

**HOW TO LIVE IN CHRIST
LESSON # 2**

Name: _____

Many Christians act like Christ. Others act like....?

THINK ABOUT IT: If I am a disciple of Christ, how should my life compare with His life?

Col. 2:6--"Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him.

Every Christian wants to live a life that will glorify God and be a witness to others. Most of the time people are more impressed with how we live rather than what we say. In this lesson, we will study how others can begin to see more of Christ in us.

1. I NEED CONTACT WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS.

Through public worship each week.
Through group Bible study
Through involvement in the church ministries.

A. Read the verse then complete the following sentences.

- i. In 1 Peter 2:2 we find that as new spiritual babies, we should crave_____.
- ii. In Hebrews 10:25 Paul wrote to Christians to not give up _____.
- iii. Jesus continually visited the _____ according to Luke 4:16.

B. Read the verse then answer "true" or "false."

- _____ i. Acts 13:1-3 shows that the Antioch church was only concerned about themselves.
- _____ ii. Acts 1:8 show the New Testament church should be interested in reaching the world for Christ.
- _____ iii. Ephesians 2:22 shows the church is made up of Christians, not the actual building itself.

C. Match the correct principle with the proper scripture reference on the left.

- _____ i. 1 Tim. 3:15 a. As Christians and as a church, we ought to bear fruit.

- _____ ii. John 15:5 b. The church is the pillar and foundation of truth.
- _____ iii. 1 John 4:7 c. A successful church praises God, has the favor of the people, and adds to its number.
- _____ iv. Acts 2:47 d. Christians in the church should love one another.

THINK ABOUT IT: What is my attitude about church attendance?

2. I NEED CONVICTIONS THAT ARE SCRIPTURAL.

Sometimes there are things that the Bible does not specify as being right or wrong. They may be habits or activities. As a new believer, you may be unfamiliar with all the biblical commands. In the following verses, you will find principles for dealing with the questionable things in your life.

A. Match the correct principles with the proper scripture reference on the left.

- _____ i. 1 Cor. 6:12 a. Is it an example? Is it a guide for others? (If not, I should not do it.)
- _____ ii. 1 Cor. 6:12b b. Is it constructive? Does it help build up other Christians? (If not, I should not do it.)
- _____ iii. 1 Cor. 8:13 c. Is it enslaving? Does it control me? (If so, I should not do it.)
- _____ iv. 1 Cor. 10:31 d. Is it beneficial? Is it good? (If not, I should not do it.)
- _____ v. 1 Cor. 10:23 e. Is it uplifting? Does it glorify God? (If not, I should not do it.)

B. Apply these 10 scriptural "tests to thoughts, words, and actions.

- 1. The **PURITY** Test, 1 Cor. 6:19--Can I do this to the body where Christ dwells?
- 2. The **PARTICIPATION** Test, 1 John 2:15-16--Will doing this take my eyes off Jesus?
- 3. The **POLITE** Test, Rom. 14:7, 21--How will doing this affect others?
- 4. The **PARTNER** Test, Col. 3:17--Could I invite Christ to do this with me?
- 5. The **PUBLIC** Test, 1 Thess. 5:22--Will doing this give the appearance of wrong doing?

6. The **PRESENCE** Test, 1 John 2:28--Would I be ashamed to be found doing this upon Christ's return?
7. The **PROBLEM** Test, Heb. 12:1--Will this hinder my NEW LIFE in Christ?
8. The **PROOF** Test, Rom. 12:9--Is this good for me physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually?
9. The **PROCLAMATION** Test, Phil. 2:15--Will this void my witness for Christ?
10. The **PEACE** Test, Phil. 4:6-7--After praying about it, can I do it and have peace?

THINK ABOUT IT: Where does my life need to change?

3. I NEED COMPASSION FOR OTHERS

Sharing with others begins with caring for others. People do not care how much you know until they know how much you care.

- A. Circle the correct answer according to the listed scripture to show who the early Christians witnessed to and when.
 - i. In Acts 3:1-8 we find Peter and John witnessing to: (1) their neighbors; (2) a poor cripple; (3) the disciples; (4) all the people in the temple.
 - ii. Acts 8:27-31 records Philip witnessing to: (1) the people in Samaria; (2) the king; (3) an unknown traveler; (4) a good friend of his.
 - iii. Acts 26:2 shows Paul testifying to: (1) a king; (2) a businessman; (3) a good friend; (4) his neighbors.
 - iv. John 1:40-41 gives the account of Andrew bringing to Christ: (1) his boss; (2) his parents; (3) his brother; (4) his enemy.
 - v. Acts 5:42 shows the early Christians were continually witnessing: (1) in the church; (2) in their homes; (3) in their special meetings; (4) in the temple and in their homes.

- B. Read the scripture and answer "true" or "false" to the statements found below.

- _____ i. Paul wrote in Romans 12:4-5 that being a part of the body of Christ makes us accountable to fellow believers.
- _____ ii. Jesus commanded in Mark 5:19 that the healed man should go home and not tell anyone what happened to him.
- _____ iii. Jesus told us in Matthew 28:19-20 to go only to receptive people and not those who would not hear.

- C. Read the verses and fill in the blanks to discover how to be an effective witness.
 - i. Matt. 5:16--Witness by letting your _____ shine.
 - ii. 1 Peter 3:15--Be prepared to give an _____.
 - iii. Acts 18:9-10--Learn to overcome _____ in witnessing.
 - iv. Acts 10:19--Listen for the _____ leading.
 - v. Acts 1:8--When the _____ comes you will receive _____ to be witnesses.

THINK ABOUT IT: List at least two people in your life (family, friends, co-workers) that you will tell about your relationship with Christ.

For you daily time alone with God this coming week, look up the following verses and find out how to "live." Think of a way you can apply that truth to a specific situation in your life this week and do something to live for Jesus. Keep on praying for your own growth and for your lost friends. Look for an opportunity to share with them your new relationship with Christ.

Day 1 Galatians 5:16--Live by _____

Application: _____

Day 2 Ephesians 5:2--Live a _____

Application: _____

Day 3 Ephesians 4:1--Live a _____

Application: _____

Day 4 1 Thessalonians 4:1--Live _____

Application: _____

Day 5 Colossians 1:10--Live _____

Application: _____

Day 6 Ephesians 5:15--Live _____

Application: _____

Day 7 1 Peter 3:8--Live in _____

Application: _____

Prayer Requests

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