

VICTORY CLASS LESSON KEY:

Black lettering: taken from booklet "Seven Steps to Joy" by Tom Ward Sr., our study guide.

Blue lettering: John Linnehan's expanded thoughts/notes.

Red lettering: answers to questions in Tom Ward Sr.'s book "Seven Steps to Joy."

Victory Class Lesson Six

I Corinthians 15:57 repeat

BIBLE STUDY – GOD TALKING TO AND WITH YOU

Sing The B.I.B.L.E., yes that's the book for me. I stand alone on the Word of God... The B.I.B.L.E.....spells Bible! ☺

BLESSED INFORMATION BRINGING LIFE INTERNAL ☺

BASIC INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE LEAVING EARTH ☺

1.) You are now a part of the family of God and you need to grow up into an adult Christian. Spiritual growth can only come as you read and study the Bible. **IMPORTANT** – Spiritual Victory can only come as we **OBEY** the Bible! The Bible teaches that as a newborn in Christ you must desire the "milk" of God's Word. (See I Peter 2:2) "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby."

You don't have to though... **IT'S YOUR CHOICE, YOU CAN DO IT!** (Phil 4:13) When you first become a Christian you are a baby Spiritually, (define a baby spiritually). A Christian with no growth, may have been saved 25 years ago.....but haven't grown! After "God's call to Holy living" in I Peter 1:13-25, then read I Peter 2:1-3 NLT (read all 3 verses Spiritual Nourishment)

2.) The best way to grow in Christ is to begin right now to develop habits that will ensure the joy-filled (**VICTORY-FILLED**) Christian life. One of those habits is reading the Bible every day. I suggest you do as millions of Christians before you have done, and are doing: rise a little earlier in the morning than usual and spend a few moments reading a chapter (passage in context) of the Word of God. The gospel "**MILK**" of John should be read first, and then you could start at the beginning of the New Testament and read it through. If you would like to read more, please do so. Reading four chapters a day will take you through the entire Bible in one year. Visit this website, www.BackToTheBible.org Woodrow Kroll

MAKE IT PRACTICE! 1) What is the Writer, (God) saying? What is The Author, (God) saying? What is He saying to me? 2) How can I apply it to my life? Daily quiet time, W.O.L. Don't read for quantity.....read for quality! 1) Observation 2) Interpretation 3) Application.

3.) You can be a Christian without going to church, without reading God's Word, without talking to God in prayer, without giving BUT you'll be a better Christian IF and WHEN you do! No Christian can grow in Christ without developing the Bible reading habit. **Romans 10:17** However, those who begin to read God's Word are sure to become the spiritual Christians they desire to be. **Quiet time, DEMONSTRATE** 1) W.O.L. QT. (helpful hints QT) 2) My own quiet time currently. Chadd's daily Bible reading plan. Psalms 126:5&6. Triple A Plan Bible study and memorizing. **TEST!** ☺

Remember, every word of the Bible is given by the inspiration of God. That means that every word is "God-breathed" (See 2 Timothy 3:16.) "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine (God's principles (rules) to live by) for reproof; for correction, for instruction

in righteousness.” EXPAND TNL. At work I now have an “executive assistant” (a secretary) ☺ Susan. She types and sends you a letter from me but it’s my words!

4.) IMPORTANT PARAGRAPH! Knowing that the Bible is God’s written Word to us should compel us to read every word, so that we will know God’s plan for our lives. The Will of God is the Word of God.

Answering the following questions will help you to understand how important daily Bible reading is for your spiritual growth. (Joshua 1:7&8, Expand Later)

A good memory verse – II Timothy 2:15
“STUDY (the Bible) TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD,
A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED,
RIGHTLY DIVIDING (USING, EXPLAINS, TEACHES) THE WORD OF TRUTH.” (THE
WORD OF GOD)

WHERE DID WE GET OUR BIBLE?

1. Before man ever penned the pages of God’s Word here on earth, where was it settled forever? (Psalms 119:89) “Forever, O Lord, thy Word is settled in Heaven.” **In Heaven.**
2. **VERY IMPORTANT!** When the writers of the Bible put the words of God on paper, who moved them to write (2 Peter 1:21)? (19-21 NLT) **The Holy Ghost, The Holy Spirit, God Himself was the Author!**
3. Read Psalm 12:6-7. The Bible was given to us by God and preserved by God so that we can fully trust every word. **PAY ATTENTION TO SCRIPTURE, IT’S GOD’S WORD! IT ISN’T MAN’S WORD!**
4. How long did Jesus say the Bible will last (Matthew 24:35)? “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away!” NLT “but my words will remain forever.” **Forever.**

HOW IMPORTANT IS BIBLE READING?

IT’S THE ONLY WAY WE CAN BE AN APPROVED WORKER!

1. According to 2 Timothy 2:15, why should we study our Bibles? **1) To be approved by God, 2) to be a prepared, confident worker, 3) to be able to understand it and apply it.**
2. **VERY IMPORTANT!** What four things can we learn from the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16)?
 1. All scripture is given by inspiration of God. **God Breathed!**
 2. Profitable for doctrine. (God’s Laws, teaching what is True)
 3. For reproof (to make us realize what is wrong in our lives and stop doing whatever it is.) Prv. 3:11-12
 4. For correction in the way to live (straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right)
 5. For instruction in righteousness (Right living). Prv. 3:4-5

3. What does the new Christian just learning about God's Word need according to Hebrews 5:12? **First teachings (Milk) fundamentals.** (The basics a beginner has need of)

4. Read Hebrews 5:14. How do you become mature? **By reason of use (study and reading the Bible)** Hebrews 5:11-14 – 11 of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. 12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are full age, that is, those who **BY REASON OF USE** have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. (John Maxwell Leadership Bible NKJV)

5. How does your faith grow (Romans 10:17)? **By hearing the Word of God.**

6. How can you find success 'VICTORY' (Joshua 1:8)? **Study God's Word, mediate in, then obey God's word!**

For every winner, there is a loser. You just have to simply make up your mind which one you want to be! It's your choice! You can be a winner! Y.C.D.I.

**OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD!
FRIENDS, THE BIBLE IS GOD SPEAKING TO YOU, JUST DO IT!**

SEVEN RESULTS OF STUDYING GOD'S WORD

When you study the Bible you will reap immeasurable results. God will bless your life as you learn new things about Him through His Word. Look up the following verses. Each verse names a result of studying God's Word. Write that result next to each verse.

1. Psalm 119:116 - **Live and not be ashamed.**
2. **VERY IMPORTANT!** Psalm 119:105 - **Know where I'm going.** (future) not where I am (present) or have been (past). The Word of God is the Will of God for your life. Romans 12:1&2 we renew our minds by reading, studying, meditation on and finally obeying the Word of God. "If you are NOT praying and obeying, then you are probably straying from the Will of God!"☺
3. Psalm 119:99 – **Have understanding.**
4. **VERY IMPORTANT!** Psalm 119:11 – **Keeps me from sin.** (read 9-11)
5. Hebrews 5:14 – **Know right from wrong.**
6. Acts 20:32 – **Builds me up.** (spiritually)
7. Psalm 119:160 – **Know the truth**

"One reason for Bible study is to comfort the afflicted. Another is to afflict the comfortable!" ☺ (By afflict, I mean convict) Psalms 119:67,71,92

CONCLUSION: SOLOMON
Ecclesiastes 12:13,14 – (12:12 students life verse ☺)

Remember Observation – Interpretation – Application

How about Learning - Knowing - Going?

Knowing is NOT going! Knowing is NOT doing!

Ben Franklin said, “well done is better than well said!”

Knowing the Gospel is NOT going with the Gospel! I Corinthians 15:1-4, Matthew 28:18-20.

Knowing the Triple A Plan is NOT doing (telling, sharing) the Triple A Plan!

TRIPLE A PLAN AAA

(1. ADMIT, 2. ACKNOWLEDGE, 3. ACEPT)

MY DEAR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS,

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD!

Why not have a peace and joy inside like you’ve never had before? Jesus said in John 14:6, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” You really need to accept Him as your Savior right now, even while you are reading these few verses from the Bible, God’s Holy Word.

1. ADMIT YOU ARE A SINNER. (I am a sinner too!) ☹

Romans 3:23 “For ALL have sinned and come (fall) short of the glory of God;”

God Himself says in many Bible scriptures that we all have sinned.

The good news is, God can forgive our sins.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE THAT JESUS IS YOUR SAVIOR.

(Jesus in my Savior too!) ☺

Romans 6:23 “For the wages (the penalty, the price) of sin is death but the (free) gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” This verse is not just talking about our physical death, but most importantly, our spiritual death, our eternal punishment and our eternal separation from God forever. Our sin can keep us from going to Heaven.

Romans 5:8 “But God demonstrates (shows, proves) His own love toward (for) us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Jesus Christ has paid the price of our sin. When He died on the cross, He became our substitute. When we accept His substitutionary act of dying on the cross for our sin, then we can believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Only then we can have eternal life in Heaven with Him when we die and our soul leaves this earth.

3. ACEPT JESUS AS YOUR LORD. (Jesus is my Lord too!) ☺

Romans 10:9, 10, 13 “That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, YOU WILL BE SAVED.”

“For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, (becomes right with God) and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

“For whoever (anyone who) calls on the name of the Lord SHALL BE SAVED.”

Friends, listen! Choice, not chance, will determine whether you spend eternity in Heaven or Hell. This is what God Himself says in His Holy Word, the Bible. It’s THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISION you will ever make! Right Now, pray this prayer IF you really believe it and sincerely mean it. Please allow me to help you with your prayer.

Remember, just “repeating these words” will not save you. Only your faith, only your belief in your own heart, your own soul, your own inner being, will save you. My prayer for you is that the words you are going to say with me right now will accurately represent what you believe by faith in your innermost being, in your very own soul.

YOUR SALVATION PRAYER

Now, please repeat your prayer after me, “Dear Heavenly Father, I know I’m a sinner.” Now say this, “please forgive me of my sins.” Now say this, “thank you for dying on the cross for my sins and saving my soul.” Now say this, “right now I accept your free gift of eternal life.” Now finish your prayer like this, “in Jesus’ Name I pray. Amen.”