy Spirit wants to do.

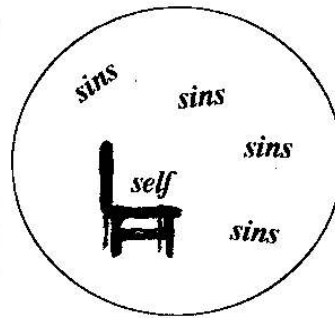
As we grow spiritually, what should we want to do?

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5. We should want to please the Holy Spirit. We put away the old way of life. The old way of living is not a good life.

Ephesians 4:22

*You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires.*



If a Christian wants to grow up, what does he put away?

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6. He puts away the old or former way of life. It is like a child growing up. When he grows up, he puts the childish things away. He acts like a grown-up person.

1 Corinthians 13:11

*When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.*

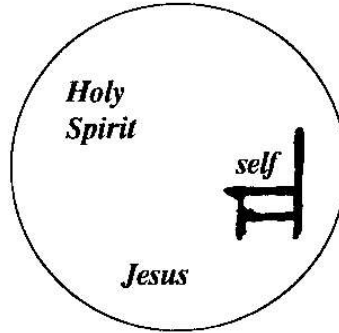
When we put away the old way of living, what are we doing?

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7. We are growing up in our Christian life. We say we are maturing. We put away the old sinful life or the old self. We put on a new way of life or the new self.

Ephesians 4:24

*... and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*



What is the new life like?

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8. The new life makes us like God who is right and holy.

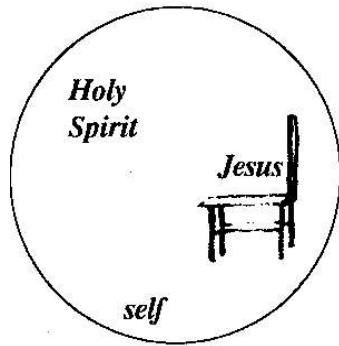
How do we grow up in our spiritual life?

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9. We grow up in our spiritual life by putting away the old way of life and putting on the new way of life. The Holy Spirit cannot lead a Christian who tries to live like the old self and the new self at the same time. The Holy Spirit helps us put away the old way of life.

Romans 8:13,14

*For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds (sinful actions) of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*



When we put away the old way of living and put on the new way of living, what are we doing?

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10. We are growing in our spiritual life. This means that we are maturing in our Christian life. We should want to be mature (perfect).

2 Corinthians 13:11

*. . . Aim for perfection (to be mature). . . .*

Colossians 4:12

*Epaphras . . . He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.*

Who should want to be mature and perfect?

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11. Every Christian should aim to be perfect or mature. This means that we want to be like Jesus.

2 Corinthians 3:18

*And we, . . . are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

Romans 8:29

*For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, . . .*

A believer is to become more and more like Jesus Christ. To be conformed to someone means to be like him.

Young people want to be like their friends. They want to do the same things their friends do. We say they conform to their friends.

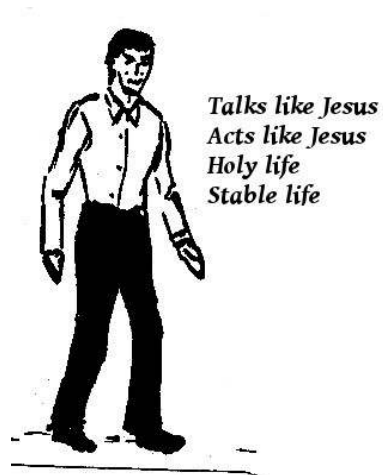
Who should a believer (Christian) be like?

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12. A Christian should be like Jesus. A mature (grown-up) Christian acts and talks like Jesus. He is also holy and stable.

Ephesians 4:24

*. . . and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*



What is the mature Christian life like?

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13. The mature Christian life is holy. Holy means to be clean and without sin. Yet we sometimes sin. How then can we be holy? We learned before that when we sin, we must confess it to God and we will be forgiven.

1 John 1:9

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

Who makes us clean?

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14. Jesus forgives our sins and makes us clean. When our sins are forgiven and cleansed we are holy. Our life is like the life of Jesus. A mature life also is stable. This means that it is firm and does not move easily.

Have you ever picked up rocks? It is not hard to pick up a small stone. Some bigger stones you can move. Can you move a big rock? You can push hard against a big rock, or you can stand on it, but the rock does not move. A mature Christian is like a big rock. He does not move easily. He is stable and firm.

Ephesians 4:13-14

*. . . until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.*

Will a mature believer accept every new teaching which comes into his community?

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15. A mature believer will not accept every new teaching which comes to his community. He is like the people in Berea. Read Acts 17:10-12. These people in Berea read their Bible to see if what they heard was true.

What will a mature believer do when a new teaching comes to his community?

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16. He will check out the new teaching with the Bible. A mature believer puts away the things which keep him from living a holy life. He wants to be like Jesus Christ and live a holy life. He studies the Word of God and follows Jesus every day. This believer is stable.

Why is the man not stable who goes to church on Sunday and drinks alcohol on Friday?

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17. This man is not a stable man because he does not live a holy life. He says one thing and does something else.

The Christian must depend on the Holy Spirit to live a mature Christian life. He cannot do it by himself.

Ephesians 3:16-17

*I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.*

The mature Christian's life is holy and stable like Jesus Christ.

Who helps the believer live a mature Christian life?

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18. The Holy Spirit helps the believer live a mature Christian life. We will talk about this in class.

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19. How can we grow in our spiritual life?

What is the mature Christian life like?

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