

MONTH 9

DAY 1

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **1 Corinthians 11:17-34**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: Paul gives instructions about celebrating **Communion** in verses 23-30 of today's reading.

Servant: He does. It is also explained by Jesus in **Matthew 26:26-29**, **Mark 14:22-25** and **Luke 22:17-20**. Will you take a couple minutes to re-read those scriptures?

D: Sure.

S: What's another name for what many call Communion or Holy Communion?

D: Paul calls it The Lord's Supper in verse 20 of today's scripture reading.

S: Yes, any other name?

D: The Last Supper?

S: Yes, what other name?

D: What?

S: Eucharist or Holy Eucharist.

D: I've heard some of my friends use that term. What does it mean?

S: My NKJ version of the Spirit Filled Life Bible says the word Eucharist comes from *eucharisteo*. *Eu* means *well* and *charizomai* means *to give freely*. *Eucharisteo* was often translated as *giving thanks*. Eucharist became a commonly used term for the Lord's Supper during the second century.

D: What did Jesus call Communion?

S: According to the scriptures He didn't give it a name, He just did it.

D: Of course, what's your next question?

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is _____

S: "How often should Holy Communion be celebrated?"

D: It's my understanding that some churches celebrate the Eucharist at every service while some others do it about once a month.

S: That's right. The Communion service in the church where I was raised always said, "Do this as often as you gather in remembrance of Me."

D: Where's that in the Bible?

S: The references listed above about the Lord's Supper were just re-read and I was surprised that there were no instructions about how often to have Communion.

D: Interesting. Any other question?

S: Yes, are the bread and wine the actual body and blood of Jesus, or do they just represent His body and blood?

D: It seems illogical but Jesus says in Matthew 26:26 about the bread, "...*this is My body*." Jesus follows in verse 28 about the wine, "... *this is My blood*...". Jesus repeats the same message in Mark and Luke.

S: We're running out of space so here's the last question: "Why do we celebrate Communion?"

D: In Luke 22:19, Jesus says, "... *do this in remembrance of Me*."

S: Celebrate Communion with your **12**. It's an inspiring way to remember what Jesus did on the cross for us.

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DAY 2

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **1 Corinthians 12**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Our scripture reading today is the famous chapter about *spiritual gifts*.

Servant: On **Month 2 Days 2 & 4** is information about **spiritual gifts**. You'll find it helpful to review those pages at this time.

D: Paul, in verse 4, states, "*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same Spirit.*"

S: In verse 6 Paul adds, "... *the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do.*"

D: Do we all have a **spiritual gift** or **gifts**?

S: Verse 7 encourages us with, "*The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others.*"

D: Can we do anything to get **spiritual gifts**?

S: Verse 11 says, "*But it is the Spirit who... decides which gifts to give to each of us.*"

D: So we can't do anything to get **spiritual gifts**?

S: Apparently we can. At the end of today's reading, Paul says, "*I want you to desire the best gifts...*" (verse 31)

D: So we can "*desire*" **spiritual gifts** but the Holy Spirit "*decides which gifts to give to each of us.*"

S: That's what the Bible seems to say. For example, in 1 Corinthians 14:1, Paul says, "...*Be eager to have the gifts that come from*

the Holy Spirit, especially the gift of prophecy."

D: It sounds as though our desire, our eagerness, to have certain **spiritual gifts** may have some influence on which **gifts** the Holy Spirit decides to give us, right?

S: Perhaps. I remember years ago when God asked me, "*Why haven't you sought to prophesy?*" Without consciously thinking about it, my immediate response surprised even me: "*They killed the prophets!*"

D: So you had unconsciously not sought to prophesy because you were afraid of being killed?

S: Yes, Satan had tricked me in that area.

D: Interesting. The **9 spiritual gifts** Paul lists in verses 8-10 are *wisdom, knowledge, faith, healings, miracles, prophecy, discernment, speaking in tongues and interpretation of tongues*. I want all of them, don't you?

S: Yes. After Paul writes how the followers of Jesus fit together and function like a body (verses 12-27), he adds in verse 28, "*And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administration, varieties of tongues.*"

D: Let's "... *earnestly desire the best gifts...*"

S: Yes, and let's use them to help us make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *each do likewise*.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is _____

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DAY 3

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **1 Corinthians 13**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Today's scripture reading is the brilliant, often quoted "*love*" chapter.

Servant: Paul reminds us that the spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit gives us must be saturated in **love** to be effective.

D: As mentioned several times before, **love** is a key ingredient when making **12 disciples for Jesus**.

S: Agreed. Have you ever heard a kid hitting a cymbal? Not very pleasant, is it? Paul says that's what we are like when operating without **love**.

D: Good analogy. Let's remember to **love** the **12** people God entrusts to us.

S: I **love** you.

D: Likewise. Let's we rate ourselves on the **Love Scale**.

LOVE IS:	0-10	WHAT I WILL DO TO BECOME MORE LOVING
KIND	_____	_____
PATIENT	_____	_____
NEVER JEALOUS	_____	_____
NEVER BOASTFUL	_____	_____
NEVER PROUD	_____	_____
NEVER RUDE	_____	_____
NEVER SELFISH	_____	_____
NEVER QUICK TEMPERED	_____	_____
FORGIVES EVERYONE	_____	_____
REJOICES IN TRUTH	_____	_____
HATES EVIL	_____	_____
ALWAYS SUPPORTIVE	_____	_____
ALWAYS LOYAL	_____	_____
ALWAYS HOPEFUL	_____	_____
ALWAYS TRUSTING	_____	_____
NEVER FAILING	_____	_____
TOTAL SCORE	_____	_____

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is _____
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MONTH 9

DAY 4

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **1 Corinthians 14:1-25**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: In today's scripture reading, Paul begins with, "**Love should be your guide.**"

Servant: Amen.

D: Paul continues, "*Be **eager** to have gifts that come from the Holy Spirit.*"

S: Are you?

D: Of course. Paul adds, "...*especially the gift of **prophecy.***"

S: Shall we explore what the Bible has to say about **prophecy and prophets**?

D: That would be interesting.

S: The dictionary defines **prophet** as, "*A person who declares publicly a message that he believes has come from God.*" A **prophetess** is a female **prophet**.

D: My dictionary says **prophet** may include, "*One who foretells future events.*"

S: **Prophecy** is defined as, "*The sayings of a prophet.*" **Prophesy** means, "*To speak or write like a prophet.*"

D: Anything else?

S: Yes, my NKJ version says the word **prophet** comes from the roots *forth* and *speak*. Therefore, a prophet is one who speaks forth a divine message that can sometimes include foretelling future events.

D: In Exodus 7:1, the Lord said to Moses, "...*Aaron, your brother, shall be your **prophet.***"

S: In Deuteronomy 18:15, Moses proclaims, "*The Lord your God will raise up for you a **Prophet** (note the capital "P") like me from*

your midst, from your brethren. Him shall you hear."

D: Moses was **prophesying** about our precious Jesus Christ, wasn't he?

S: Yes, the Lord added in verse 18, "*I will raise up for them a **Prophet** like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.*"

D: Did you see what God said in the next 2 verses?

S: Basically He said, "**Prophesy right or die.**"

D: Yes, Deuteronomy 18:20 says, "*But the **prophet** who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak... shall die.*"

S: How can we know when a **prophet** is the real thing?

D: That's explained in verse 22. In summary, if what the **prophet** says comes true, he's real.

S: In 1 Kings 18:36, Elijah the **prophet** said, "... *let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done these things at Your word.*"

D: The miracle that happened in the next 3 verses left no doubt in anyone's mind that Elijah was a **prophet**, did it?

S: Amazing, wasn't it. Did you notice earlier in verses 31 & 32 that Elijah, "... *took 12 stones...*" and "... *built an altar in the name of the Lord...*". Let's **prophesy** to people about **12 for Jesus**.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is _____

MONTH 9

DAY 5

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **1 Corinthians 14: 26-40**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: Our scripture reading today can be summarized by the last 2 verses, "*My friends, be eager to **prophecy** and don't stop anyone from speaking languages that others don't know. But do everything properly and in order.*"

Servant: Yesterday we began discovering what the Bible has to say about **prophets**. Want to continue?

D: Sure, it's interesting.

S: Ezekiel was a powerful prophet. In Ezekiel 13: 1-2 it says, "*And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'Son of man, **prophecy** against the **prophets** of Israel who **prophecy**, and say to those who **prophecy** out of their own heart, 'Hear the word of the Lord!' "*

D: Verse 3 warns, "*Thus says the Lord God: 'Woe to the foolish **prophets** who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing!'*"

S: It's essential that **prophets** have the integrity to speak only what they hear or see from God.

D: In Ezekiel 33:7, God said the **prophet** is, "*... a watchman...*" who shall "*... hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me.*"

S: That's a good description of **prophet**.

D: The famous **prophecy** through Ezekiel about the "*dry bones*" is in Ezekiel 37:1-14.

S: Prophecy was used to encourage, wasn't it?

D: It certainly was. Israel had thought, "*... our hope is lost...*" (Ezekiel 37:11)

S: Today we've read how **prophecy** was used to warn and encourage. Yesterday, Elijah used it to demonstrate God's power.

D: Here's another example of how God works through His **prophets**. Malachi 4:5 & 6 promise, "*Behold, I will send you Elijah the **prophet** before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.*"

S: We need that, don't we? Russ Bone, a veteran jail chaplain, told me that, "*Over 70% of the men in our jails come from fatherless homes.*"

D: Who was the greatest **prophet**?

S: Jesus says in Luke 7:28, "*... there is not a greater **prophet** than John the Baptist...*"

D: Be even then, John was not the **Prophet**, with the capital "P", prophesied by Moses.

S: Only Jesus is the **Prophet** sent from God to say, "*Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.*" (Matthew 4:17)

D: And Jesus is the only sinless **Prophet** to wash away our sins with His blood shed on the cross.

S: Let's tell people about **Jesus the Prophet** and this **12 for Jesus training**.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is _____

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MONTH 9

DAY 6

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **1 Corinthians 15:1-34**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: Paul ends today's scripture reading with a **challenge**, doesn't he?

Servant: He does by saying in verse 34, "*You should be **embarrassed** that some people still don't know about God.*"

D: Does Paul mean the **embarrassment** we'd feel if a neighbor were dragged into hell because we didn't tell him about Jesus?

S: Perhaps.

D: Has that happened in your neighborhood?

S: Unfortunately it has. A young man across the street died of a drug overdose last year. If he had given the opportunity to experience this life-changing **12 for Jesus training**, I am confident he would still be alive. Also, his young widow and 4 year-old daughter wouldn't be crying themselves to sleep.

D: How's that make you feel?

S: Sad.

D: How would you feel if Jesus asked you, "*Why didn't you tell Charlie about me?*"

S: **Embarrassed**.

D: Any others?

S: Another neighbor, a single mother on welfare, died a couple years ago. My wife did tell her about Jesus and she was hungry to learn more. Unfortunately, **12 for Jesus** was not available then.

D: It's available now, *free*.

S: It can be downloaded free epfj.org. People can even custom tailor it for their group of **12**.

D: Do you still have neighbors who would go to hell if they were to die today?

S: Yes.

D: How does that make you feel?

S: **Embarrassed** that I haven't told them about **Jesus** and the **12 for Jesus training**.

D: May I ask you another question?

S: Am I on the hot seat?

D: Yes. What about your family members and friends? If they died today, are you confident that all of them would enjoy heaven instead of suffering in hell?

S: No.

D: Are they doing the **12 for Jesus training**?

S: No.

D: Why are you delaying?

S: Most of them don't live here.

D: Do they have access to a computer and a telephone?

S: They do.

D: Do you get the message?

S: Yes.

D: I do, too.

S: Paul tells us in verse 3 that the most important part of our message to others is, "*...**Christ died for our sins**...*".

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is _____

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DAY 7

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **1 Corinthians 15:35-58**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: This is the day when you share an idea to help us get **12**, isn't it?

Servant: Yes.

D: What do you have for us?

S: The **Great Commission**.

D: That was our first scripture memory verse, Matthew 28:18-20.

S: It was. What's the bottom line of the **Great Commission**?

D: Make **disciples for Jesus**, right?

S: Right.

D: What's the idea you have for us?

S: When approaching a prospect, what do you do first?

D: Pray?

S: That's not the answer I was expecting, but it's a good one. What next?

D: Sincerely ask, "*May I ask you a question?*"

S: That really works, doesn't it?

D: It does. I've never had one person say "*No*", have you?

S: Not one.

D: After they say "*Sure*", what do I say next?

S: Ask: "*What does the Bible say about the Great Commission?*"

D: What if they have never heard of the **Great Commission**?

S: Tell them it says, "*Make disciples for Jesus.*"

D: What next?

S: Look them in the eye and ask, "*How many disciples have you made for Jesus?*"

D: Then tell them about **12 for Jesus**?

S: Yes, and invite them to join your family of **12**.

D: What if they know about the **Great Commission**?

S: Ask the same question, "*How many disciples have you made for Jesus?*"

D: That'll work. Thanks for the tip.

S: My pleasure. I'm excited about you making **12 disciples for Jesus** who *each do likewise*. You're going to love it.

D: Today's scripture reading is encouraging.

S: Yes, we're going to get new, eternal bodies that don't wear out.

D: I'm listening for the sound of the last trumpet.

S: Verse 52 promises, "*It will happen suddenly, quicker than the blink of an eye. At the sound of the trumpet the dead will be raised. We will all be changed, so we will never die again.*"

D: Verse 58 prompts us, "*... Always keep busy working for the Lord...*".

S: Yes, let's *reach & teach* our **12**.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My prayer for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is _____.

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DAY 8

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **1 Corinthians 16**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Paul gives good advice in verses 13 & 14 of today's scripture reading.

Servant: Paul counsels us with, "*Keep alert. Be firm in your faith. Stay brave and strong. Show love in everything you do.*"

D: "*Keep alert. ...*"

S: The dictionary defines **alert** as "... watchful..."

D: Watchful of what?

S: The tricks of Satan. John 10:10 warns us that Satan "... comes only to rob, kill and destroy. ..."

D: **Alert**, watchful, for the return of Jesus.

S: Yesterday we learned in 1 Corinthians 15:52, "*It will happen suddenly, quicker than the blink of an eye.*"

D: **Alert** for opportunities to, "... keep busy working for the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

S: Including making **12 disciples for Jesus** who *each does likewise*.

D: The next advice Paul gives in verse 13 of today's reading is, "... Be **firm** in your **faith**."

S: Another word the dictionary uses for **firm** is *steadfast*. In other words, hang in there with Jesus.

D: **Faith** is defined as, "... a belief and trust in and loyalty to God."

S: Hebrews 11:1 explains, "*Faith makes us sure of what we hope for and gives us proof of what we cannot see.*"

D: In Luke 17:5 the apostles asked the Lord to, "*Make our **faith** stronger.*"

S: 2 Corinthians 5:7 declares, "*But we live by **faith**, not by what we see.*"

D: Verse 13 of today's reading continues with, "... Stay **brave**..."

S: **Courage** is another word for **brave**. God encouraged Joshua in Deuteronomy 31:6 with, "*Be... of good **courage**...*". Why? The verse continues, "... for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave nor forsake you."

D: The next part of verse 13 is, "... be **strong**..."

S: Proverbs 24:5 states, "*A wise man is **strong**.*"

D: In the famous "*Armor of God*" part of Ephesians, Paul advises us in 6:10 to, "... be **strong** in the Lord and in the power of His *might*."

S: The last part of today's verse 13 encourages us to, "*Show **love** in everything you do. ...*" When our children were little, our main admonishment to them was, "*Show **love**.*"

D: It works. We read recently in 1 Corinthians 13:8, "*Love never fails! ...*"

S: Let's keep **alert**, be **firm** in our **faith**, stay **brave** and **strong**, and show **love** by telling people the *good news* about **Jesus** and His inspiring **12 for Jesus training**.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is _____

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DAY 9

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **2 Corinthians 1**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Today we begin Paul's next letter to the followers of Jesus in Corinth.

Servant: Paul was having trouble with some rebellious people in the church he started among the Corinthians.

D: Should I expect trouble with people participating in my **family of 12**?

S: Expect trouble, no. But, if challenges arise, don't get discouraged. Just face the problems and keep on until you make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *all do likewise*.

D: Satan doesn't want **12 for Jesus** groups multiplying worldwide, does he?

S: No, and he'll do anything he can through anyone he can to hinder it.

D: That's Satan's job, right.

S: Right.

D: Moses, Jesus, Paul and you have all had to face Satan working through rebellious people, haven't you?

S: Yes, and even God the Father had to deal with Satan, in the form of the snake, causing Adam and Eve to rebel.

D: How many people will I have to train in order to make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *all do likewise*?

S: I know exactly how many it will take me.

D: Really? How many?

S: As many as it takes.

D: In other words, you are committed to making **12 disciples for Jesus** who each make

12 disciples for Jesus. You are determined to train as many people as it takes to get the job done.

S: Yes.

D: In today's scripture reading, Paul shares that he has faced a few challenges. He relates in verse 8, "... *Our sufferings were so horrible and so unbearable that death seemed certain.*"

S: But God made lemonade from those lemons.

D: Yes, Paul reports in the next verse, "*But this make us stop **trusting** in ourselves and start **trusting** God, who raises the dead to life.*"

S: In the beginning of verse 18, Paul declares, "*God can be **trusted**... .*"

D: Let's see what the Bible says about that.

S: The people said about Jesus hanging on the cross in Matthew 27:43, "*He **trusted** in God... .*"

D: Paul says in Ephesians 1:12, "*In Him (God in the form of Jesus Christ) you also **trusted**, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation... .*"

S: Peter mentions in 1 Peter 3:5, "... *holy women who **trusted** in God... .*"

D: Let's **trust** God to help us make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *all do likewise*.

S: And let's keep on keeping on until the job gets done.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is _____

_____.

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DAY 10

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **2 Corinthians 2**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: What caught your attention in today's scripture reading?

Servant: What caught yours?

D: Thanks for asking. Check out the end of verse 16.

S: *"No one really has what it takes to do this work."*

D: Paul was referring to the work of making mature, fruitful disciples for Jesus, right?

S: Right.

D: That's what **12 for Jesus** is about, isn't it?

S: Yes.

D: Does this mean you have given us an impossible task?

S: Yes, no one really has what it takes to make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise*.

D: Then why are we investing **12 minutes a day** for **12 months** into this **12 for Jesus training**?

S: The answer is in verse 14.

D: *"I am grateful that God always makes it possible for Christ to lead us to victory."*

S: Verse 14 continues with, *"God also helps us spread the knowledge about Christ everywhere..."*

D: So the message is, *"What's impossible for us is possible with God."*

S: Right.

D: Verse 12 confirms this with Paul's report, *"When I went to Troas to preach the good news about Christ, I found that the Lord had already prepared the way."*

S: Manny & I experienced that this week.

D: What happened?

S: We met with the pastor of a church with an attendance of about 1150 people on Sundays.

D: Met about what?

S: **12 for Jesus**.

D: What happened?

S: He said **12 for Jesus** was exactly what their church needed.

D: Oh?

S: The pastor wants to re-organize the church into small, caring groups whose primary purpose is making disciples for Jesus.

D: Sounds as though God had prepared the way for your meeting.

S: Doesn't it? I also met this week with a Christian businessman with 70 employees. He wanted a **12 for Jesus** group to meet on Tuesdays at noon at his office. The first gathering will be this week.

D: Sounds as though God had prepared the businessman's heart for your visit.

S: God had. Pray and ask God to help you make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise*.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

_____.

MONTH 9

DAY 11

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **2 Corinthians 3**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: What does Paul have to teach us in today's scripture reading?

Servant: First, may I ask you a question?

D: Sure.

S: Will you be delighted with the **12 disciples** you make for Jesus?

D: May I ask you a question?

S: Sure.

D: Are you delighted with your 5 children?

S: Yes.

D: That's how I'll feel about my family of **12**.

S: That's how I felt about Manny when we met with the pastor mentioned in yesterday's lesson. I was delighted to introduce Manny as one of the **12** that God had entrusted to me.

D: Did the pastor ask Manny what he thought about **12 for Jesus**?

S: Yes, and he was encouraged by Manny's endorsement.

D: What does this have to do with today's reading?

S: Was Paul pleased with the disciples he had made for Jesus?

D: Yes, with most of them.

S: Paul says the disciples he has made for Jesus are like a letter of referral that others can read.

D: Paul says in verse 2, "*But you are our letter, and you are in our hearts for everyone to read and understand.*"

S: Just as Manny endorsed your efforts, Paul's disciples endorsed his ministry.

D: Yes. Verse 3 proclaims, "*You are like a letter written by Christ and delivered by us....*"

S: It ends with, "*... You are written in our hearts by the Spirit of the living God.*"

D: I can hardly wait to have my own **family of 12**.

S: You're going to love it. I certainly do.

D: Did anything else catch your attention in today's reading?

S: What caught yours?

D: If we witness to someone who is stubborn, "*... Christ can take away the covering that keeps them from seeing.*" (verse 14)

S: That's why **PRAYER** is the third part of our daily training. It's essential to ask Christ in prayer to help us make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise*.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** *who do likewise* is _____

MONTH 9

DAY 12

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **2 Corinthians 4**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: "*Never give up.*"

Servant: Paul encourages us 3 times in today's reading to ...

D: "*Never give up.*"

S: You will make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* if you ...

D: "*Never give up.*"

S: The disciples you make for Jesus will **multiply** if you ...

D: "*Never give up.*"

S: Your **family of 12** will grow into dozens, hundreds, thousands or even millions of **disciples for Jesus** if you ...

D: "Never give up."

S: You will help complete the **Great Commission** (Matthew 28:18-20) if you ...

D: "*Never give up.*"

S: You will overcome and inherit all things (Revelation 21:7) if you...

D: "*Never give up.*"

S: You will receive the **victor's crown** (1 Corinthians 9:25) if you...

D: "*Never give up.*"

S: You will be faithful until death and be awarded the **crown of life** (James 1:12 & Revelation 2:10) if you ...

D: "*Never give up.*"

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** *who do likewise* is _____

S: You will be **rewarded** by Jesus (Revelation 22:12) if you ...

D: "*Never give up.*"

S: You will hear God say "*Well done*" (Matthew 25:21) if you...

D: "*Never give up.*"

S: You will experience God's **power** flowing through you if you ...

D: "*Never give up.*"

S: Ask and you will receive (Matthew 6:7) if you ...

D: "*Never give up.*"

S: God will move that mountain (Matthew 17:20) if you ...

D: "*Never give up.*"

S: God will give you the desires of your heart (Psalms 37:4) if you ...

D: "*Never give up.*"

S: All these things will be added to you (Matthew 6:33) if you ...

D: "*Never give up.*"

S: You may be tired, discouraged and want to quit but ...

D: "*Never give up.*"

S: You will make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* if you, "*Never give up.*"

MONTH 9

DAY 13

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **2 Corinthians 5**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: What does God have for us today?

he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new."

Servant: May I ask you a question?

D: Sure.

D: So?

S: Was Paul "*in Christ*"?

S: If that is true, why are so many Christians, including Paul, me and probably you, still challenged with "*thorns in the flesh*"?

D: What?

S: Verse 17 of today's reading says, "*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*" So, was Paul "*in Christ*"?

D: Why?

S: We'll get insights about this as we continue to read the Bible.

D: Is this a trick question?

D: Accordance to my Concordance, in Colossians 3:9 & 10 NKJ, Paul says, "... *you have put off the old man... and have put on the new man... .*"

S: It's a question I've wondered about for years. Was Paul "*in Christ*"?

D: If anyone was "*in Christ*", Paul was.

S: Colossians 2:12 CEV reads, "*And when you were baptized, it was the same as being buried with Christ. Then you were raised to (new) life because you had faith in the power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.*"

S: So, according to verse 17, if Paul was "*in Christ*", he was "*a new creation*" and "*all things have become new*".

D: What's your point?

D: Maybe we haven't allowed ourselves to be "*in Christ*".

S: Why did Paul still suffer from a "*thorn in the flesh*"?

S: Even Paul?

D: Thorn?

S: Yes, you can read about in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.

D: I've learned from today's lesson is that it's healthy ask questions as we progress on our spiritual journey.

D: Interesting. Sounds as though God allowed the "*thorn*" to make Paul humble. Why are you asking?

S: Yes, if we keep searching, the answers to our questions are in the Bible. Meanwhile, keep telling people about **12 for Jesus**.

S: Years ago a well-meaning pastor told me that inner healing was not necessary for Christians because, "... *if anyone is in Christ,*

Manny & I began training 14 new people yesterday at a local business during lunch. They loved it.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

_____.

MONTH 9

DAY 14

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **2 Corinthians 6**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: Something caught my attention in today's reading.

Servant: What?

D: Paul uses "... *the day of our **salvation**...*" twice in verse 2 of the CEV.

S: My dictionary defines **salvation** as "*Saving a person from sin, danger or evil.*"

D: It's like being rescued.

S: This is timely since, as this is being written, helicopters are rescuing people from rooftops in the tragic aftermath of hurricane Katrina.

D: My concordance has several references to "**salvation**".

S: What?

D: Exodus 14:13 finds the Jewish people with the Red Sea before them and the Egyptian army behind them. Moses reassures them with, "... *Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the **salvation** of the Lord, which he will accomplish for you today. ...*"

S: And He did!

D: Yes, God parted the Red Sea for His chosen people walk across to safety. When the Egyptians tried to follow, the waters roared back and drown them. As predicted, the Jewish people saw the "**salvation** of the Lord."

S: 1 Chronicles 16:23 encourages us with, "*Sing to the Lord, all the earth; Proclaim the good news of His **salvation** from day to day.*"

D: Psalm 3:8 says, "**Salvation** belongs to the Lord... ."

S: And Psalm 27:1 continues with, "*the Lord is my... **salvation**; whom shall I fear?...* "

D: "*Our God is the God of our **salvation**...*" proclaims Psalm 68:20.

S: Jeremiah 3:23 confirms, "... *the Lord our God is the **salvation** of Israel.*"

D: Simeon in Luke 2:23-32 rejoices because he has seen Jesus, God's **salvation**.

S: Jesus visited the home of Zacchaeus, the despised chief tax collector, and announced, "*Today **salvation** has come to this house... for the son of Man (Jesus) has come to seek and **save** that which was lost.*"

D: If Jesus can **save** a crooked tax collector, He can **save** my neighbors.

S: Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, told the Jewish leaders about Jesus in Acts 4:8-12, "*Nor is there **salvation** in any other, for there is no other name under heaven... by which we must be **saved**.*"

D: Paul writes in Romans 1:16, "*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to **salvation** for everyone who believes... .*"

S: Let's tell people about the **salvation**, the **rescue**, that is available to them through Jesus. Share that **12 for Jesus** can help them get **saved** as well as earn eternal rewards.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

_____.

MONTH 9

DAY 15

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is 2 Corinthians 7. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Paul uses "*encouraged*" 3 times in today's scripture reading.

Servant: Yes, once in CEV verse 4 and twice in verse 13.

D: My dictionary defines *encourage* as to cause to feel courage, spirit or hope.

S: It also mentions spur on, stimulate or give help.

D: Paul in Colossians 2:2 writes, "... *that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love...*".

S: 1 Corinthians 14:31 says, "*For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.*"

D: Even God our Father **encouraged** Jesus in Matthew 3:17 by saying, "... *This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*"

S: Peter confirms that in 2 Peter 1:17

D: In Romans 1:12, Paul wants to see believers in Rome that, "... *I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith of both you and me.*"

S: May I ask you a question?

D: Sure.

S: "*How can we encourage the 12 that God entrusts to us?*"

D: Let them know we're *pleased* with the progress they're making.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

S: Isaiah 42:21 says, "*The Lord is well pleased ...*".

D: Here's another way to **encourage** our **12** that I learned from Ruben Fierro. He says, "*I'm so proud of you.*"

S: That is **encouraging**, isn't it?

D: Yes, there's another way to **encourage** our **12**. Tell them, "*I love you!*"

S: Jesus says in John 13:35, "*By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*"

D: Jesus adds in John 15:12, "*This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*"

S: There's another way to **encourage** our **12**.

D: How?

S: Let them know we are **praying** for them.

D: Here's another way to **encourage** our **12**.

S: I'm listening.

D: Make a big fuss when they get a new **disciple**.

S: Good idea. Speaking of getting a new disciple, let's **encourage** someone today to participate in **12 for Jesus**.

D: Jesus **encourages** us with a big **reward**, doesn't He?

S: Yes, and a "*Well done!*"

MONTH 9

DAY 16

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **2 Corinthians 8**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Verse 8 of today's scripture reading is encouraging.

Servant: *"You know that our Lord Jesus Christ was kind enough to give up all His riches and become **poor**, so that you could become **rich**."*

D: Isn't that part of what you call the **Exchange at the Cross**?

S: It is. Take a few minutes and review where it's discussed on **Month 2 Days 22 & 23**.

D: At the cross, Jesus exchanged our sins for forgiveness, our illnesses for health and our living wrong for living right in God's eyes.

S: Yes, and He also took our death to give us eternal life and, in today's scripture, our poverty for riches.

D: Jesus also exchanged our shame for glory and our rejection for acceptance by God.

S: What a wonderful Savior. We should be knocking down doors to tell people about Jesus.

D: Paul adds in verse 12 of today's reading, *"It doesn't matter how much you have. What really matters is how much you are willing to give from what you have."*

S: The prime example of this is called **The Widow's Mite** shared by Jesus in Mark 12:41-44.

D: In summary, Mark 12:41-44 says the rich gave a lot but they still had plenty left over; the poor widow gave a small amount to God, a mite, but it was everything she had.

S: Do you think the widow starved after giving God everything she had?

D: Any God who can feed 5,000 men plus women and children with just 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, can provide well for anyone who gives all she/he has.

S: The "*very rich*" young man in Matthew 19:16-22 didn't understand this, did he?

D: No. Jesus told him, *"...If you want to be perfect, go sell everything you own! Give the money to the poor and you will have riches in Heaven. Then come and be My follower."*

S: Are you beginning to understand?

D: Jesus, on the cross, exchanged my poverty for His riches. But what really matters is not how much I have but how much of it I am willing to give away.

S: There seem to be at least 2 factors working here: Love & trust. Do we *love* others enough to help them? Do we *trust* God enough to provide for us even though we give away everything?

D: You did that in the early 1990's, didn't you?

S: Yes, it taught me a valuable lesson.

D: What?

S: If we follow Jesus and give, He will provide for us. Let's tell others they can learn about **Jesus** through this life-changing **12 for Jesus** training.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

MONTH 9

DAY 17

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **2 Corinthians 9**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: The key verse of today's scripture reading is the end of verse 7.

Servant: "... God loves people who love to *give*."

D: How does your NKJ version say this?

S: "... God loves a cheerful **giver**."

D: Do you want God to love you?

S: Of course.

D: **Give**.

S: And **give** cheerfully.

D: Do you know some cheerful **givers**?

S: Yes, lots. Do you?

D: Ruben Fierro, your faithful partner, is one. He delights in **giving**.

S: Ruben learned about **giving** from his generous, cheerful Mama.

D: Pages 12 & 13 of the book, **My Roots Go Back to Loving** (order at 915/877-7148), tell how Mama trained Ruben to be a cheerful **giver**.

S: Ruben says his Mama was, "... *the most generous person I knew*."

D: Although she only earned about \$12 a week for working 40 to 60 hours as a seamstress in a factory, "*When she'd get paid, she'd send me to la tienda (store) to change a dollar bill into 4 quarters. She always had them handy for the Chavezes or Gonzalezes or*

whoever was in need, and she'd send me over there with quarters in a little handkerchief."

S: Yes, God loves a cheerful **giver**. Meet the beautiful, Christian, Colombian bride God gave Ruben a couple years ago and you'll see God's love personified.

D: I know another cheerful **giver**.

S: Who?

D: Your wife, Moni.

S: Yes, Moni loves to **give**. God provides for our simple needs but I ask Him for more. Why? So Moni will have more to **give** away. Giving, as directed by God, delights Moni.

D: Do you know any other cheerful **givers**?

S: Yes, my best friend from high school, Jerry Knotts.

D: Tell us about Jerry.

S: The more Jerry **gives**, the more God **gives** back to him. Jerry is such a **giver** that he even **gave** himself to God.

D: How?

S: Jerry served God as a loving, **giving** pastor for about 35 years.

D: Let's **give** of ourselves by making **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise*.

S: Teaching people about Jesus through this **12 for Jesus** training is one the best **gifts** we can **give**. Let's be cheerful **givers** that God loves.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

_____.

MONTH 9

DAY 18

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **2 Corinthians 10**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: What do you have for us today?

Servant: A well-known part of today's reading is verses 3-5.

D: What does your NKJV say for verse 3?

S: "*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.*"

D: What's the definition of "*flesh*"?

S: The dictionary reads, "... *the physical being of a person as distinguished from the soul.*"

D: What's the definition of "*soul*"?

S: "*The spiritual part of a person believed to give life to the body and, in many religions, thought to live forever.*"

D: What's the difference between our soul and our spirit?

S: My dictionary says spirit is similar to soul. It says spirit is "*a force within a human being thought to give the body life, energy and power.*" Spirit derives from the Latin word *spiritus*, which literally means breath.

D: What does the Bible say is the difference between our soul and our spirit?

S: There are many references to both but, so far, I haven't found anything to help us understand the differences.

D: The CEV translation of verse 3 is, "*We live in this world but we don't act like its people... .*"

S: That's interesting. The NKJV continues with verse 4, "*For weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds... .*"

D: The CEV says we don't, "... *fight our battles with weapons of this world.*"

S: What weapons do we use?

D: The CEV continues with, "... *Instead we use God's power that can destroy fortresses.*"

S: How can we use God's power?

D: Praying against spiritual strongholds by using the name of Jesus?

S: Yes, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus (Matthew 28:18).

D: What are some of the spiritual strongholds against which you have battled?

S: We are a border town, so we've prayed against many things including witchcraft, immorality, idol worship and poverty.

D: Has it worked?

S: Yes, darkness is gradually changing into light.

D: **12 for Jesus** training can help us use God's power pull down strongholds.

S: It can. Let's tell people about it.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

_____.

MONTH 9

DAY 19

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **2 Corinthians 11:1-15**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: What do you have for us today?

Servant: **Five (5) Great Commissions.**

D: Really? What are they?

S: The first was our memory verse for Month 1 Day 1, Matthew 28:18-20. Jesus says, *"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth! Go to the people of all nations and make them My disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world."*

D: Is the second **Great Commission** Mark 16:15-20?

S: Yes, it says, *"Then He (Jesus) told them, 'Go and preach the good news (about Jesus) to everyone in the world. Anyone who believes Me and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe Me will be condemned. Everyone who believes Me will be able to do wonderful things. By using My name they will force out demons, and they will speak new languages. They will handle snakes and will drink poison and not be hurt. They will also heal sick people by placing their hands on them'."*

D: The third **Great Commission** reference must be Luke 24:46-49.

S: It is. Jesus reminded His disciples that the scriptures say, *"... all people of every nation must be told in My name to turn to God, in*

order to be forgiven. So beginning in Jerusalem, you must tell everything that has happened. I will send you the one my father has promised (the Holy Spirit), but you must stay in the city until you are given power from heaven."

D: The fourth version of the Great Commission must be John 20:21-23. It reads, *"... I am sending you, just as the Father has sent Me. Then He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven. But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven.'"*

S: Acts 1:8 is the fifth rendition of the **Great Commission**. Jesus says, *"But the Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power. Then you will tell everyone about me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and everywhere in the world."*

D: I think there's a sixth version in Matthew 24:14, *"When the good news has been preached all over the world and told to all nations, the end will come."*

S: Good observation. **12 for Jesus** can help us complete the **Great Commission** by making **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise*. It only takes 10 multiplications to reach the entire world. Let's do our part. The rewards are wonderful and are paid for eternity.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

MONTH 9

DAY 20

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **2 Corinthians 11:16-33**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: What do you have for us today?

Servant: *Suffer*.

D: *Suffer*?

S: Yes, how much are we willing to *suffer* to make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise*?

D: Good question. What do you have in mind?

S: What price are we willing to pay to make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise*?

D: It's obvious that when we pour our lives into others, there may be disappointments mixed with the joy. That can be painful.

S: Yes, Jesus poured Himself into Judas for about 3 years, only to be betrayed at the end.

D: Paul *suffered* to reach and teach Jews and Gentiles but some of them began following false teachers.

S: Manny and I had a temporary setback this week.

D: What happened?

S: The local company where 14 people come to the first **12 for Jesus** training session only had 3 people show up for session #2.

D: Really? How did you feel?

S: It was painful, especially since *none* of them had completed the daily training.

D: Bummer.

S: Satan does not want new **12 for Jesus** groups to start. He will do anything possible to hinder them.

D: What are you and Manny going to do?

S: Call everyone to gently inquire why she/he didn't attend. Remind them before each gathering with an e-mail and personal phone call. Also, pray, fast and, in Jesus' name, take authority over Satan's distractions.

D: You're not going to just give up?

S: No way. Did Jesus give up when He began to *suffer*? Did Paul?

D: Jesus told His disciples in Mark 8:31 that He would "... *suffer terribly*..." Did He quit? Of course not.

S: Paul *suffered* jail, beatings, being hit with large stones, shipwrecks, hunger, thirst and cold (verses 23-27). Did he quit? No way.

D: I am willing to *suffer*, if necessary, so my family, friends and neighbors will enjoy eternity in Heaven instead of burning forever in Hell.

S: So am I. Let's make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise*.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____.

MONTH 9

DAY 21

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **2 Corinthians 12**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: In verse 2 of today's scripture reading, Paul writes about being, "... *taken up into the third Heaven... .*"

Servant: He describes it in verse 4 as "... *paradise... .*"

D: I love to hear about Heaven, don't you?

S: I do. It gives us hope.

D: Have you experienced the third Heaven yet?

S: Not yet. The closest I've been so far is the time when God the Father allowed me the thrill of being in His presence.

D: Why haven't you been taken to the third Heaven? Paul was.

S: I haven't thought to ask for it.

D: Paul "... *heard things that are too wonderful to tell.*" (verse 4)

S: We have a lot to look forward to in Heaven, don't we?

D: Yes, I'm excited.

S: What do you think about verses 7-10?

D: Paul writes, "*One of Satan's angels was sent to make me suffer terribly, so I would not feel too proud.*" (verse 7)

S: God hates pride. The NKJV calls Paul's infirmity "... *a thorn in the flesh... .*" (verse 7)

D: Verse 9 in the NKJV is the famous, "... *My grace is sufficient for you... .*"

S: Do you remember the definition of "grace"?

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

D: God's unmerited favor?

S: Yes. It's something God gives you because He loves you, not because you earned or deserved it.

D: Jesus spoke those words to you once, didn't He?

S: He did. It was after I had given everything away and was concerned about where I was going to get my next meal. I'll never forget it. About 4:00 A.M. Jesus reassured me with, "*My grace is sufficient for you.*" Soon afterwards, God began providing truckloads of food, most of which was given to others.

D: Did God just start pouring His grace on you or were just finally able to receive it?

S: Probably the latter.

D: Verse 9 continues with, "... *for My strength is perfected in weakness... .*"

S: Makes sense, doesn't it? The more we get out of God's way, the more He can do through our yielded vessels.

D: Pride causes us to want to do things our way instead of God's way, doesn't it?

S: Good observation. That's why God doesn't like pride. It hinders His will from being accomplished through us.

D: We know God's will is for us to make disciples for Jesus.

S: It is. Let's tell someone about this wonderful **12 for Jesus** training today.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

MONTH 9

DAY 22

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **2 Corinthians 13**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today’s reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: I have an idea.

S: What’s your idea?

Servant: What?

D: Let’s create a **test** to see if “*Christ is living in us*” and if we “*really are true to our faith*”.

D: Verse 5 of today’s reading says, “**Test yourselves and find out if you really are true to your faith... .**”

S: Good idea. What do you suggest?

S: It continues with, “... *If you pass the test, you will discover that Christ is living in you.*”

D: What people say about us could indicate if Christ is living in us, couldn’t it?

D: In the last part of verse 5, Paul writes, “... *But if Christ isn’t living in you, you have failed.*”

S: It could. Let’s try that approach.

DO PEOPLE SAY?

SCORE 0-10

PLAN FOR IMPROVING

“*I see Jesus in you.*”

“*You’re Christlike.*”

“*You’re peaceful.*”

“*You’re kind.*”

“*You’re liquid love.*”

“*You’re a healer.*”

“*You do miracles.*”

“*You’re caring.*”

“*You have wisdom.*”

“*You’re so patient.*”

TOTAL SCORE

D: Ouch! Are we grading on the curve?

D: Let’s let people hear Jesus saying through us, “*Make disciples for Me.*”

S: Is Christ living in you?

S: And we can tell people how rewarding it is to make disciples for Jesus using the **12 for Jesus** training. Then they can join in

D: Yes, but I need to get out of the way more so people can sense His presence.

saying, “*Christ is living in us*” and we “*really are true to our faith*”.

S: Good observation. Another way to say that is, “*Dying to self*”.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

MONTH 9

DAY 23

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Galatians 1**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Paul's letter to the **Galatians** begins today.

Servants: There are some good tips for us in Galatians.

D: Paul makes 2 points today.

S: Let me guess what they are.

D: What?

S: Is the first point that Paul is a true apostle?

D: Yes.

S: And the second that Paul's message is true?

D: You get an "A".

S: Verse 2 says, "*I was **chosen**...*"

D: What does your concordance say about "***chosen***"?

S: Is your computer broken?

D: No, I just like to tell you what to do for a change.

S: OK, if that makes you happy. "***Chosen***" is mentioned in my concordance about 75 times.

D: Does it say somewhere, "*Many are called but few are **chosen***"?

S: Yes, Jesus says that at the end of Matthew 20:16 and again in Matthew 22:14.

D: Jesus says in John 15:16, "*You did not **choose** Me, but I **chose** you and appointed you that should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.*"

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

_____.

S: May I ask you a question?

D: Sure.

S: Were you **chosen** by God to participate in **12 for Jesus**?

D: Good question, were you?

S: As related earlier, Jesus told me in church years ago, "*I have **chosen** you.*"

D: Yes, but for **12 for Jesus**?

S: Did Jesus choose His disciples to do the **Great Commission**?

D: Yes.

S: Will **12 for Jesus** help complete the **Great Commission**?

D: Yes.

S: Are you a **disciple of Jesus**?

D: Yes.

S: Then you're **chosen** to do **12 for Jesus**.

D: Sounds logical to me. Here's another thing that sounds logical.

S: What?

D: Ask God if He has **chosen** us to do **12 for Jesus**.

S: Good thinking. Let me know what God answers. In the meantime, let's tell people about the *rewards* they can earn by **choosing** to do **12 for Jesus**.

MONTH 9

DAY 24

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Galatians 2**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: After 14 years in the field, God told Paul to visit the home office.

Servant: Yes, he went to Jerusalem with Barnabas, the encourager.

D: That would be like someone who had made thousands of disciples for Jesus through the **12 for Jesus** approach finally visiting El Paso, wouldn't it?

S: Somewhat, but the Internet allows for us to make a virtual visit anytime.

D: For an old guy, you're talking pretty mod.

S: Thank God for the Internet. Now a worldwide ministry can be headquartered right in your bedroom.

D: Paul was bold. He even corrected the boss, Peter (verses 11-15).

S: Like you correct me?

D: Let's change the subject.

S: Paul emphasizes "*faith*", doesn't he?

D: He does. We'll get more of that tomorrow.

S: A summary of Paul's testimony is verse 20, "*I have been nailed to the cross with Christ. .*"

D: It continues, "... *it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me... .*"

S: "*Christ lives in me*" is the way to get a good score on the Month 9 Day 22 test, isn't it?

D: Yes, when I have died to self and Christ lives in me, people should comment regularly, "*I sense Jesus in you.*"

S: God, please help us get out of Your way as you live your life through us.

D: Verse 20 adds, "... *and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God... .*"

S: "*I live by faith in the Son of God.*" Let's repeat that several times.

D: "*I live by faith in the Son of God.*" Feels good to say it, doesn't it.

S: It does. "*I live by faith in the Son of God.*" Now notice how Paul ends verse 20.

D: "*I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*"

S: Let's each make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise*. There's no better way to say, "*Thank-you, precious Jesus!*" for loving me and giving Yourself for me.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

_____.

MONTH 9

DAY 25

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Galatians 3**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Being subtle is not one of Paul's strengths, is it?

Servant: No, today's reading in the CEV begins with, "*You stupid Galatians!*"

D: Tell me the truth. Do you sometimes feel that way about me?

S: Never.

D: Verse 1 asks, "*Has someone now put an evil spell on you?*"

S: I know what you're going to ask.

D: You're right, has anyone tried to put an evil spell on you?

S: Probably. As you make disciples for Jesus, Satan gets upset and can work through deceived people.

D: Like witches?

S: Yes, once a woman with a background in witchcraft even put advertisements around town about a book she was writing on what a bad person I am.

D: What happened?

S: Nothing. We asked Jesus to protect us with His blood and, in the name of Jesus, prayed against her efforts.

D: Did she try to put an evil spell on you?

S: Probably, but 1 John 4:4 assures us, "... *He (Jesus Christ) who is in you is greater than he (Satan) who is in the world.*"

D: Also, Isaiah 54:17 clearly states, "*No weapon formed against you shall prosper... .*"

S: And that verse continues, "... *And every tongue which rises against you in judgment, You (God) shall condemn... .*"

D: Do you have people praying for you?

S: Yes. Are you praying for me?

D: Have you asked me to pray for you?

S: I am now. It's important for a **Servant** to pray for his/her disciples and for the **Disciples** to pray for their servant.

D: Will do. I'll put you on my prayer list.

S: Thanks, I already have you on mine.

D: Yesterday you said we were going to cover **faith** in today's lesson.

S: Right. In verses 2 & 5, Paul says we received the Holy Spirit by "*having faith in Him (Jesus).*"

D: In the CEV, our reading today mentions **faith** 16 times.

S: The end of verse 22 says, "... *God's promises will be for anyone who has faith in Jesus Christ.* What promises?

D: The promises of the Holy Spirit (verse 2), the blessings of Abraham (verse 9), having life (verse 11), acceptance by God (verse 24), being God's children (verse 26) and equality (verse 28).

S: Let's have **faith** that we can make **12 disciples** for Jesus who *do likewise*. Like Abraham, let's have **faith** that all nations can be blessed through **12 for Jesus**.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

MONTH 9

DAY 26

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Galatians 4**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: What do you have for us today?

Servant: "*Whose yo' daddy?*"

D: What's up wid' da street talk?

S: Get hip. "*Whose yo' daddy?*"

D: According to my understanding, I have 2 daddys.

S: Yes, you have a natural father and also a spiritual Father, God.

D: 1 John 3:1 tells us, "*Behold what manner of love the **Father** has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!*"

S: Verse 5 of today's scripture reading says Jesus came so "... we could become God's children... ."

D: How do we know?

S: The Spirit of Jesus.

D: What?

S: Verse 6 in the CEV continues with, "*Now that we are His children, God has sent the **Spirit of His Son** into our hearts. And His Spirit tells us that God is our **Father**.*"

D: Jesus confirms this in Matthew 11:27, "... Nor does anyone know the **Father** except the Son and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

S: Isaiah 63:16 encourages us with, "... You, O Lord, are our **Father**; Our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your name."

D: Jeremiah in 3:4 says to God, "... My **Father**, you are the guide of my youth... ."

S: God proclaims in Jeremiah 31:9, "... For I am the **Father** to Israel... ."

D: Malachi asks in the beginning of 2:10, "*Have we not all one **Father**?*"

S: Jesus encourages us in Matthew 6:9 to begin prayer with, "*Our **Father** in heaven... .*"

D: Jesus even warns us in Matthew 23:9, "*Do not call anyone on earth your father, for One is your **Father**, He who is in heaven.*"

S: 2 Corinthians 6:18 reports, "*I will be a **Father** to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.*"

D: Paul writes in Ephesians 4:6 that there is, "*one God and Father of all... .*"

S: My wife and I pray for inner healing for people. Often they are set free from the problems that have been passed to them from their ancestors, including Adam. How? They are born again with God as their Father.

D: Jesus said that in John 3:3, "... unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

S: Yes, verse 7 of today's reading confirms this with, "*You are no longer slaves. You are God's children, and you will be given what He has promised.*" Let's help people discover what God has promised. Tell them about this **12 for Jesus training**. They too can get born again with God as their Father.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

CORRECT ORDER

MONTH 9
DAY 27

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Galatians 5**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: Isn't Galatians 5 a great guide for a good life?

Servant: Yes, "*God's Spirit has given us life... .*" (verse 25)

D: The reading begins with the good news, "*Christ has set us free!*"

S: Paul says in NKJ verse 16, "... *Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*"

D: The CEV translates the same verse as, "*If you are guided by the Spirit, you won't obey your selfish desires.*"

S: Verses 19-21 list the sins that our *selfish desires* cause us to commit.

D: Paul clearly says at the end of verse 21, "... *No one who does these things will share in the blessings of God's kingdom.*"

S: I used to get angry but, years ago, God had me read that verse. It shocked me into overcoming anger.

D: It might be helpful to examine ourselves about the sins listed in verses 19-21.

D: Makes sense. Other suggestions?

S: Keep reading the scriptures and praying daily. This feeds our spirit with God's Spirit.

D: That will help kill selfish desires. What else?

S: Here they are from the CEV. Check any that are tainting you currently and make a plan to overcome all of the following: Immorality _____, filthy thoughts _____, shameful deeds _____, worshiping idols _____, witchcraft (note: Control is a form of witchcraft) _____, hate _____, hard to get along with _____, jealousy _____, anger _____, selfishness _____, argumentative _____, cause trouble _____, envious _____, getting drunk _____, carry on at wild parties _____ and do other evil things _____.

D: Ugh, I have plenty of room for improvement.

S: There's hope. Verse 22 reassures us that God's Spirit makes us the following. Let's rate ourselves 0-10: Loving _____, happy _____, peaceful _____, patient _____, kind _____, good _____, faithful _____, gentle _____ and self-controlled _____.

D: The end of verse 25 says, "... *we should follow the Spirit.*" How can we do that?

S: Die to self.

S: Ask the Holy Spirit to live His life through us.

D: That's what the **12 for Jesus training** does, doesn't it?

S: Yes, let's invite someone today to participate in our **12 for Jesus family**.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

_____.

MONTH 9

DAY 28

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Galatians 6**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: Do you have any more suggestions for making **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise*?

Servant: Yes, *convenient*.

D: *Convenient*?

S: Yes, while camping recently the Lord impressed on me that *convenient* can help.

D: Explain.

S: Look for places and times that will be *convenient* to people.

D: Such as?

S: A business where the employees have an hour for lunch.

D: They can have their *weekly 12 for Jesus gathering* during lunch right at the office conference room.

S: That's *convenient*, isn't it?

D: They could even do their **12 minutes a day** during their two 15-minute breaks each day.

S: And/or during lunches.

D: Got some other examples of *convenient*?

S: What about lunchtime at school?

D: That could work but what if they only have 30 minutes for lunch?

S: Just have two **12 for Jesus gatherings** each week.

D: Good idea. Is it legal to do this at school?

S: Of course, it's personal time. You can even get your **12 for Jesus** groups registered as a school club.

D: What's another example of *convenient*?

S: Sunday school.

D: Many people attend Sunday school regularly, don't they?

S: Yes, why not have your weekly **12 for Jesus gathering** at Sunday school?

D: That would be *convenient*. What if there's not enough room at my church for another Sunday school class?

S: Have your **12 for Jesus family** meet at someone's home on Sundays prior to church.

D: Why is that *convenient*?

S: They would be going to Sunday school anyway.

D: I could even serve a simple breakfast. A dozen eggs only cost about \$1.

S: And the older children could provide child care for the younger ones in a back bedroom.

D: Make it convenient for people to participate in **12 for Jesus**. The possibilities are unlimited.

S: Let's tell someone new about **12 for Jesus** today. It's a *convenient* way to make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise*.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

MONTH 9

DAY 29

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Ephesians 1**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: Today we begin reading Paul's letter to "... *God's people who live in Ephesus and are faithful followers of Christ Jesus.*" (verse 1)

Servant: We're in for a treat.

D: What does God have for us?

S: Let's go on a **Blessings Hunt**.

D: What?

S: Paul tells us in verse 3, "*Praise the God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the spiritual **blessings** that Christ has brought us from Heaven!*"

D: So?

S: Let's hunt for the spiritual *blessings* that are in today's reading.

D: OK. Here's one in verse 4, "*Before the world was created. God had Christ **choose** us... .*"

S: Here's another in verse 5, "*God was **kind** ...*" to us.

D: Thank-you God for being kind to us. What a **blessing** !

S: Here's another *blessing* in verse 5, Christ "*choose us to be God's own adopted **children** .*"

D: Wonderful *blessings* come to us because we are God's children. Here's a *blessing* from verse 7, "... *our sins are now **forgiven** .*"

S: How?

D: "*Christ sacrificed His life's blood to set us **free** ...*"

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

S: Thank-you, precious Jesus.

D: Verse 9 reveals another *blessing* . It says, "... *God has **shown** us His own mysterious ways.*"

S: This **12 for Jesus training** can help with that, can't it?

D: It's helped teach me about God.

S: Verse 13 contains another *blessing* , "*Christ also brought you the **truth** , which is the good news about how you can be saved. ...*"

D: The Holy Spirit is another *blessing* . The end of verse 13 says, "*You put your faith in Christ and were given the promised **Holy Spirit** to show that you belong to God.*"

S: **Belonging** to God is a *blessing* , also.

D: Verse 14 says that "... *we will even be **given** what God has stored up for His people.*"

S: I can hardly wait. Verse 18 says we will receive, "... *glorious **blessings** ...*" from God.

D: What other blessing does God have for us?

S: Look at verse 19. God has "... *great and mighty **power** ...*" for His followers.

D: What a **Blessings Hunt** ! God has *chosen* us, is *kind* to us and calls us His *children* . Christ has set us *free* by forgiving our sins, shown us *truth* and given us the *Holy Spirit* , *power* and *glorious blessings* .

S: Let's tell people how to find the *blessings* God has for them as they invest **12 minutes a day** to experience this **12 for Jesus training**.

MONTH 9

DAY 30

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Ephesians 2**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main *scripture* from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: What does God have for us today?

Servant: **Works vs Grace.**

D: I'm listening.

S: What's the typical response when you ask someone, "*Why should Jesus let you into Heaven?*"

D: Some version of "*I've been a good person.*"

S: Verse 9 of today's reading calls that a "*works*" answer.

D: In other words, I've *worked* my way into heaven by being good?

S: Yes.

D: How do you respond to the "*works*" answer?

S: Last week I asked a law enforcement officer, "*Sir, may I ask you a question?*"

D: What did you say after he said, "*Sure*"?

S: I looked deep into his eyes and sincerely asked, "*Why should Jesus let you into heaven?*"

D: What did he say?

S: "*I'm a decent person. The good things I've done far outweigh the bad.*"

D: And you replied?

S: If we can be good enough to earn our way to heaven, why did God have to send His Son to die on the cross for our sins? The Bible tells us in Ephesians 2:9 that salvation is "*...not by works, lest anyone should boast.*"

D: Then?

S: We just walked the **Romans Road** as covered on Month 8 Day 7.

D: Let me read it from my Bible. Romans 3:23 says, "*All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God*" and Romans 3:26 tells us, "*The penalty of sin is death*".

S: Yes, and then go to Romans 5:8, "*But God showed how much He loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful.*"

D: Romans 10:9 is next, "*So you will be saved, if you honestly say, 'Jesus is Lord', and if you believe with all your heart that God raised Him from death.*"

S: Right. Close the sale by asking, "*Joe, do you believe Jesus is Lord and that God raised Him from death?*"

D: Did the officer say, "*Yes*"?

S: He did and went away understanding that **Jesus is** the **grace** that will open the door to Heaven for all of us. Let's tell someone today that they can learn about **Jesus** through this **12 for Jesus training**.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____.