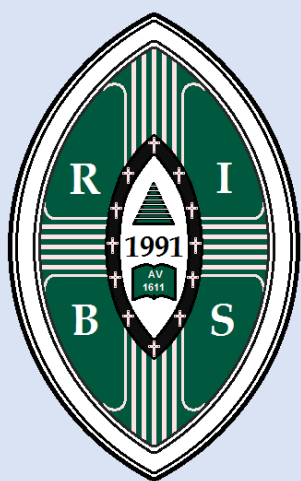


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Genesis 1

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 8

17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

Genesis 9

1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

Genesis 16

10 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

Genesis 17

6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall

he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

Genesis 22

17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

Genesis 26

4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

Genesis 28

3 And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;

Genesis 35

11 And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

Genesis 47

27 And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

Exodus 1

7 And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and

waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

Exodus 32

13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.

Leviticus 26

9 For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

Deuteronomy 1

10 The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

Deuteronomy 7

13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

Deuteronomy 8

1 All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers.
13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

Deuteronomy 30

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5 And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Psalms 107

38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

Proverbs 9

11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

Psalms 128

1 Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.

5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

Jeremiah 33

22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my

servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

Ezekiel 16

7 I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments: thy breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou wast naked and bare.

25 Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms.

29 Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.

51 Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done.

Ezekiel 35

13 Thus with your mouth ye have boasted against me, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard them.

Daniel 4

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

Daniel 6

25 Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

Acts 6

1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was

multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Acts 9

31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

Acts 12

24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

Colossians 1

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

1 Peter 1

2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

2 Peter 1

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

2 Peter 1

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

Jude 1

2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

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Matthew 7

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Matthew 12

33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.

Matthew 13

8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

Matthew 21

19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.

34 And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.

41 They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked

men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

Mark 4

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

Mark 12

2 And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard.

Mark 14

25 Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

Luke 1

42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Luke 3

8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Luke 6

43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

Luke 8

8 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Luke 13

6 He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it

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down; why cumbereth it the ground?

9 And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

John 12

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

John 15

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Romans 1

13 Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

Romans 6

21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Romans 7

4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

2 Corinthians 9

10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

Galatians 5

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Ephesians 5

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Philippians 1

11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.

Philippians 4

17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

Colossians 1

6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

2 Timothy 2

6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

Hebrews 12

11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Hebrews 13

15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

James 3

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

Jude 1

12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without

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water, carried about of winds;
trees whose fruit withereth,
without fruit, twice dead,
plucked up by the roots;

Revelation 22

2 In the midst of the street of it,
and on either side of the river,
was there the tree of life, which
bare twelve manner of fruits, and
yielded her fruit every month:
and the leaves of the tree were for
the healing of the nations.

Psalms 68

11 The Lord gave the word: great
was the company of those that
published it.

Isaiah 52

7 How beautiful upon the
mountains are the feet of him that
bringeth good tidings, that
publisheth peace; that bringeth
good tidings of good, that
publisheth salvation; that saith
unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Mark 13

10 And the gospel must first be
published among all nations.

Acts 13

49 And the word of the Lord was
published throughout all the
region.

Philippians.4

9 Those things, which ye have
both learned, and received, and

heard, and seen in me, do: and
the God of peace shall be with
you.

2 Timothy 2

2 And the things that thou hast
heard of me among many
witnesses, the same commit thou
to faithful men, who shall be
able to teach others also.

Psalms 40

8 I delight to do thy will, O my
God: yea, thy law is within my
heart.

John 4

31 In the mean while his
disciples prayed him, saying,
Master, eat.
32 But he said unto them, I have
meat to eat that ye know not of.
33 Therefore said the disciples
one to another, Hath any man
brought him ought to eat?
34 Jesus saith unto them, My
meat is to do the will of him that
sent me, and to finish his work.
35 Say not ye, There are yet four
months, and then cometh
harvest? behold, I say unto you,
Lift up your eyes, and look on
the fields; for they are white
already to harvest.
36 And he that reapeth receiveth
wages, and gathereth fruit unto
life eternal: that both he that
soweth and he that reapeth may
rejoice together.
37 And herein is that saying

true, One soweth, and another
reapeth.

38 I sent you to reap that
whereon ye bestowed no labour:
other men laboured, and ye are
entered into their labours.

Matthew 9

36 But when he saw the
multitudes, he was moved with
compassion on them, because
they fainted, and were scattered
abroad, as sheep having no
shepherd.
37 Then saith he unto his
disciples, The harvest truly is
plenteous, but the labourers are
few;
38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of
the harvest, that he will send
forth labourers into his harvest.

Luke 10

1 After these things the Lord
appointed other seventy also,
and sent them two and two
before his face into every city
and place, whither he himself
would come.
2 Therefore said he unto them,
The harvest truly is great, but
the labourers are few: pray ye
therefore the Lord of the
harvest, that he would send forth
labourers into his harvest.

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Introduction

The subject of this class is a most important one. Personally, the author has seen many instances of God's people finding themselves in difficult situations because of a lack of abundance in things of necessity. Most of the time, this lack is due to a lack of planning and work -- not doing what God instructs. This lack touches all areas of a Christian's life.

The Need for Planning and Preparation

The Six P's – Prior Proper Planning Prevents Poor Performance – is an important discipline that every believer should master. When one is prepared beforehand, he is ready for every good work. This rule applies in short-term and long-term objectives.

The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy: "If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work" (2 Timothy 2:21). Timothy was instructed by the apostle to put forth the due diligence (purging himself from fleshly things) so that he would be a sanctified vessel, ready for the Master's use. Timothy was to be "prepared for every good work." The opposite understanding is correct also – that if Timothy (or whoever) did not do what was needed, he would not have been prepared. Undertaking a task or going to battle unprepared is not evidence of wisdom.

I do not know how high the percentage is, but I should say it is very high (perhaps 99%), that whatever a man prepares himself for, he will very likely use it at some point in his life. For example, if a man memorizes John 3:16 in a foreign language, I expect God will allow him the opportunity to use it at some point. It may not be today or tomorrow, but I believe eventually there will be the opportunity.

And if this is the case with random things, it is even more important that the disciple prepare himself for reproduction – a commanded activity. This syllabus is a study on the New Testament *Doctrine of Reproduction*.

Our Savior Jesus Christ expects (and will judge accordingly) our faithfulness to carry out his commandments. The Lord expects his disciples to be fully committed to him in this life. We have to look forward, not back. "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). Paul understood he had to "press toward the mark" – Philippians 3:12-17. Hebrews 12 says, "Looking unto Jesus."

The "long-view" is not only practical, but necessary. Jesus had this (Hebrews 12:1-3), and so should we.

The Important "Missing Link"

Dr. D. M. Fraser, who spent thirty years developing and proving the School of the Scriptures, had the lion's share of the curricula prepared and proved in about twenty years. However, he knew something was missing, so he was not fully persuaded to turn over the work saying it was complete until he added the missing piece. Finally, by prayer and study, he understood that the *reproduction* part of the work, the training, the schools, the men, the scriptures, etc.; had to be added as the last and important stage.

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Regardless of how great and effective a man, a work, a system, or a school may be, if they are not reproducing the necessary elements to continue and multiply, that work will cease.

It was also through this reproduction that things were proved to be true and faithful. Once you reproduce something you can compare it to the original and judge its worthiness. Furthermore, by reproduction the overall quality and efficiency is perfected. We find the “bugs” and get them out. This works in churches, study, families, manufacturing, etc. Somehow when a thing is reproduced, we tend to see the defects more clearly (ask any parent).

As for me, I have nine children. I have told them to strive to better than their parents and praised them for so doing. I do not want to hold them back from success so that they have no light of their own. I sincerely want them to be better parents, better Christians, know more Bible, be more faithful, love God more, have better income, live at a higher standard, have more beautiful children, etc. For the most part this has happened.

I also raised them with the instruction that “what we allow in moderation our children will do in excess.” Whether sinful, like drinking; or good, like holiness. *“A man who drinks a beer a day will have a son who drinks a six-pack a day,”* is the warning. A man who truly loves God will have a son who serves God even more.

For example, when I got saved at 25 years old, I had to learn the Bible. And by God’s grace I did. But I still have “old baggage” I wish I did not have to deal with. In respect to my four sons, they were home-schooled and taught the Bible every day. They were “rocked in a Baptist cradle.” They were hearing hymns sung while in the womb. They have heard preaching from birth.

They all got saved a lot earlier than I did. Today, all four serve God. They started serving God many years before the age that I got saved. They also were relieved of that “baggage” because of being raised in a “greenhouse.” I believe they are better Christians than I will ever be. Furthermore, from a financial position they have better income, better living standard, and they do not struggle financially as we did for twenty years of marriage. They were wise to hear their father’s instruction (Proverbs 13:1).

There are many a good man in the ministry today, and many more who have lived over the last two thousand years. If I may present a question to the student: How many of these good men, so faithful in study, labor, and love for the Lord; overlooked the need to reproduce themselves by training their replacements? Consequently, so many good works fall to the wayside after the *dynamic personality* of the founder or leader is passed from the scene.

One simply has to look at how many good churches have preacher training schools under their own church authority. Not many. It is the church that is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15). It is the church that has the responsibility to reproduce their preachers (2 Timothy 2:2). Those churches that are faithful in this one area will not lack laborers, and the students will all be like-minded in doctrine, all using the same “water” (i.e., bible, church, and men).

The Need for Labor

Besides the desire and the planning, one must put forth effort (work) in order to multiply. Whether saving money, planting the field, training disciples, or raising godly seed; there is a necessary element of work involved.

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Paul mentioned he worked with his own hands so that he would not be chargeable to the Thessalonian brethren (1 Thessalonians 2:9). He later informed them this was an ensample to follow (2 Thessalonians 3:7-13). Paul told the Ephesians, “Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may give to him that needeth.” (Ephesians 4:28).

Diligent labor is a good thing to learn and teach – and teach by example. And one’s labor is not in vain in the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Simply “reproducing” from a natural or casual effort will yield little of value. We must teach *faithful men, who shall be able to teach others* (2 Timothy 2:2). We are *ensamples* to the flock (1 Peter 5).

Understanding Psalm 40:8, Acts 1:1, 2 Timothy 2:2, and Philippians 4:9, we can state the seven-fold process as this:

- Look
- Listen
- Learn
- Live
- Love
- Labor
- Lead

Then we are prepared to....

- Leave

One must learn, live, and love the work before he can lead in the work. There is a lesson built on this process in this class. Men in God’s ministry should strive to have the “long view” and understand their place in history and the *chain of influence* that we have.

Once the replacements are in place, the man should *leave* – turn over the work to younger men, and just be available when asked. A man must realize that others will do things differently and maybe not as well. But if the man is God’s replacement, we should rely on that. God will give the wisdom to know when it is time to leave and go on to other things.

The Need for Building Good Foundations

Our lives as followers of Jesus Christ are likened to building projects (Matthew 7:24-29). We have a sure foundation – Jesus Christ and his word – on which to build our lives. The building of this spiritual house is our responsibility. This house should be built rightly, sturdily, and without short-cuts or sloppy workmanship. Jesus said whosoever *heareth* and *doeth* his sayings is likened to a wise man who builds on the Rock (Matthew 7:24).

Your life as a Christian has an influence on all those with whom you come in contact: your family, your relatives, your co-workers, your friends, your church, your community, etc. You should desire that your influence produces a positive, Godly impact in peoples’ lives. Being a good testimony is a necessary thing. Having a “pattern of good works” (Titus 2:7) and being “ensamples to all that believe” (1 Thessalonians

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1:7) is very necessary when building your house. This is because all things will follow this pattern you have built.

You can only reproduce *what you are*. You cannot reproduce what you are not. And if you reproduce, you will reproduce what you are. A tree is known by its fruit. The apple tree bears apples, and the fig tree bears figs, and a bramble bush bears thorns. I cannot bear children of a different race. And if we want malamute puppies, we need malamute parents. The important lesson is to first be what you want to reproduce by following the eight-fold process above.

For example, if you tolerate certain weaknesses, sins, weights, or shortcomings in your life; your children, church, and others will have a tendency to copy these, thinking they are acceptable. And, unless they are confessed and forsaken, your causing a duplication of these things will be a matter of grief to you and whoever follows.

“What we allow in moderation, our children do in excess.” Little sins accepted now will grow over time. Once you give place to the devil (Ephesians 4:27) – yield territory in your life – he will continue to gain ground and increase his influence. When one sows the wind, he will reap the whirlwind (Hosea 8:7).

Whether a parent, a fellow Christian, a pastor, a church, or a teacher; we need to make sure our foundation is solid and that we are a righteous pattern for others to follow. We need to be able to say, as did our brother Paul, “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1).

Consider your Pattern

In Exodus 25:9 we find the first use of the word *pattern*. God supplied a pattern for the making of all things related to the tabernacle. By God supplying the pattern, all that followed was correct (Hebrews 8:5).

God supplies patterns. For our life, our Pattern is Jesus Christ. At the same time we are patterns for others to follow. Paul was a pattern to follow (1 Timothy 1:16; 1 Corinthians 11:1), and he instructed Titus to be a pattern of good works (Titus 2:7).

In manufacturing – whether dressmaking, shipbuilding, sculpting, architecture, publishing, etc. – most things need to follow a pattern. From the holes on your car’s wheel to the milk jug in your refrigerator, a pattern was used for its making. Imagine if things were made “*willy-nilly*” without reproductive constraints. Our world would be chaos. We have patterns for academics – what is required to be a doctor or other professionals. We have patterns for proper building (called building codes). We have patterns for proper government – called a Constitution. And we have a pattern for living – Jesus Christ and his commandments.

The man of God should be a pattern of good works. My son Isaiah put it this way: “If you have a series of numbers such as 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3...; it is easy to know what comes next. People expect the pattern to continue, and rightly so. However, if the numbers are random (like some peoples’ lives): 8, 12, 1, 47, 22, 47, 105, 61, 77, 2, 19...; no one knows what to expect next.”

If I am in church on Sunday morning for the last 35 years, where do you expect me to be next Sunday? If I abstain from alcohol consumption every day for 35 years, do you expect me to have a cocktail next week?

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People know patterns – whether reliable or unreliable. We all need to be mindful of the patterns we set. For this is the pattern that will be used for reproduction.

Be assured, unless you are a hermit, you will reproduce. And be assured, you will reproduce what you are – whether good or bad. Lastly, be assured, you should be a pattern which is worthy of reproduction.

The Need for Laborers

Our Savior told us the harvest is great and the laborers are few (Matthew 9:37, 38; Luke 10:2). As you look at ministries, businesses, schools, etc., you will see they all need laborers. God's work needs laborers. Our Savior showed us the need and gave us the remedy – pray the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

But, brethren, we need to be ready, willing, and able to teach these laborers, once Jesus sends them to us.

The Need for Preparing our Replacements

The longer I am in this world the more important I see the need to prepare our replacements. What God has given us, shown us, made us; should be passed on to benefit the next generations. The skills, the understanding and wisdom, the works and responsibilities; will all be left behind. And unless each one of us purposes to pass these things to those who will receive them – *that is, faithful men* – we will find ourselves a Paul without a Timothy, or a Moses without a Joshua.

The time to prepare is *now*. Life moves so quickly. It is a vapor. One should not wait until the twilight years to start thinking about getting his affairs in order and preparing a replacement. Even as a youth one should be mindful of this preparation. Just as the earlier we start investing money for future use is wise, so it is wise to prepare our followers as early as possible.

People are always watching. People we are responsible for. Older teens have younger teens watching their behavior. Older siblings have your brothers and sisters watching and learning. Older saints have younger saints watching and learning.

It is a sad commentary if you are a pastor without a replacement, a teacher without a substitute, a master without a disciple. It is a sad commentary if you have lived on this earth for a length of time and have not influenced people in a positive way to carry on a good work. It is worse if you chose not to reproduce because you fear someone out-performing you. *I would to God all our people would out-perform me.*

There is always a Need

Regardless of your strengths and weaknesses, you have the ability to lead rightly in some areas and learn rightly in others. For example, even as a pastor, if I wanted to learn how to operate a machinist's lathe, I would have to seek out a capable machinist that knows his trade. I would have to ask him and reward him for taking the time to impart his wisdom to me. I would have to look, listen, and learn with a meek and humble spirit. To have any expertise at this work, I would have to live it, love it, and labor in it. My age has nothing to do with anything – it is purpose of heart.

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I remember in 1991 when our church obtained three Multilith 1050 offset printing machines. We used these machines for years to publish tons of scriptures.

Although I had taken a course in printing at a local college a few years previously, I neither had the knowledge or understanding of these machines, nor how to rightly operate them. One can damage himself or the machine if he is not careful when using these machines.

By God's grace, the salesman I contacted for printing supplies mentioned to me he had operated these machines for decades before getting into his current work. I asked him very passionately if he would do me the kindness to show me how to operate the machines.

Although this man was not a Christian, I still remember him putting his tie in this shirt, rolling up his sleeves, and taking the two to three hours to show me how the 1050 operated and adjusted. I think I can say he enjoyed this time as much as I did (he *loved* it). Afterwards, with our hands covered in ink, I became much more able to do God's work – because this gentleman took the time to relay his knowledge to me. I cannot remember and I do not know for sure if this man ever received Jesus Christ, but I do know he was extremely helpful to our church in the printing of thousands of John and Romans booklets.

Whatever you know well, you can use for the Lord.

Limitations and Limi-“tators”

We all have talents and limitations. Limitations are things we have to accept – “*A man should accept his limitations.*” Our limitations can be due to our background, age, strength, abilities, responsibilities, culture, etc.

However, we need to understand that those who follow us will likely not have the same limitations. In fact, thankfully, they will be able to improve upon and take further the things we build. We should understand and desire this. We should not try to hold back disciples from doing greater works (John 14:12) – being a “limi-tator.” We should not impose our limitations on those who follow. People have to learn, and many learn by making mistakes, they learn by “messing up.” We must be willing to extend the grace and patience that we enjoyed (or did not enjoy) when we were being taught.

Do not limit your followers. Yes, all things must be done decently and in order, but watch your pride. Do not discourage, do not hinder, do not be a stumbling block.

I was saved at twenty-five years old, whereas my sons were saved as children. At twenty-five I began my Christian walk and have tried to be faithful in the Lord's work. Before salvation, I had no Christian example to follow. By the time my children get to age twenty-five, they should be far more knowledgeable than I am of the things of God. They have had multiple examples since birth – rocked in a Baptist cradle. I am and was limited by my background of being lost and in sin for a third of my life. They are not. They should be better preachers, better husbands, better fathers, better Christians. If they are not, I failed.

They pick-up where I leave off. They take what I built and make it better. They do greater works. They have better understanding.

Some have limitations of age. Some have limitation of ability. I think of a Christian brother I knew who had a younger brother paralyzed from the neck down. Because of his infirmity he could only read the Bible

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and pray. However, we made him a very-large print New Testament to make it easier for him to read. His room was full of prayer cards, and he was faithful in praying for all he knew of. His limitation of being incapacitated also allowed him an advantage of prayer. I am sure this man could have taught me something about patience and prayer.

Moses was limited in that he could not enter the promised land, but his replacement Joshua did that work exceedingly well. The work of Moses would not have been completed without Joshua, and the work of Joshua would not have been possible without Moses. It is a two-way beneficial system.

David was not allowed to build the temple because of his bloody background, but his son Solomon did that work exceedingly well. David's vision and desire would never had been accomplished without Solomon, and without David, Solomon could not have done the work. David gathered the gold, brass, cedar, etc. for the building, and he gave his son that great vision – that this house of God would be the greatest temple second to none. This is a fine example of a mutually beneficial relationship.

Our Savior Jesus Christ was limited to three and a half years of ministry, ending with the necessity of the crucifixion and resurrection. His doctrine was given to his disciples to take to the world. Although Jesus never left the area of Israel in his day, today the world has been evangelized. Jesus accomplished the work with and through his disciples. And the disciples could never have done the work without Jesus. Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father” (John 14:12).

As we develop the lessons in this syllabus, we will see more and more of this *Doctrine of Reproduction* expressed in the Bible.

The Doctrine of Scriptural Reproduction and its Connection to Love Commandment Doctrine

As with every class, we must understand the subject and its connection to the Great Commandment of Loving God and your brother

The love of God provokes us to want to be obedient, and such obedience requires reproduction. That God commanded such obedience in his word is plain to all. Additionally, because we love God and our brother, we want to see all the saints progress and develop to their fullest potential for the Lord. We want to *teach all nations* – basically reproducing ourselves – simply because we want to love our Savior. If you love me, keep my commandments (John 14:15).

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Lesson 1: The Commandments of Reproduction

- I. The Great Commission is a Commandment of Reproduction (Matthew 28:18-20)
 - A. The disciples are the pattern to follow (“Go ye”)
 - B. The disciples have the authority from Jesus to reproduce disciples (“therefore”)
 - C. The disciples were given the commandment to go
 - D. All nations can be converted and taught
 - E. Salvation is open to all (every person)
 - F. Baptism is the initiatory rite into discipleship
 - G. Disciples to “teach to observe” – teach by example
 - H. “Do and teach” philosophy – Acts 1:8
 - I. All of Jesus’ commandments are the subject of doing and teaching
 - J. Jesus promises to be with the reproducers even unto the end of the world.

- II. Paul Commands Timothy to Commit to Faithful Men (2 Timothy 2:2)
 - A. “The things that thou hast heard of me” – Paul is the pattern to follow
 - B. “among many witnesses” – Paul’s life was open for all to see (1 Corinthians 15:10)
 - C. Committing of these things for faithful keeping and teaching
 - D. Committing of these things to “faithful men”
 - E. Men who will also reproduce (“teach others”)
 - F. Teaching is God’s commanded method

- III. Paul was an ENSAMPLE for others to follow (Philippians 3:17; 2 Thessalonians 3:9)
 - A. Be followers together of me (Paul said)
 - B. Mark those who follow rightly (good)
 - C. Mark those who walk as enemies of the cross (evil)
 - D. Withdraw from brothers who walk disorderly (2 Thessalonians 3:7)
 - E. Paul and company “wrought with labour and travail night and day” to be the right pattern to follow (v. 8, 9).
 - F. Be not weary in well doing (v.13).

- IV. Peter exhorted Elders to be ENSAMPLES to the Flock (1 Peter 5:1-4)
 - A. Feed the flock of God (v. 2)
 - B. Take oversight thereof (v. 2)
 - C. Work to be done “willingly,” not by constraint
 - D. Work to be done of a ready mind, not for filthy lucre’s sake
 - E. Not being lords over God’s heritage
 - F. Be an ENSAMPLE to the flock – a pattern to follow – not just an example (a small part of the whole).

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- V. Apostles were to be WITNESSES of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8)
- A. They followed Jesus
 - B. They heard Jesus
 - C. They watched Jesus
 - D. They lived with Jesus
 - E. They experienced all aspects of his Person
 - F. They received power of the Holy Ghost
 - G. Then they were commanded to be Witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and Uttermost.
 - H. Paul was taught by revelation of Jesus Christ (Galatians 1:11, 12)
- VI. The Apostles set Standards for the First Deacons (Acts 6:1-7)
- A. Seven men of honest report (v. 3)
 - B. Full of the Holy Ghost
 - C. Full of Wisdom
 - D. Word of God increased, the number of disciples multiplied, and a great company saved (v. 7)
- VII. Paul sets Standards for Bishops (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-9)
- A. Pastors are to be a Pattern of good works to the believers (Titus 2:7)
 - B. Paul was a Pattern of Gods longsuffering toward believers (1 Timothy 1:16)
 - C. Man should desire the office of a Bishop
 - D. It is a good work
 - E. Be blameless (v. 2) – see Psalm 119:133
 - F. Husband of one wife
 - G. Vigilant
 - H. Sober
 - I. Of good behavior
 - J. Given to hospitality
 - K. Apt to teach
 - L. Not given to wine (v. 3)
 - M. No striker
 - N. Not greedy of filthy lucre
 - O. Patient
 - P. Not a brawler
 - Q. Not covetous
 - R. One that rules well his own house (v. 4), Having his children in subjection with all gravity
 - S. Not a novice
 - T. Have a good report of them without
 - U. Having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly (Titus 1:6)
 - V. Not self-willed
 - W. Not soon angry
 - X. A lover of good men
 - Y. Just

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- Z. Holy
- A. Temperate
- B. Holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught
- C. Able by sound doctrine to exhort and convince gainsayers

VIII. Paul sets Standards for Deacons (1 Timothy 3:8-13)

- A. Grave (v. 8)
- B. Not double-tongued
- C. Not given to much wine
- D. Not greedy of filthy lucre
- E. Holding the mystery of faith in a pure conscience (v. 9)
- F. First be proved (v. 10)
- G. Be found blameless
- H. Wives to be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things (v. 11)
- I. Husbands of one wife (v. 12)
- J. Rule children and house well

IX. God Commanded the Creation to Multiply (Genesis 1:11-26)

- A. Grass, herb, fruit tree – all with seed in itself (v. 11, 12)
- B. Fish and fowl (v. 20-23)
- C. Fill the waters, multiply in the earth (v. 22)
- D. Cattle, creeping thing, beasts (v. 24)
- E. Man created (v. 26)

X. God commanded Adam and Eve to be Fruitful and Multiply (Genesis 1:27-30)

- A. Created man in God's image (v. 27)
- B. God blessed them, and said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth
- C. Subdue the earth and have dominion over every living thing (v. 28)
- D. Herb and fruit given for meat to all creation (v. 29)
- E. Life equals reproduction, and reproduction equals life

XI. God commanded Noah and his family to be Fruitful and Multiply (Genesis 9:1-7)

- A. God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth (v. 1)
- B. The fear and dread of you shall be on every beast, fowl, fish, etc. (v. 2)
- C. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat (v. 3)
- D. Shall not eat blood (v. 4)
- E. Instituted law against killing men (v. 5, 6)

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XII. God Promises he will Multiply Abraham's Seed

- A. God promised Sarai's Maid he would Multiply her Seed (Genesis 16:10)
- B. God Promised Abraham he would Multiply his seed (Genesis 22:17)
- C. God promised Isaac he would Multiply his seed (Genesis 26:24)
- D. Isaac Blessed Jacob saying God multiply thy seed (Genesis 28:3)

XIII. God commanded Jacob to be Fruitful and Multiply (Genesis 35:9-12)

- A. God appeared to Jacob (v. 9)
- B. God changed his Jacob's name to Israel (v.10)
- C. God said..., be fruitful, and multiply
- D. Land of Abraham and Isaac promised to Jacob and his seed (v. 12)

XIV. God Commanded Israel to teach the Law unto their Children (Deuteronomy 6:1-25)

- A. Lord commanded to teach them, that they should do them
- B. Thou, thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of his life (v. 2)
- C. Hear, and observe to do, that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily
- D. Thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children (v. 7)
- E. Talk of them
- F. Bind them upon thine hand, as frontlets between thine eyes
- G. Write them on the posts and gates.
- H. Testimonies to be taught to children (v. 20)

XV. God's blessing on Israel included Multiplying their Seed (Leviticus 26:9)

- A. Children are an heritage of the Lord (Psalm 127)

XVI. God's blessing on Israel included multiplying their possessions (Deuteronomy 7:13)

XVII. The Fear of God Multiplies Years and Days (Proverbs 9:11)

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Lesson 2: The Purpose of Reproduction

I. Reproduction is a Commanded Activity

- A. Matthew 28:18-20
- B. Acts 1:8
- C. John 1:12; John 3:3

II. Reproduction Glorifies the Father

- A. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. (John 15:8)
- B. The Father is the husbandman (v. 1)
- C. Father takes away branches without fruit (v. 2)
- D. Father purges branches that bear fruit, so they bring forth more fruit (v. 2)
- E. Branches are purged (made clean) through the word of God (v. 3)
- F. We bear fruit by the word of God
- G. We must abide in Christ to bear fruit (v. 4)
- H. Abiding in Christ bears much fruit (v. 5)
- I. Much fruit glorifies the Father (v. 8)

III. Reproduction Pleases the Father, and Man's Purpose is to Please the Father

- A. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created (Revelation 4:11).

IV. The Father is Glorified with Man's Good Works (Matthew 5:16)

- A. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

V. Reproduction Shows our Love for God through Obedience

- A. If you love me, keep my commandments (John 14:15)

VI. Reproduction shows the Goodness of God

- A. Deuteronomy 30:5
- B. Do thee good and multiply thee
- C. Deuteronomy 30:16 – Bless thee in the land
- D. Psalm 128

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VII. Reproduction Provides the Father with a Godly Seed

- A. Marriage purpose is to produce a godly seed (Malachi 2:15)
- B. ...And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed.
- C. God seeks godly seed through marriage (Proverbs 31:2)

VIII. Reproduction shows God's Blessings and Goodness toward Men

- A. Deuteronomy 7:13
- B. Shows God's Love
- C. Shows God's Blessing
- D. Multiplies children
- E. Multiplies wealth

IX. Reproduction Makes Men Happy

- A. Psalm 127:3-5
- B. Children are an heritage of the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is his reward (v. 3)
- C. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth (v. 4)
- D. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them (v. 5)

X. Reproduction Provides for the Lack of Material Needs – Helps Others – Produces Abundance

- A. 2 Corinthians 8:14 – That ... your abundance may be a supply for their want.
- B. 2 Corinthians 9:12 – many thanksgivings to God
- C. Today, money is reproduced by work, saving, and occupying.

XI. Reproduction is a Way to Honor the Father

- A. We tithe on the increase
- B. Proverbs 3:9, 10 – Honor the Lord with thy substance
- C. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty
- D. Leviticus 27:30 – And all the tithe...is holy unto the LORD
- E. Deuteronomy 14:22 – Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase....
- F. Prove God (Malachi 3:10)
- G. God will open windows of heaven.

XII. Multipling Prepares for Lean Times

- A. Joseph informed Pharaoh of seven good years and seven lean years (Genesis 41)
- B. In the plenteous years the earth bought forth by handfuls (v. 47)
- C. Joseph saved 20% of the abundance (v. 34) during the good years
- D. Gathering of corn was as the sand of the sea (v. 49)

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- E. Joseph's second son was named Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction (v. 52)
- F. And the famine was sore in the land (Genesis 43:1).
- G. Times of abundance are good times for saving for the future.

XIII. In the Multiplicity of Testimony the Truth is Established

- A. 2 Corinthians 13:1 – In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.
- B. The Truth is proved by many witnesses (1 Corinthians 15:1-5)
- C. 2 Timothy 2:2 – Paul's work proved by many witnesses
- D. Method used in church judgment – Matthew 18:16
- E. John 8:18 – Jesus had two witnesses
- F. The Holy Ghost is a witness (Acts 20:23; Hebrews 10:15)
- G. Many witnesses used all through the Acts (1:8; 2:32; 3:15; 4:33; 5:32; 10:39)
- H. 1 Timothy 5:9 – accusations against elders require two or three witnesses.
- I. We are compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1)
- J. John 8:17 – Law says testimony of two men is true
- K. Jesus had 500 men at one time witness his resurrected form (1 Corinthians 15:1-5)

XIV. God's Way does not Leave a Power Vacuum

- A. Nature abhors a vacuum
- B. If a pastor leaves a church without a replacement, anything can happen
- C. Usually, the most spiritual person does not take charge – Acts 20:29
- D. David left the "few sheep" with a keeper – 1 Samuel 17:20-28
- E. Shammah did not give place to the enemy – 2 Samuel 23:11-12

XV. The Wisdom of Insurance

- A. Covered in detail Class 204, Lesson 50
- B. Protect your investments
- C. Protect what is valuable
- D. Defer risk

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Lesson 3: The Power of Reproduction

- I. Most Things can be Reproduced
 - A. Internal (gifts, grace, fruit) and external (things, souls, etc.)
 - B. Believers should desire to reproduce the things that glorify God
 - C. God desires fruit to abound to our account

- II. Small Beginnings have Great Potential
 - A. Adam and eve to a world population of 8B
 - B. Noah's Ark and full species of life today
 - C. 70 Persons in Egypt to over 2 million

- III. Discipline and Consistency Applied (Observance of Commandments) has Great Effect
 - A. Small but good habits have great effect
 - B. Prayer
 - C. Bible reading
 - D. Church attendance
 - E. Soul Winning
 - F. Giving
 - G. Sanctification
 - H. Labor

- IV. God Is and Has True Power (Matthew 28:18-20)
 - A. All powerful (omnipotent)
 - B. All knowing (omniscient)
 - C. All present (omnipresent)
 - D. God gives the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6, 7; Colossians 2:19)

- V. The Power of Reproduction
 - A. God gives us the patterns to follow to multiply fruit
 - B. We are to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ (Romans 8)

- VI. Financial Multiplication Example
 - A. Rule of 72 – take growth percentage and divide into 72 for number of years to double investment
 - B. Illustration with rate of return 12% (Growth Mutual Funds) – doubles every 6 years

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Year 1	Initial investment	\$10,000	Add to investment	Total Nest Egg
Year 7		\$20,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
Year 13		\$60,000	\$10,000	\$70,000
Year 19		\$140,000	\$10,000	\$150,000
Year 25		\$300,000	\$10,000	\$310,000
Year 31		\$620,000	\$10,000	\$630,000
Year 37		\$1,260,000	\$10,000	\$1,270,000

C. Disbursement in “Retirement” – 5% (Income Fund)

\$1,270,000 Nest Egg

Spend \$100,000 per year in “retirement”

	Nest Egg Total	Add 5%
Year 2	\$1,170,000	\$58,500
Year 3	\$1,128,500	\$56,425
Year 4	\$1,084,925	\$54,246
Year 5	\$1,039,171	\$51,958
Year 6	\$991,130	\$49,556
Year 7	\$940,686	\$47,034
Year 8	\$887,720	\$44,386
Year 9	\$832,106	\$41,605
Year 10	\$773,711	\$38,685

After 10 years:

Spend \$75,00 per year in “retirement”

Year 11	\$737,396	\$36,870
Year 12	\$699,266	\$34,963
Year 13	\$659,229	\$32,961
Year 14	\$617,190	\$30,859
Year 15	\$573,049	\$28,652
Year 16	\$526,701	\$26,335
Year 17	\$478,036	\$23,902
Year 18	\$426,938	\$21,347
Year 19	\$448,285	\$22,414
Year 20	\$395,699	\$19,785
	\$415,484	

D. Considerable amount left as an inheritance for Children’s children (Proverbs 13:22)

E. Application of Illustration to Life:

\$10,000 invested at age 24 (save \$2K every year from age 19 – \$37 a week)

Save additional \$32 a week for “working life”

At age 60 have >\$1.27MM in investments

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Spend \$100,000 a year until 70 years old, and then \$75,000 a year until 80 years old. At age 70 expenses should drop considerably – reduced travel, driving, cost of living (house paid for), etc.

Enough left to finance 20 grandchildren with an initial investment of \$10K. If they also save, they will reach the level earlier or have double in retirement.

- F. If during disbursement period the amount of disbursement is less than the growth, the nest egg never diminishes.
- G. Any gifts to family members (inheritances) should be given while alive to avoid inheritance taxes, probate, and other financial charges. Joint accounts can be accessed by grandparent and grandchild equally, even in case of death.

VII. Disciple Multiplication Example

- A. Win a soul and disciple that person to be a soul winner and a faithful servant of God, who does the same.
- B. Illustration (each man wins and discipless a man each year, and they remain faithful to do the same):

Year	Disciples made	Total Disciples
1	1	2
2	2	4
3	4	8
4	8	16
5	16	32
6	32	64
7	64	128
8	128	256
9	256	512
10	512	1,024
11	1,024	2,048
12	2,048	4,096
13	4,096	8,192
14	8,192	16,384
15	16,384	32,768
16	32,768	65,536
17	65,536	131,072
18	131,072	262,144
19	262,144	524,288
20	524,288	1,048,576

- C. By training one man a year who does the same, one man could influence a million people for Jesus Christ in two decades. Principle: One doubled twenty times is over 2,000,000.

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D. The reason we do not see such number is because we do not always have the *long vision* and the flesh resists the work of the Lord.

E. This principle extrapolated by a twenty-year-old man for 40 years would influence

Year	Total Disciples	
21	2,097,152	
22	4,194,304	
23	8,388,608	
24	16,777,216	
25	33,554,432	
26	67,108,864	
27	134,217,720	
28	268,434,000	
29	536,868,000	
30	1,073,736,000	
31	2,147,472,000	
32	4,294,944,000	
33	8,589,888,000	<u>Current World Population</u>
34	17,179,776,000	
35	34,359,552,000	
36	68,719,104,000	
37	1,374,382,000,000	
38	2,748,764,000,000	
39	5,497,528,000,000	
40	10,995,056,000,000	

F. The illustration shows one faithful man teaching other faithful men (1 per year), who would be able to teach others also (2 Timothy 2:1-3) could make disciples the equivalent of the world's current population in about 33 years. After 40 years the number is greater than a thousand times the world's population.

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Lesson 4: The Need for Reproduction

I. God's Creation Continues by Reproduction

- A. Human cells reproduce constantly
- B. Food planting, harvesting, and processing happens continuously
- C. Livestock must be replenished through reproduction
- D. Men and women must reproduce or cease to exist.
- E. God's work must multiply, or it will cease.

II. Reproduce or Die

- A. Whatever is not reproduced or replaced will cease to exist.
- B. No souls saved, a church will die
- C. No preachers trained, the ministry will end
- D. No children born, the family will cease
- E. No Bibles printed, word will not be available – a famine in the land

III. Reproduce (Bear Fruit) or be Cut Down

- A. Luke 13:6-9 – Why cumbereth it the ground?
- B. Matthew 21:19-21; Mark 11:13, 21) Bear fruit or be cursed (fig tree cursed)
- C. John 15:6 – Bear fruit or be withered and burned

IV. The Pattern shown in the Book of Acts – Gods work reproducing and multiplying

- A. Three thousand souls added to the church (Acts 2:41)
- B. Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2:47)
- C. Many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of men was about five thousand (Acts 4:4)
- D. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women (Acts 5:14)
- E. Disciples multiplied (Acts 6:1)
- F. The word of God increased (Acts 6:7)
- G. And many believed in the Lord (Acts 9:42)
- H. Churches were multiplied (Acts 9:31)
- I. And much people was added unto the Lord (Acts 11:24)
- J. The word grew and was multiplied (Acts 12:24)
- K. Churches established in the faith , and increased in number daily (Acts 16:5)
- L. Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few (Acts 17:12)
- M. And many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized (Acts 18:8)
- N. And many that believed came (Acts 19:18)
- O. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed (Acts 19:20)
- P. How many thousands of Jews there are which believe (Acts 21:20)

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- V. Some Bear Fruit 30 fold, some 60 fold, some 100 fold
 - A. Matthew 13:8; Mark 4:8
 - B. Some ground better than other
 - C. Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6, 7)
 - D. Without Jesus, we can do nothing (John 15:5)

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Lesson 5: The Blessings of Reproduction

I. Reproduction Shows Faithfulness and Obedience to the Commandment of Our Savior

- A. Matthew 28:18-20 – Teaching all nations
- B. Preaching to every creature (Mark 16:15)
- C. Ordain elders in every city (Titus 1:5)
- D. Committing to faithful men who will teach others (2 Timothy 2:3)

II. Reproducers have an Abundance of Spiritual Fruit

- A. Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22, 23)
- B. Love
- C. Joy
- D. Peace
- E. Longsuffering
- F. Gentleness
- G. Goodness
- H. Faith
- I. Meekness
- J. Temperance
- K. Abounding in Christ (2 Peter 1:5-11)
- L. Virtue
- M. Knowledge
- N. Temperance
- O. Patience
- P. Godliness
- Q. Brotherly kindness
- R. Charity
- S. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

III. Reproducers have Greater Sanctification

- A. John 17:19 – Jesus was sanctified so we would be sanctified through the truth
- B. John 17:17 – Sanctify them through thy truth
- C. Romans 15:16 – Paul acceptably offers up Gentiles being sanctified by the Holy Ghost
- D. 2 Timothy 2:21 – purged from fleshly lusts one shall be a vessel unto honor

IV. Reproducers have a Better Testimony

- A. A sanctified testimony (2 Corinthians 1:12)
- B. A believable testimony (2 Thessalonians 1:10)
- C. A God-honoring testimony (Revelation 6:9)

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V. Reproducers have Greater Ability to Give

- A. Operating in abundance
- B. Supplies the want of others (2 Corinthians 8:14)
- C. Give and it shall be given unto you – Luke 6:30
- D. Luke 12:48 – Much given, much required

VI. Reproducers have Greater Rewards in Heaven

- A. Lay-up treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21)
- B. Matthew 19:21 – Giving and following Jesus
- C. Luke 12:21, 33, 34) – Rich toward God
- D. Matthew 26:13 – Woman has a memorial for anointing the Lord
- E. Matthew 6:4 – Rewarded openly
- F. Mark 9:41 – giving a cup of water in Jesus' name – shall not lose reward
- G. 1 Corinthians 3:8 – Every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor

VII. Reproducers are a Good Ensample to Others

- A. 1 Timothy 1:16 – Paul a pattern of God's mercy
- B. Titus 2:7 – Shew thyself a pattern of good works
- C. 1 Thessalonians 1:7 – Thessalonians ensamples to the believers
- D. 1 Peter 5:3 – Elders to be ensamples to the flock
- E. 1 Corinthians 11:1 – Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.
- F. Hebrews 6:12 – That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

VIII. Reproducers have Greater Works Accomplished

- A. John 14:12 – Greater works...shall he do
- B. Matthew 28:18-20 – Teach all nations
- C. Acts 1:8 – Witnesses both in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost

IX. Reproducers Live with Purpose

- A. Philippians 1:21 – For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
- B. Galatians 2:20 – I am crucified with Christ
- C. Philippians 3:10 – That I may know him and the power of his resurrection
- D. Romans 1:15 – Ready to preach the gospel

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X. Reproducers Cause Others to be Thankful to God

- A. 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 – sow bountifully, reap bountifully
- B. Supplies want of saints (v. 12)
- C. Many thanksgivings to God
- D. Glorify God for your subjection to the gospel and liberal distribution
- E. Prayers offered for you

XI. Reproducers have reasons for Rejoicing

- A. 2 Corinthians 9:8 – God makes all Grace abound
- B. Having sufficiency in all things
- C. Abound to every good work
- D. His righteousness remaineth forever
- E. Luke 15:6 – Rejoice with me
- F. Luke 15:7 – Joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth
- G. Psalm 126:5, 6 – shall doubtless come rejoicing

XII. We Receive an Hundred-Fold in this World and the World to Come

- A. Applicable to every believer – “no man”
- B. Forsake all for the Lord Jesus Christ
- C. Family, lands (
- D. Shall receive an hundred fold
- E. In this world
- F. And the world to come

XIII. We all Bear Fruit

- A. Faith without works is dead (James
- B. Good tree brings forth good fruit (Matthew 7
- C. Trees that do not bear fruit are hewn down and cast into the fire
- D. Seed must fall on good ground (Matthew 13
- E. Process – blade, ear, full ear
- F. Some 30, some 60, some an hundred fold

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Lesson 6: The Rewards of Reproduction

I. Souls are Very Valuable in God's Sight

- A. John 4:35 – Fruit of the Harvest
- B. Matthew 10:10 – Laborer is worthy of his hire
- C. 1 Timothy 5:17, 18 – worthy of double honor, worthy of his reward
- D. Matthew 16:26 – What will a man give in exchange for his soul?
- E. What does it profit if one gains the whole world and lose his own soul?
- F. Luke 19:10 – Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost
- G. John 3:16 – God so loved the world that he gave Jesus
- H. Luke 15 – All heaven rejoices over a sinner who repents

II. Fruit is Valuable to the Lord

- A. John 4: 36 – Souls
- B. Galatians 5:22, 23 – Fruit of the Spirit
- C. Matthew 3:8 – Fruits meet for repentance
- D. Luke 1:42 – Fruit of the womb
- E. John 15:16 – Fruit that remains
- F. Colossians 1:10 – Fruitful in every good work
- G. 2 Corinthians 9:10; Philippians 1:11 – Fruits of Righteousness
- H. Hebrews 13:15 – Fruit of praise

III. Holiness is Valuable to the Lord

- A. Romans 6:22 – Fruit unto holiness
- B. Being a Vessel unto Honor, fit for the Master's Use – Used of God
- C. 1 Peter 3:4 – women with a meek and quiet spirit are in the sight of God of great price

IV. Being a Disciple is Valuable to God

- A. Called friends
- B. Walk in the light as he is in the light – Fellowship with God
- C. Luke 6:20 – Blessed are ye poor: for your is the kingdom of God
- D. Luke 10:23 – Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see
- E. Luke 14:26 – Hates family and own life
- F. Luke 14:27 – Bears cross and follows Jesus
- G. Luke 14:33 – Forsakes all that he has
- H. John 8:31 – Continue in Jesus' word
- I. John 15:8 – Bear much fruit

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V. Gold, Silver, Precious Stones

- A. 1 Corinthians 3:12 – Build upon the foundation

VI. Crowns that Fade Not Away

- A. 1 Corinthians 9:25 – Incorruptible crown
- B. 1 Thessalonians 2:19 – Hope, joy, crown of rejoicing
- C. 2 Timothy 2:5 – strive lawfully
- D. 2 Timothy 4:8 – Crown of Righteousness for living right and looking forward to Jesus' return
- E. James 1:12 – Crown of life for loving Jesus'
- F. 1 Peter 5:4 – Crown of Glory
- G. Revelation 2:10 – Crown of life for faithfulness until death

VII. A New Name in Heaven

- A. Revelation 2:17 – white stone with a new name
- B. Acts 4:36 – Joses was surnamed *Barnabas* (son of consolation) by the apostles
- C. Matthew 16:18; John 1:42 – Simon called *Cephas* (Peter) by the Lord
- D. Mark 3:17 – Jesus named James and John Zebedee *Boanerges*, the sons of thunder
- E. John 17: 12 – Jesus called Judas *the son of perdition*
- F. Acts 13:9 – Saul was called *Paul* (name not changed by the Lord) – meaning small
- G. Jesus has many names

VIII. God Promises our Labor is Not in Vain

- A. Luke 10:7
- B. 1 Corinthians 3:8
- C. 1 Corinthians 15:50
- D. 2 Corinthians 5:9
- E. Philippians 2:16
- F. 1 Timothy 5:17, 18
- G. 2 Timothy 2:6
- H. Hebrews 6:10
- I. Revelation 2:2; 14:13

IX. Blessed is the Man that hath His Quiver Full

- A. Psalm 127: Children are an heritage of the LORD
- B. The fruit of the womb is his reward
- C. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them
- D. They shall not be ashamed
- E. Psalm 112: Blessed is the man that fears the LORD and delights in his commandments
- F. His seed mighty upon the earth

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- G. Wealth and riches shall be in his house
- H. Light arises in the darkness
- I. He shall not be moved
- J. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings
- K. His heart is established
- L. He hath dispersed and given to the poor
- M. His righteousness endureth forever
- N. He shall be exalted with honor

X. Abundance in Many Things

- A. Fruit of righteousness
- B. Fruit in wisdom and understanding
- C. Fruit of the womb
- D. Fruit of souls saved
- E. Fruit of disciples made
- F. Fruit of the word of God published and distributed
- G. Fruit of material things
- H. Fruit of friends and family
- I. Fruit of financial holdings
- J. Fruit of the lips

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Lesson 7: The Laws of Reproduction

I. God's Laws Cannot be Broken

- A. Laws are fixed
- B. All are under God's law *
- C. Available to all
- D. All are responsible, all are accountable
- E. Opportunities available to all
- F. God is not a respecter of persons (Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11; Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 3:25; James 2:9; 1 Peter 1:17)
- G. * Not under Mosaic law if under grace – Romans 6:14, 15

II. God's Laws

- A. Moses' law (John 1:17; 7:19; James 2:10)
- B. Law of righteousness by faith (Romans 3:21, 27; 9:31)
- C. Law of sin and death (evil) in us (Romans 7:21 - 8:2)
- D. Law of the Spirit of Life (Romans 8:2)
- E. Civil law (Matthew 5:40; 1 Corinthians 6:1-7; Acts 19:39; Romans 13:1; 1 Peter 2:13, 14)
- F. Laws of Mastery (2 Timothy 2:5)
- G. Perfect law of Liberty (James 1:25; 2:12; Galatians 5:13)
- H. Royal law (James 2:8; Galatians 5:14 Romans 13:8) – love neighbor as thyself
- I. God's law in our hearts and minds (Hebrews 10:16)
- J. Gentile law unto themselves (Romans 2:14, 15; 1 Corinthians 9:21) – Conscience
- K. Law of Christ (Galatians 6:2) – bear one another's burdens
- L. Law not to utter certain things (2 Corinthians 12:4)
- M. Law of the fruit of the Spirit – it is no law (limitation) Galatians 5:23

III. Law of Sowing and Reaping – Reap What is Sown (Galatians 6:7, 8)

- A. What a man sows he shall also reap
- B. Sow to the flesh, reap corruption (Romans 6:21)
- C. Sow to the Spirit reap everlasting life (John 4:36)
- D. God's mercy is available (Ezra 9:13; Luke 11:4; 1 John 1:9)

IV. You Reap what you Are

- A. Luke 6:43, 44

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V. Reap After Sowing

- A. There is a time delay
- B. Time to sow
- C. Time to die (John 12:24)
- D. Time to grow root (Matthew 13:6, 21; Luke 8:13; Romans 11:16; Ephesians 3:17; Colossians 2:7)
- E. Time for the blade to spring up (Matthew 13:26; Mark 4:28)
- F. Time to bear fruit (Matthew 3:8; Matthew 7:16, 20; 12:33; Luke 6:43)
- G. Time to reap (Mark 4:29)
- H. Fruit can be choked (Mark 4:7; Luke 8:14)
- I. Time to eat the fruit (1 Corinthians 9:7; 2 Corinthians 9:10; 2 Timothy 2:6)
- J. Opportunity for repentance and obtaining mercy
- K. Doubtless come again with rejoicing (Psalm 126:5, 6)

VI. Bring forth fruit with Patience

- A. Need to have patience
- B. We will reap in due season of we faint not
- C. Labor is not in vain in the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

VII. Reap More than What is Sown

- A. Some 30, some 60, some an hundred fold (Matthew 13)
- B. You always receive more than what you give
- C. Giving is the means to prosperity

VIII. Kinds of Fruit

- A. Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 5:9)
- B. Fruit unto holiness (Romans 6:22)
- C. Fruit of the womb (Luke 1:42; Acts 2:30)
- D. Fruit of our Lips – thankfulness (Hebrews 13:5)
- E. Peaceable fruit of righteousness (2 Corinthians 9:10; Philippians 1:11; Hebrews 12:11)
- F. Fruit of good works (Colossians 1:10)
- G. Souls saved (Colossians 1:6;
- H. Fruit of labor (Philippians 1:22)

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Lesson 8: The Methods of Reproduction

I. God's Creation Reproduces after His Kind

- A. Laws are fixed
- B. Faithful in least, faithful in much

II. Men and Women should Reproduce in a Love and Godly Relationship

- A. God created them male and female (Matthew 19:4)
- B. Hardness of heart is cause for divorce (Matthew 19:8)
- C. God wants godly seed (Malachi 2:25)
- D. Man to love wife as Christ loved the church (Ephesians 5:25)
- E. Woman to obey her husband (Ephesians 5:22)
- F. Children to obey parents (Ephesians 6:1)
- G. Fathers not to provoke children unto wrath (Ephesians 6:4)
- H. Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4)

III. Most Creatures require Male and Female to Reproduce

- A. God created many male and female
- B. God had Noah load both sexes on the ark

IV. Man's Seed is Corrupt Seed

- A. All come from Adam (Romans 5:12)
- B. All have sinned
- C. All die (Romans 6:23)
- D. Gift of God is eternal life (Romans 6:23)

V. Cases of Hermaphroditism

- A. Hermaphrodites have male and female organs so they can fertilize themselves or mate with any other of same species
- B. Whiptail lizard, Komodo dragon, some fish are hermaphrodites
- C. Some animals are sequential hermaphrodites because they have gonads of either sex but at different period of their lives.
- D. Hermaphrodites avoid self-fertilization

VI. Cases of Asexual Reproduction

- A. Asexual reproduction allows for a living thing to reproduce without another member of its species.

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- B. Stick insects, snakes, sawfish, lizard, etc. have had cases of reproduction being alone.
- VII. Mary's had Baby Jesus without Human Father
 - A. Jesus virgin born
 - B. Jesus did not have sin of the father passed down (Adam's sin)
 - C. Jesus is sinless
- VI. Spiritual Things are Reproduced through the Spirit
 - A. Galatians 5 – Fruit of the Spirit
 - B. Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance
 - C. Being Born again by Incorruptible Seed (1 Peter 1:23)
 - D. Being born again by the Spirit (John 3:5)
- VII. Gospel and Spirit work Together to Create New Life
 - A. Born again by the Spirit (John 3)
 - B. Born Again by the word of God (gospel) 1 Peter 1
 - C. Based on a love relationship of God toward his Creation (John 3:16)
- VIII. Winning Souls Motivated by Love and Compassion
 - A. Love for God and Jesus (John 14:15)
 - B. Love for the lost
 - C. Compassion for the lost (Matthew 9:36)
 - D. Matthew 18:33 – compassion toward others because we received that compassion
 - E. If you love me, feed my sheep (John 21:16, 17)

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Lesson 9: Pray the Lord of the Harvest to Send Laborers

I. Fruit needs to be Reaped

- A. Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields
- B. White already unto harvest (John 4:35)

II. Harvest is Great, Laborers are Few

- A. There are souls needing salvation everywhere
- B. We are the laborers
- C. Many are called, few are chosen
- D. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest (Luke 10:2)
- E. Harvest of the world has two stages – wheat and tares (saved and lost). Matthew 13:30
- F. The Lord sends laborers into *his* harvest.

III. Church's Responsibility

- A. Sowers, Senders, and Seed
- B. Sowers and Reapers
- C. God gives the increase
- D. Every church to train and ordain their own preachers – reproduction

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Lesson 10: Evil Reproduction and Corrupt Seed

I. Study Each Passage Diligently

- A. Acts 8:9 – Simon the Sorcerer
- B. Isaiah 1:4 – Seed of Evildoers
- C. Matthew 5:19 – commandment breakers also teach
- D. Matthew 7:17 – Evil Trees and Corrupt Fruit
- E. Matthew 12:33 – Make the Tree Evil or Good
- F. Luke 6:43 – Abilities and Limitations of Trees
- G. 1 Peter 1:23 – Corruptible Seed (Man as a Sinner); Romans 5:12
- H. 2 Corinthians 2:17 – Corrupters of the word of God
- I. Romans 1:20-32 – Sinners encouraging Sin
- J. Matthew 23:15 – Followers a twofold Child of Hell than their Leaders
- K. Galatians 6:7, 8 – Sowing to the Flesh reaps Corruption

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Lesson 11: Children

I. Adam and Eve told to be Fruitful and Multiply

- A. Genesis 1:22, 28
- B. Noah's sons told to be fruitful and multiply (Genesis 9:1, 7)
- C. God told Abram he would make him exceedingly fruitful (Genesis 17:6)
- D. Isaac blessed Jacob and said, "God almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and and multiply thee..." (Genesis 28:3)
- E. God told Jacob to be fruitful and multiply (Genesis 35:11)
- F. Blessing of God upon those that fear the LORD – thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine (Psalm 128:1-6)

II. Read Genealogy of Jesus Christ in Matthew 1:1-17

- A. 3 X 14 Generation (v. 17)
- B. Traces Abraham to Jesus Christ
- C. Traces genealogy to Joseph, the husband of Mary (v. 16) – "Jacob begat Joseph"
- D. Legal line – the Legal Lineage of Jesus Christ through Joseph – Jesus is all God
- E. This is the Genealogy of the KING.
- F. Records that Jesus Christ is the Son of David
- G. The Lineage of Jesus Christ through David's Seed (v. 1)
- H. Genealogy is a legal document showing Jesus Christ is in the Davidic lineage, and rightful son of David, qualified to be the promised King (Matthew 21:5; Luke 1:30-33).

III. Read Genealogy of Jesus Christ in Luke 3:23-38

- A. Records Jesus' Genealogy from Jesus to Adam (v. 23, 38)
- B. Traces Genealogy through Mary to Adam
- C. Fleshly line – Jesus is all man
- D. Jesus "as was supposed" the son of Joseph (v. 23) – not begotten.
- E. This is the genealogy of Jesus the HIGH PRIEST (v. 23)
- F. Kohathites, Gershonites, and Merariites (Levites) numbered thirty years old and upward – see Numbers 4:3, 23, 30, 35, 39, 43, 47; 1 Chronicles 23:3
- G. 1 Chronicles 23:27-32 – David numbered the Levites 20 years and upward.
- H. Numbers 8:23-26 – Started at 25 "they shall go in to wait upon the service of the tabernacle"
- I. David was thirty years old when he began to reign (2 Samuel 5:4)
- J. Soldier – age 20; Levite – age 25; Priest – age 30
- K. Jesus Christ is an High Priest after the order of Melchisedec (Hebrews 3:1; 5:5, 6, 10; 10:21)
- L. Mary was a cousin to Elisabeth, who was a daughter of Aaron (Luke 1:5, 36)
- M. Adam called the son of God (v. 38)

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- IV. Genealogies in 1 Chronicles Chapter 1
 - A. Chapter 1 – Adam to Abraham (v. 1 – 27)
 - B. Sons of Abraham (v. 28)
 - C. Sons of Ishmael (v. 29-33)
 - D. Sons of Isaac (v. 34-42)
 - E. Kings of Edom (v. 43-54)

- V. Genealogies in 1 Chronicles Chapter 2
 - A. Sons of Israel (v. 1-55)

- VI. Genealogies in 1 Chronicles Chapter 3
 - A. Sons of David (v. 1-24)

- VII. Genealogies in 1 Chronicles Chapter 4
 - A. Sons of Judah (v.1-23)
 - B. Sons of Simeon (v. 24-43)

- VIII. Genealogies in 1 Chronicles Chapter 5
 - A. Sons of Reuben (v. 1-26)
 - B. Birthright of Reuben given to Joseph (v. 1)
 - C. Birthright of Judah given to Joseph (v. 2)

- IX. Genealogies in 1 Chronicles Chapter 6
 - A. Sons of Levi (v. 1-81)

- X. Genealogies in 1 Chronicles Chapter 7
 - A. Sons of Issachar (v.1-5)
 - B. Sons of Benjamin (v. 6-12)
 - C. Sons of Naphtali (v. 13)
 - D. Sons of Manasseh (v. 14-19)
 - E. Sons of Ephraim (v. 20-29)
 - F. Sons of Asher (v. 30-40)

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XI. Genealogies in 1 Chronicles Chapter 8

- A. Benjamin (v. 1-40)

XII. No Genealogies

- A. None for Zebulun (2:1)
- B. None for Dan (2:2)
- C. None for Gad (2:2; 5:11)

XIII. Psalm 127 – Children are an Heritage of the LORD

- A. LORD builds the house (v. 1)
- B. Children are the LORD's (v. 3)
- C. Fruit of the womb is his reward (v. 3)
- D. Children are like arrows (v. 4)
- E. They speak with the enemies in the gate (v. 5)
- F. Marriage is for Godly Seed (Malachi 2:15)

XIV. Suffer Little Children to come to Jesus – Luke 18:16

- A. Forbid them not
- B. For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven
- C. Mark 10:13-16 – People wanted Jesus to touch them
- D. Jesus much displeased when disciples rebuked the people
- E. Jesus took them up in his arms and blessed them

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Lesson 12: Souls

I. Commandments to Preach the Gospel

- A. Matthew 28:18-20
- B. Mark 16:15
- C. Luke 24:45-49
- D. John 20:21
- E. Acts 1:8
- F. Be ready to give an answer – 1 Peter 3:15

II. He that Winneth Souls is Wise

- A. Proverbs 11:30
- B. Fruit of Righteousness
- C. A tree of life
- D. Winning souls is wise
- E. One soul is worth more than the world – Mark 8:36
- F. All heaven rejoices over one who repents – Luke 15:7

III. Jesus makes us Fishers of Men

- A. Matthew 4:19 – follow Jesus
- B. Mark 1:17
- C. Luke 5:10
- D. Luke 19:10 – Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost

IV. Pentecostal Power

- A. Acts 1:8 – Power of the Holy Ghost
- B. Shall be witnesses
- C. Jerusalem
- D. Judea
- E. Samaria
- F. Uttermost
- G. Acts 2:4 – filled with the Holy Ghost spake in tongues (languages) as the Spirit gave utterance
- H. Every man heard in their own tongue – 2:8
- I. Holy Ghost power is given to witness
- J. 3,000 souls saved – Acts 2:41
- K. 5,000 souls saved – Acts 4:4
- L. Multitudes added to the Lord – Acts 5:14
- M. Great multitude of Jews and Greeks believed – Acts 14:1
- N. Great multitude of Greeks believed – Acts 17:4
- O. Many thousands of Jews believe – Acts 21:20

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- P. Acts 1:15 – 120 disciples multiplied into thousands
- Q. The Ethiopian (Acts 8) or Cornelius (Acts 10) was the first gentile to be saved in Acts.
From then multitudes were saved.

V. Whosoever can Be Saved

- A. John 3:15-16
- B. John 12:46
- C. Acts 2:21
- D. Acts 10:43
- E. Romans 10:13
- F. God is no respecter of persons – Romans 2:11; Acts 10:34
- G. We should not have respect of men – James 2:9

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Lesson 13: Scriptures

- I. God's Word is to be Multiplied
 - A. Psalm 68:11
 - B. The Lord gave the word
 - C. Great was the company of those that published it
 - D. Word grew and multiplied – Acts 12:24
 - E. Multiply your seed sown – 2 Corinthians 9:10

- II. Moses told to Make Tables
 - A. Exodus 34:1
 - B. Moses made the tables
 - C. God wrote the copy – vs. 1 and 28
 - D. Deuteronomy 4:13; 5:22
 - E. Deuteronomy 10:1-4

- III. Moses Copied the Word of God
 - A. Joshua 8:32
 - B. Exodus 24:4
 - C. Deuteronomy 31:9

- IV. Joshua Copied the Word of God
 - A. Joshua 24:26

- V. Jewish People told to Copy the Word of God
 - A. Deuteronomy 11:18-21
 - B. Deuteronomy 6:6-9
 - C. Deuteronomy 27:8

- VI. Jewish Kings told to Copy the Word of God
 - A. Deuteronomy 17:18

- VII. Jewish Priests had Copy of the Word of God
 - A. Deuteronomy 17:18

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VIII. Kings Men Copied the Word of God

- A. Proverbs 25:1

IX. Followers of God to have the Word in their Hearts

- A. Proverbs 3:3
- B. Proverbs 7:3
- C. Jeremiah 31:33
- D. Psalm 119:11

X. Prophets told to Write the Word of God

- A. Isaiah 30:8
- B. Jeremiah 30:2
- C. Jeremiah 36:28
- D. Jeremiah 51:60
- E. Habakkuk 2:2
- F. 1 Corinthians 14:37
- G. 2 Peter 3:1
- H. 1 John 1:4
- I. Jude 1:3
- J. Revelation 1:1
- K. John may have made copies of Revelation for the seven churches – Revelation 1:11; 2:1; etc.

XI. God's Writing

- A. On tables of stone – Exodus 24:12
- B. On a wall in Babylon – Daniel 5:5
- C. On our hearts – Jeremiah 31:33
- D. Jesus wrote on the ground – John 8:8

XII. God's Word Committed to God's People

- A. Old Testament is committed to the Jews – Romans 3:2
- B. Kings and Priest in Old and New Testament – Revelation 1:5-6
- C. Gospels written by saints to saints
- D. Epistles written by Apostles to saints, churches, and pastors
- E. Revelation written to seven churches
- F. New Testament is committed to the churches
- G. Laodicean church to read epistle to Colossians – Colossians 4:15-16

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Lesson 14: Disciples

- I. Disciples are Followers of Christ
 - A. Saved
 - B. Baptized
 - C. Continue
 - D. Forsake all
 - E. Follow Christ
 - F. All disciples were church members
 - G. Not above their Master – Matthew 10:24
 - H. Brethren of Christ – Matthew 12:49

- II. Disciples are to be Multiplied
 - A. Jesus started with twelve – Matthew 10:1
 - B. Later Jesus sent seventy – Luke 10:1
 - C. Disciples bear fruit – John 15:8
 - D. 120 disciples in Acts 1:15
 - E. Multiplied – Acts 6:1-1
 - F. Multiplied greatly – Acts 6:7

- III. Disciples called Christians
 - A. Acts 11:26
 - B. At Antioch
 - C. *Disciples* called Christians, not just believers

- IV. Disciples all over the World
 - A. Acts 18:23
 - B. Acts 18:27
 - C. Acts 19:1
 - D. Acts 20:7
 - E. Acts 21:4
 - F. Acts 21:16

- V. No use of the word Disciple after Acts
 - A. Acts 21:16 last usage
 - B. 1 Peter 4:16 – Christian is used

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Lesson 15: Preachers

I. Preachers are Laborers

- A. Luke 10:1-12
- B. Two by two – v. 1
- C. Harvest is great, laborers are few – v. 2
- D. Laborer is worthy of his hire – v. 7

II. Acts shows Preachers Multiplying

- A. Acts 1 – Matthias chosen to be part of the twelve
- B. Acts 6 – deacons chosen
- C. Stephen and Philip shown preaching – Acts 7 and 8
- D. Philip called an evangelist – Acts 21:8
- E. Barnabas – Acts 12:25; 13:1
- F. Saul – Acts 12:25; 13:1
- G. Silas – Acts 15:40
- H. Timothy – Acts 16:1
- I. Acts 20 – elders from Ephesus
- J. Elders ordained in every church – Acts 14:23 (see also 1 Timothy 2:7; Hebrews 8:3)

III. Titus to Ordain Elders

- A. Titus 1:5
- B. Ordain elders in every city
- C. Mention of bishop – v. 7

IV. Philippian Bishops

- A. Philippians 1:1
- B. “with the bishops and deacons”
- C. Bishops are overseers – *episcopos*

V. Jesus Gave Gifts unto Men

- A. Ephesians 4:11
- B. Apostles
- C. Prophets
- D. Evangelists
- E. Pastors
- F. Teachers

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Lesson 16: Churches

- I. Jesus built his First Church in Jerusalem
 - A. Matthew 16:18
 - B. Matthew 18
 - C. Acts 1 – Jerusalem
 - D. Jesus' first church multiplies through obedience to the Great Commission

- II. Members of the Jerusalem church are scattered
 - A. Acts 8:1
 - B. Judea and Samaria
 - C. Acts
 - D. Some scattered as far as Phenice, Cyprus, and Antioch – Acts 11:19

- III. Samaria receives the word of God
 - A. Acts 8:5
 - B. Philip
 - C. Believers baptized – Acts 8:12
 - D. They preached in villages of Samaria – Acts 8:25

- IV. Saul seeks to Persecute believers in Damascus
 - A. Acts 9:1-2
 - B. Disciple at Damascus called Ananias – Acts 9:10
 - C. Other disciples there – Acts 9:19

- V. Churches in Judea, Galilee and Samaria
 - A. Acts 9:31
 - B. Many churches – plural
 - C. Galilee is a type of the uttermost

- VI. Other Places with Disciples and Churches
 - A. Saints at Lydda – Acts 9:32
 - B. Disciples in Joppa – Acts 9:36
 - C. Cornelius and his Italian band saved in Caesarea – Acts 10
 - D. Grecians in Antioch believe – Acts 11:20-21
 - E. Disciples first called Christians at Antioch – Acts 11:26

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VII. Church at Antioch is a Missionary Church

- A. Acts 13:1-3 – Church sends Barnabas and Paul as Missionaries
- B. Paul in Antioch of Pisidia – Acts 13:14
- C. Gentiles believe – Acts 13:48
- D. Paul in Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch (of Pisidia) – Acts 14:20-21
- E. Disciples there and elders in every church – Acts 14:23
- F. Syria and Cilicia had churches – Acts 15:41
- G. Lystra, Iconium, and Derbe – Acts 16:1-5
- H. Philippi – Acts 16:12-15
- I. Thessalonica – Acts 17:1
- J. Berea – Acts 17:10-11
- K. Athens – Acts 17:16, 34
- L. Corinth – Acts 18:1, 8
- M. Ephesus – Acts 18:19; 19:1-7; 20:17
- N. Church in Caesarea – Acts 18:22
- O. Disciples in Galatia and Phrygia – Acts 18:23
- P. Disciples in Achaia – Acts 18:27
- Q. Paul works from Ephesus and starts the churches in Asia – Acts 19:10, 22; Revelation 1:11
- R. Disciples at Troas – Acts 20:5-7

VIII. Epistles of Paul to Churches

- A. Romans – Rome
- B. Corinth
- C. Churches in Galatia
- D. Ephesus
- E. Philippi – had bishops and deacons – 1:1
- F. Colossae
- G. Laodicea
- H. Thessalonica
- I. Crete – Titus 1

IX. Revelation of John – 1:11

- A. Ephesus
- B. Smyrna
- C. Pergamos
- D. Thyatira
- E. Sardis
- F. Philadelphia
- G. Laodicea

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X. Gospel Preaching Churches produce Gospel Preaching Churches

- A. Romans 10:13-15 shows God's order
- B. Sent – from an existing church
- C. Preach the Gospel
- D. People hear
- E. People believe
- F. People call upon the name of the Lord
- G. People are saved
- H. Saved are baptized and added to the church – Acts 2:41, 47; 1 Corinthians 12:13, 18, 28
- I. Churches can organize and become independent

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Lesson 17: Fruit of the Spirit

I. Fruit of the Spirit

- A. Galatians 5:22-23
- B. 2 Timothy 1:13
- C. In goodness, righteousness, and truth – Ephesians 5:9

II. Love

- A. Keep commandments – John 14:15
- B. John 14:21
- C. Romans 5:5 – love shed abroad in our hearts through hope
- D. Without dissimulation – Romans 12:9
- E. Fulfills law – Romans 13:8
- F. Constrains us to serve – 2 Corinthians 5:14; 1 Thessalonians 1:3
- G. Unfeigned – 2 Corinthians 6:6
- H. Faith works by love – Galatians 5:6
- I. Passes all knowledge – Ephesians 3:19
- J. 1 Corinthians 13 – love chapter

III. Joy

- A. Joy when a sinner repents – Luke 15:7
- B. Jesus' joy – John 15:11
- C. Kingdom of God has joy – Romans 14:17
- D. Joyful in tribulation – 2 Corinthians 7:14
- E. In affliction – 1 Thessalonians 1:6
- F. In saints – 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20
- G. Without seeing – 1 Peter 1:8
- H. By the word of God – 1 John 1:4

IV. Peace

- A. By the word of God – John 16:33
- B. By Jesus Christ – Acts 10:36
- C. With God – Romans 5:1
- D. In the Holy Ghost – Romans 14:17
- E. From God – Colossians 1:2
- F. Be multiplied – 2 Peter 1:2; Jude 1:2

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V. Longsuffering

- A. We are to be longsuffering – Colossians 3:12
- B. Used while preaching – 2 Timothy 4:2
- C. We are to walk with longsuffering – Ephesians 4:1-2

VI. Gentleness

- A. Jesus was meek and gentle – 2 Corinthians 10:1
- B. As a nurse cherishes her children – 1 Thessalonians 2:7
- C. Servant of the Lord are to be gentle – 2 Timothy 2:4; Titus 3:2
- D. Wisdom from above is gentle – James 3:17

VII. Goodness

- A. Characteristic of God – Romans 2:4; 11:22
- B. The state of being good

VIII. Faith

- A. Have faith in God – Mark 11:22
- B. Faith as a grain of mustard seed – Luke 17:5-6
- C. Purified hearts by faith – Acts 15:9
- D. Justified by faith – Romans 3:28
- E. Faith – believing what God says he will do – Romans 4:18-22
- F. Access by faith into grace – Romans 5:2
- G. Faith stands in the power of God – 1 Corinthians 2:5
- H. We walk by faith, not sight – 2 Corinthians 5:7
- I. Saved through faith – Ephesians 2:8-10

IX. Meekness

- A. Jesus was meek and gentle – 1 Corinthians 4:21; Matthew 11:29; 21:5
- B. Used with restoring brethren – Galatians 6:1
- C. Part of our walk – Ephesians 4:1-2
- D. We follow after meekness – 1 Timothy 6:11
- E. We instruct with meekness – 2 Timothy 2:25
- F. We show it to all men – Titus 3:2
- G. We receive the word with meekness – James 1:21
- H. We show our works with meekness – James 3:13
- I. Meek blessed by inheriting the earth – Matthew 5:5

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X. Temperance

- A. Part of preaching – Acts 24:25
- B. Part of maturing – 2 Peter 1:6
- C. Shows discipline and soberness
- D. Shows moderation

XI. Against Such there is No Law

- A. There is no limit to this fruit
- B. Spirit is not limited
- C. We should abound more and more
- D. Never too much
- E. Always room for improvement

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Lesson 18: Fruit of Holiness

I. Holiness is a Necessary Fruit

- A. Romans 6:22
- B. Free from sin
- C. Servants to God
- D. Fruit unto holiness
- E. Everlasting life
- F. Called unto holiness – 1 Thessalonians 4:7
- G. Romans 12:1
- H. God's temple is holy – 1 Corinthians 3:17; 6:19; Ephesians 2:21
- I. Ephesians 1:4
- J. Church to be holy – Ephesians 5:27

II. Holiness to Multiply

- A. Yield members unto holiness – Romans 6:19
- B. Perfecting holiness in the fear of God – 2 Corinthians 7:1
- C. Hearts established in holiness – 1 Thessalonians 3:13
- D. Follow peace and holiness – Hebrews 12:14
- E. Holy calling – 2 Timothy 1:9
- F. Bishops – Titus 1:8
- G. Holy brethren – Hebrews 3:1
- H. Be ye holy in all manner of conversation – 1 Peter 1:15-16
- I. Holy priesthood – 1 Peter 2:5
- J. Holy nation – 1 Peter 2:9

III. Holy Ghost brings Holiness

- A. Romans 1:4
- B. New man created in holiness – Ephesians 4:24
- C. Full of the Holy Ghost – Acts 6:3, 5
- D. Salvation – Acts 10:44; 11:15; 19:2
- E. Children – 1 Corinthians 7:14
- F. Uncion from the Holy One – 1 John 2:20

IV. Word of God Teaches Holiness

- A. Romans 1:2
- B. Romans 7:12
- C. Romans 11:16
- D. Holy scriptures – 2 Timothy 3:15
- E. Holy men moved by the Holy Ghost – 2 Peter 1:21
- F. Holy commandment – 2 Peter 2:21

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Lesson 19: Fruit of Praise

- I. Praise is Pleasing to God
 - A. Romans 15:11
 - B. By salvation – Ephesians 1:6, 12, 14
 - C. Think on these things – Philippians 4:8
 - D. In heaven – Revelation 19:5
 - E. Angels – Luke 2:13

- II. Fruit of our Lips
 - A. Hebrews 13:15
 - B. The sacrifice of praise
 - C. Continually
 - D. Fruit of our lips
 - E. Giving thanks

- III. Bear much Fruit – much Praise
 - A. Fruits of righteousness praise God – Philippians 1:11

- IV. People Praising God
 - A. Acts 2:47
 - B. Healed – Acts 3:8
 - C. In Prison – Acts 16:25
 - D. Babes and sucklings – Matthew 21:16
 - E. All the people – Luke 18:43
 - F. Multitude of the disciples – Luke 19:37

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Lesson 20: Fruit of Righteousness

I. Jesus Fulfilled All Righteousness

- A. Matthew 3:15
- B. Father is righteous – John 17:25
- C. World judged in Righteousness – Acts 17:31; Romans 2:5
- D. None other is righteous – Romans 3:10
- E. Jesus righteousness declared – Romans 3:25-26
- F. Jesus' righteousness is a free gift – Romans 5:17-18
- G. 1 Corinthians 1;30
- H. 2 Corinthians 5:21
- I. True and righteous are his judgments – Revelation 19:2, 11

II. Righteousness is by Faith

- A. John came in the way of righteousness – Matthew 21:32
- B. Through the Gospel – Romans 1:17
- C. Romans 3:22
- D. Romans 4:3
- E. Romans 9:30
- F. Romans 10:4
- G. Romans 10:10

III. Blessed

- A. Hunger and thirst for righteousness – Matthew 5:6
- B. Persecuted for righteousness' sake – Matthew 5:10
- C. At the coming of the Lord – Matthew 25:37, 46
- D. Crown of Righteousness – 2 Timothy 4:8
- E. New heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness – 2 Peter 3:13
- F. Fine linen is the righteousness of the saints – Revelation 19:8

IV. God's Righteousness Sought First

- A. Seek ye first – Matthew 6:33
- B. Holy Spirit reproves the world of Righteousness – John 16:8
- C. Accepted of God – Acts 10:35
- D. Instruments of righteousness – Romans 6:13
- E. Perfection through the word of God – instruction in righteousness – 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- F. God loves righteousness – Hebrews 1:9

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V. Increase the Fruits or Righteousness

- A. 2 Corinthians 9:9-10
- B. Righteousness remains forever
- C. Increase the fruits of righteousness
- D. Put on the new man – Ephesians 4:24
- E. Ephesians 5:9
- F. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness – Philippians 1:11
- G. Titus 2:12
- H. Babies to learn – Hebrews 5:13
- I. Chastening brings fruit of righteousness – Hebrews 12:11
- J. Sown in peace – James 3:18

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Lesson 21: Gospel

- I. The Gospel is to be Preached to Every Creature
 - A. Mark 16:15
 - B. Every person can benefit
 - C. Freely received or rejected
 - D. Every new believer is another witness for Christ

- II. The Gospel brings much Reward
 - A. Much compared to old life -- Death
 - B. Eternal Life – John 3:16
 - C. Never Die – John 11
 - D. Home in heaven, Mansions, New Jerusalem
 - E. Peace with God
 - F. Heavenly inheritance

- III. Every Believer to be a Witness for Christ
 - A. We have this treasure in earthen vessels – 2 Corinthians 4:7
 - B. Light of the Gospel – 2 Corinthians 4:4
 - C. Not hide the gospel – 2 Corinthians 4:3
 - D. Always ready to give an answer – 1 Peter 3:15
 - E. Making disciples multiplies laborers

- IV. Supporting Missions and World Evangelism brings Financial Blessings
 - A. Faith Promise Mission giving will bring financial gain
 - B. Promise of God – 2 Corinthians 9:8
 - C. Prove God and see
 - D. Means to abundance – Luke 6:38

- V. One Believer can Multiply Infinitely
 - A. Exponential multiplication
 - B. 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, etc.
 - C. Requires discipleship and training of new believers

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Lesson 22: Material Wealth

- I. Scriptural Laws should be Followed to Increase Wealth
 - A. Must follow God's methods
 - B. Must be a giver
 - C. Must be faithful with money
 - D. Wealth is a sign of God's blessing on the Just – Genesis 13:2; 2 Chronicles 9:22
 - E. 1 Samuel 2:7 – the Lord's doing

- II. One Prospers as his Soul Prospers
 - A. 3 John 1:2
 - B. Prosper
 - C. Be in health
 - D. As thy soul prospers
 - E. Psalm 1
 - F. Whatsoever he does shall prosper
 - G. Psalm 37:16 righteous with little is better than wicked and rich

- III. 95% of Abundance is a Result of Discipline
 - A. Faithful tithing
 - B. Faithful giving
 - C. Faithful spending
 - D. Avoiding debt and covetousness
 - E. Faithful saving

- IV. Use Wealth for Heavenly Treasures
 - A. Luke 16:9
 - B. Make friends of Mammon
 - C. That they may receive you into everlasting habitations

- V. Consistency over Time Builds Wealth
 - A. Proverbs 28:22
 - B. Haste to be rich has a evil eye and poverty shall come
 - C. Proverbs 28:20
 - D. A faithful man abounds with blessings

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VI. Love not Money

- A. The root of all evil – 1 Timothy 6:10
- B. Money is a good servant but a terrible master
- C. Cannot serve God and mammon – Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13

VII. Psalms 112

- A. Upright shall be blessed – v. 2
- B. Wealth and riches in his house – v. 3
- C. He guides his affairs with discretion – v. 5
- D. He gives to the poor – v. 9

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Lesson 23: Grace

I. Grace and Peace be Multiplied

- A. 1 Peter 1:2
- B. 2 Peter 1:2
- C. Romans 1:7
- D. Abundant Grace – 2 Corinthians 4:15
- E. God is able to make all grace abound – 2 Corinthians 9:8
- F. Sufficient – 2 Corinthians 12:9
- G. Riches of his grace – Ephesians 1:7
- H. Minister grace through edification – Ephesians 4:29
- I. Exceedingly abundant – 1 Timothy 1:14
- J. Appears to all men – Titus 2:11
- K. God gives more grace to the humble – James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5
- L. Manifold grace – 1 Peter 4:10

II. The Grace of God

- A. Jesus – Luke 2:40
- B. Grace and truth – John 1:14
- C. Jesus' fulness – grace for grace – John 1:16
- D. Law by Moses, Grace and Truth by Jesus Christ – John 1:17
- E. On the Disciples – Acts 11:23
- F. Recommended to the Grace of God for his work – Acts 14:26
- G. Grace and Apostleship – Romans 1:5

III. Continue in the Grace of God

- A. Acts 13:43
- B. Abundance of Grace – Romans 5:17
- C. Grace abounds much more than Sin – Romans 5:20; 6:1, 15
- D. Grace reigns through righteousness – Romans 5:21
- E. Called by God's grace – Galatians 1:15
- F. Do not frustrate the grace of God – Galatians 2:21
- G. Dispensation of Grace – Ephesians 3:2
- H. Singing with grace – Colossians 3:16
- I. Speaking with grace – Colossians 4:6
- J. Come boldly to the throne of grace – Hebrews 4:16
- K. Established with grace – Hebrews 13:9
- L. Grow in grace – 2 Peter 3:18

IV. Saved by Grace

- A. Believe through Grace – Acts 18:27

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- B. The Gospel of the Grace of God – Acts 20:24
- C. Justified freely – Romans 3:24
- D. Of faith – Romans 4:16
- E. Access by faith into this grace – Romans 5:2
- F. Saved by grace through faith – Ephesians 2:8

V. Word of God's Grace

- A. Acts 20:32
- B. Gospel – 1 Peter 1:25

VI. Gifts According to Grace

- A. Romans 12:6
- B. Prophecy
- C. Ministry
- D. Teaching
- E. Exhortation
- F. Giving
- G. Ruling
- H. Showing mercy

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Lesson 24: Mercy

- I. Mercy unto you, and Love, and Peace, be Multiplied
 - A. Jude 1:2
 - B. Put on bowels of mercy – Colossians 3:12
 - C. Grace, mercy, and peace – 1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2; Titus 1:4
 - D. Wisdom from above is full of mercy – James 3:17

- II. Merciful are Blessed
 - A. Matthew 5:7
 - B. Blessed
 - C. For they shall obtain mercy
 - D. Saved by God's mercy – Titus 3:5
 - E. Throne of grace offers mercy – Hebrews 4:16

- III. God will Have Mercy
 - A. Matthew 9:13
 - B. Learn what this means
 - C. I will have mercy and not sacrifice
 - D. Not come to call righteous
 - E. But sinners to repentance
 - F. Matthew 12:7
 - G. Not condemn the guiltless
 - H. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful – Luke 6:36
 - I. All are in unbelief, so God has mercy upon all – Romans 11:32
 - J. Judgment without mercy who had no mercy – James 2:13
 - K. Lord is of tender mercy – James 5:11

- IV. Mercy is a Weightier Matter of the Law
 - A. Matthew 23:23
 - B. It is right to pay tithes
 - C. "Ought ye to have done"
 - D. Judgment, Mercy, and Faith are weightier matters
 - E. Note: if someone says tithe is no longer valid due to O. T., how about mercy, judgment, and faith? Are they also no longer valid?

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Lesson 25: Love

I. God is Love and Love is of God

- A. Jesus loves us – Revelation 1:5-6; Matthew 10:21; Galatians 2:20
- B. Loves the people of the world – John 3:16
- C. Pharisees passed over the love of God – Luke 11:42; John 5:42; John 8:42
- D. Jesus loves the Father – John 14:31
- E. The Father loves Jesus – John 15:9
- F. Love is of God – 1 John 4:7
- G. He that loveth not knoweth not God
- H. For God is love – 1 John 4:8

II. We Receive God's Love

- A. God commends his love toward us – Romans 5:8
- B. Fruit of the Spirit – Galatians 5:22
- C. Hearts directed into the love of God – 2 Thessalonians 3:5
- D. Bestowed upon us – 1 John 3:1
- E. We love him, because he first loved us – 1 John 4:19

III. We show God's Love

- A. Love your enemies – Matthew 5:44
- B. Commandment to love – John 13:34
- C. Keep commandments – John 14:15
- D. Love of God shed abroad in our hearts – Romans 5:5
- E. Rooted and grounded in love – Ephesians 3:17
- F. Speaking the truth in love – Ephesians 4:15
- G. Labor of love – 1 Thessalonians 1:3
- H. Put on breastplate of faith and love – 1 Thessalonians 5:8
- I. A lover of hospitality and of good men – Titus 1:8
- J. Unfeigned love – 1 Peter 1:22
- K. Lay down our lives – 1 John 3:16
- L. Let us love in deed and truth – 1 John 3:18

IV. Blessings of Love

- A. Salvation – John 3:16
- B. Jesus Christ's sacrifice – John 10:17
- C. Abide in God's love – John 15:10
- D. God loves us because we love Jesus – John 16:27
- E. All things work together for good – Romans 8:28
- F. More than conquerors – Romans 8:37
- G. Fulfills the law – Romans 13:9-10

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- H. Heaven – 1 Corinthians 2:9
- I. Known of God – 1 Corinthians 8:3
- J. Faith works by love – Galatians 5:6
- K. Labor of love – Hebrews 6:10

V. Love Multiplied

- A. Starts with loving God – Matthew 6:24
- B. Love the Lord with all thy heart – Matthew 22:37
- C. Brotherly love – Romans 12:10
- D. Love abounds more and more – Philippians 1:9
- E. Love to all saints – Colossians 1:4
- F. Knit together in love – Colossians 2:2
- G. Increase and abound in love – 1 Thessalonians 3:12
- H. Grace of the Lord exceeding abundant with faith and love – 1 Timothy 1:14
- I. Provoke one another unto love and good works – Hebrews 10:24
- J. Let brotherly love continue – Hebrews 13:1

VI. Angel of Ephesus Left his First Love

- A. Revelation 2:1-7
- B. Work, labor, and patience – v. 2
- C. Cannot bear them that are evil – v. 2
- D. Tried and found false apostles – v. 2
- E. Hast borne, hast patience – v. 3
- F. Labored for Christ and not fainted – v. 3
- G. Hated the deeds of the Nicolaitans – v. 6
- H. But left his first love – v. 4
- I. Remedy:
 - a. Remember from whence fallen
 - b. Repent
 - c. Redo first works

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Lesson 26: Peace

I. Blessed are the Peacemaker

- A. Matthew 5:19
- B. Make peace
- C. Called children of God

II. God Guides our Feet in the Way of Peace

- A. Luke 1:79
- B. Zachariah's prophecy for John
- C. Jesus is the Way – John 14:6
- D. Wisdom from above is peaceable – James 3:17

III. Jesus Gives us True Peace

- A. John 14:27
- B. Jesus' peace is given
- C. Not as the world
- D. Not be troubled
- E. Not be afraid
- F. Acts 10:36 – Peace by Jesus Christ
- G. Romans 5:1 – justified by faith we have peace with God through Jesus Christ
- H. Ephesians 2:14-17
- I. Colossians 1:20
- J. Melchisedec means King of Peace – Hebrews 7:2

IV. Word of Jesus gives Peace

- A. John 16:33
- B. Things spoken by Jesus so you would have peace
- C. In the world there is tribulation
- D. Be of good cheer
- E. Jesus has overcome the world
- F. The Gospel of Peace – Ephesians 6:15

V. Spiritually Minded is Life and Peace

- A. Romans 8:6
- B. Carnally minded is death
- C. Spiritually minded is life and peace
- D. Romans 14:17
- E. Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost – see also 15:13

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- F. Peace of God passes all understanding – Philippians 4:7
- G. God's peace keeps our hearts and minds
- H. Peace of God should rule our hearts – Colossians 3:15

VI. God has Called us to Peace

- A. 1 Corinthians 7:15
- B. 1 Corinthians 14:33
- C. 1 Corinthians 16:11
- D. 1 Thessalonians 5:13
- E. 1 Timothy 2:2
- F. 2 Timothy 2:22
- G. Commanded – Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 3:11

VII. A Fruit of the Spirit is Peace

- A. Galatians 5:22
- B. Ephesians 4:3
- C. Fruit of Righteousness is sown in Peace – James 3:18

VIII. Grace and Peace is Multiplied through Knowledge

- A. 2 Peter 1:2
- B. Peace multiplied through the knowledge of God
- C. Peace multiplied through the knowledge of Jesus Christ
- D. Jude 1:2
- E. 1 Peter 1:2

IX. Be Diligent to be Found in Peace

- A. 2 Peter 3:14
- B. The coming of our Lord (vs. 10, 12)
- C. Be diligent
- D. Without spot
- E. Blameless
- F. James 3:18

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Lesson 27: Giving

I. Every Man to Give

- A. 2 Corinthians 9:7
- B. Every man
- C. As he purposes in his heart
- D. Not grudgingly
- E. Not of necessity
- F. God loves a cheerful giver

II. And God is Able

- A. 2 Corinthians 9:8
- B. All grace may abound toward you
- C. Always having
- D. All sufficiency
- E. May abound
- F. Every good work

III. Increase the Fruit of Righteousness

- A. 2 Corinthians 10
- B. Ministers seed to the sower
- C. Minister bread for food
- D. Multiplies his own seed sown
- E. Increases the fruit of righteousness

IV. Being Enriched

- A. 2 Corinthians 9:11
- B. Being enriched = being made rich
- C. In every thing
- D. To all bountifulness

V. Give First Yourself

- A. 2 Corinthians 8:5-12
- B. Give yourself to the Lord
- C. Abound in giving
- D. Not by commandment
- E. Prove the sincerity of your love
- F. Example of Jesus – v. 9
- G. A readiness to will

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- H. A performance to do
- I. First a willing mind
- J. Accepted what a man has

VI. Lay by in Store

- A. 1 Corinthians 16:1-3
- B. Order in the churches
- C. For the collection for the saints
- D. Perfect example for missions
- E. Upon the first day of the week – at the beginning of the week
- F. As a priority
- G. Every one of you
- H. Lay by him in store – put aside for savings
- I. As God has prospered him – portioned giving
- J. Planned giving is best

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Lesson 28: Years and Days

I. Promise of Wisdom

- A. Proverbs 3:13-18
- B. Proverbs 3:16
- C. Job 12:12

II. Promise of Obedience to God

- A. Deuteronomy 30:20
- B. Proverbs 3:1-2
- C. Psalm 1

III. Promise of Obedience to Parents

- A. Ephesians 6:1-3
- B. Honor thy father and thy mother
- C. First commandment with promise
- D. Well with thee
- E. Live long on the earth
- F. Exodus 20:12

IV. Promise of Holiness

- A. 1 John 2
- B. Prosper and be in health
- C. As thy soul prospereth

V. Promise of Right Priorities

- A. 1 Kings 3:11
- B. Proverbs 3:5-8

VI. Promise of Loving God

- A. Psalm 91:14-16

VII. Promise of Publishing the Word of God

- A. Deuteronomy 11:18-21
- B. Making word known and prioritized in your family

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- C. Days multiplied
- D. Days of your children

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Lesson 29: The Need to Follow

I. The Commandment to Follow

- A. Matthew 4:19 – Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men
- B. Mark 2:14 – Follow me
- C. Ephesians 5:1 – Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children
- D. Hebrews 6:12
- E. 1 Peter 2:21

II. Follow Straightway

- A. Matthew 4:19 – no hesitation to follow Jesus
- B. To delay is to disobey

III. Let the Dead Bury their Dead

- A. Matthew 8:22
- B. No excuses

IV. Follow Being Worthy

- A. Matthew 10:38
- B. Take up your cross
- C. Follow after Jesus
- D. Matthew 16:24 – Deny oneself
- E. Matthew 19:21 – Give up all possessions and personal desires – forsake all
- F. Also Mark 8:34 and Luke 5:28

V. The Reward for Following Jesus

- A. Matthew 19:27-30
- B. Thrones of Judgement
- C. Receive 100-fold family and lands
- D. Inherit everlasting life
- E. Many first shall be last, and many last shall be first
- F. Mark 10:21 – treasure in heaven
- G. John 8:12 – not walk in darkness
- H. Be with Jesus – John 12:26

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VI. Jesus' Sheep Follow Him

- A. John 10:1-30
- B. Jesus Leads – v. 4
- C. Not follow a stranger – v. 5
- D. Not hear -- v. 8
- E. Jesus knows his sheep – v. 14
- F. Sheep know Jesus – v. 14
- G. Sheep hear Jesus' voice and follow him – v. 27

VII. Be Followers of Men who Follow Christ

- A. 1 Corinthians 4:16 – be ye followers of me
- B. 1 Corinthians 11:1 – even as I also am of Christ
- C. Philippians 3:17 – as ye have us for an ensample
- D. 1 Thessalonians 1:6 – in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost
- E. 2 Thessalonians 3:7 – for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you
- F. 2 Thessalonians 3:9 – ourselves an ensample unto you
- G. Hebrews 13:7 – whose faith follow

VIII. Other Things to Follow

- A. 1 Thessalonians 2:14 – of the churches of God
- B. 1 Thessalonians 5:15 – that which is good
- C. 1 Timothy 5:10 – follow every good work
- D. 1 Timothy 6:11 – follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness
- E. 2 Timothy 2:22 – follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace
- F. Hebrews 12:14 – follow peace with all men, and holiness

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Lesson 30: The Need to Lead

- I. Be a Good Follower in Order to be a Good Leader
 - A. Example of the apostles
 - B. Example of Timothy and Titus
 - C. Galatians 6 – one reaps what he sows

- II. Lead by Ensample
 - A. 1 Peter 5:1-5
 - B. Feed the flock
 - C. Take the oversight
 - D. Not by constraint
 - E. Willingly
 - F. Not for filthy lucre
 - G. Of a ready mind
 - H. Not a lords over God's heritage
 - I. Ensamples to the flock
 - J. Receive a crown of glory

- III. Lead with Faith
 - A. Hebrews 13:7
 - B. Remember them which have the rule over you
 - C. Who have spoken unto you the word of God
 - D. Whose faith follow
 - E. Considering the end of their conversation

- IV. Be Not Many Masters
 - A. James 3:1-2
 - B. Knowing we shall receive the greater condemnation
 - C. We have a higher standard to live up to
 - D. To whom much is given, much is required – Luke 12:48
 - E. For in many things we offend all

- V. Lead with Humility
 - A. 1 Peter 5:5
 - B. All of you be subject one to another
 - C. Be clothed with humility
 - D. God resists the proud
 - E. God gives grace to the humble

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VI. Requirements of a Bishop

- A. 1 Timothy 3
- B. Titus 1
- C. 1 Peter 5:1-4
- D. Acts 20:18-35

VII. Leaders to Edify

- A. Romans 15:2
- B. 1 Corinthians 14:3 – speak to edification
- C. 2 Corinthians 10:8 – authority is given for edification, not destruction
- D. 2 Corinthians 13:10 – power given to edification, not to destruction

VIII. Leaders to be Faithful

- A. 1 Corinthians 4:2 – required in stewards to be faithful
- B. 1 Timothy 6:11 – follow after faith, 2 Timothy 2:22
- C. 1 Timothy 6:12 – fight the good fight faith
- D. 2 Timothy 1:5 – unfeigned faith
- E. 2 Timothy 4:7 – keep the faith
- F. Titus 1:9 – holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught
- G. Titus 2:2 – sound in faith
- H. Jude 1:3 – earnestly contend for the faith
- I. Jude 1:20 – building up self on most holy faith

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Lesson 31: Being the Pattern to Follow

- I. Be an Ensample to the Flock
 - A. 1 Peter 5:1-4
 - B. 1 Corinthians 10:11 – follow scriptural ensamples
 - C. Philippians 3:17 – be the ensample for others to notice
 - D. 1 Thessalonians 1:7 – ensample to other believers and churches

- II. A Pattern of Good Works
 - A. 1 Timothy 1:16 – of salvation
 - B. Titus 2:7 – good works and uncorrupt doctrine
 - C. Also gravity
 - D. sincerity
 - E. V. 8 – sound speech
 - F. V. 10 – Not purloining

- III. Jesus is our Perfect Pattern to Follow
 - A. Faithful
 - B. Sinless
 - C. Loving
 - D. Sacrificing
 - E. Zeal for God
 - F. In prayer

- IV. There are Many Witnesses
 - A. 2 Timothy 2:1-9
 - B. Heard among many witnesses – v. 2
 - C. My gospel – v. 8
 - D. Suffer trouble unto bonds – v. 9
 - E. 2 Corinthians 11:23-28
 - F. Labors more abundant
 - G. Stripes above measure
 - H. Prisons more frequent
 - I. Deaths oft
 - J. Many stripes
 - K. Beaten with rods
 - L. Stoned
 - M. Shipwreck
 - N. Day and night in the deep
 - O. Journeyings
 - P. Perils

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- Q. Weariness
- R. Painfulness
- S. Watchings
- T. Hunger and thirst
- U. Fastings
- V. Cold and nakedness
- W. Care of the churches

V. Do and Teach

- A. Matthew 5:19
- B. Do and teach Jesus' commandments
- C. Teaching by observing – Matthew 28:20
- D. Acts 1:1
- E. All that Jesus did and taught

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Lesson 32: Examples of Reproduction in the Bible

I. Abraham and Isaac

- A. Genesis 17
- B. Genesis 21
- C. Genesis 22
- D. Genesis 24 – 28

II. Moses and Joshua

- A. Exodus 17
- B. Exodus 24:13
- C. Exodus 33:11
- D. Numbers 11:28
- E. Numbers 14:38
- F. Numbers 26:65

III. Elijah and Elisha

- A. 1 Kings 19:16-19
- B. 2 Kings 2
- C. 2 Kings 3:11
- D. 2 Kings 4 - 8

IV. Eli and Samuel

- A. 1 Samuel 1:20
- B. 1 Samuel 2:18-26
- C. 1 Samuel 3
- D. 1 Samuel 4:1
- E. 1 Samuel 7
- F. 1 Samuel 8
- G. 1 Samuel 9 - 16

V. Saul and David

- A. 1 Samuel 16:13-23
- B. 1 Samuel 17:12-20
- C. 1 Samuel 17:26-37, 57
- D. 1 Samuel 18:7, 14, 16, 28-30

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VI. David and Solomon

- A. 2 Samuel 12:24
- B. 1 Kings 1;30
- C. 1 Kings 2
- D. 1 Kings 3:3
- E. 1 Kings 6:1-21
- F. 1 Kings 7:51
- G. 1 Kings 8:22, 54
- H. 1 Kings 10
- I. 1 Kings 11:1 – compare with 3:3 and Revelation 2:4

VII. Kings of Judah and Kings of Israel

- A. 20 kings of Judah from Rehoboam to Zedekiah
- B. 8 were good, 12 were bad
- C. 18 kings of Israel from
- D. None were good, all were bad
- E. Kings of Judah
 - Rehoboam 1 Kings 11-14 – Bad
 - Abijam 1 Kings 14-15 – Bad
 - Asa 1 Kings 15 – Good
 - Jehoshaphat 1 Kings 22 – Good
 - Jehoram 2 Kings 8 – Bad
 - Ahaziah 2 Kings 8-9 – Bad
 - Athaliah 2 Kings 11 – Bad
 - Joash 2 Kings 11-12 – Good
 - Amaziah 2 Kings 14 – Good
 - Azariah 2 Kings 15 – Good
 - Jotham 2 Kings 15 – Good
 - Ahaziah 2 Kings 16 – Bad
 - Hezekiah 2 Kings 18-20 – Good
 - Manasseh 2 Kings 21 – Bad
 - Amon 2 Kings 21 – Bad
 - Josiah 2 Kings 21-23 – Good
 - Jehoahaz 2 Kings 23 – Bad
 - Jehoiakim 2 Kings 23 – Bad
 - Jehoiachin 2 Kings 24 – Bad
 - Zedekiah 2 Kings 24-25 – Bad
- F. Kings of Israel
 - Jeroboam I 1 Kings 12-14 – Bad
 - Nadab 1 Kings 15 – Bad
 - Baasha 1 Kings 15-16 – Bad
 - Elah 1 Kings 16 – Bad
 - Zimri 1 Kings 16 – Bad
 - Omri 1 Kings 16 – Bad
 - Ahab 1 Kings 16 – Bad
 - Ahaziah 1 Kings 22 – Bad

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- Jehoram 2 Kings 1 – Bad
- Jehu 2 Kings 3-9 – Bad
- Jehoahaz 2 Kings 9-10 – Bad
- Jehoash 2 Kings 13-14 – Bad
- Jeroboam II 2 Kings 14 – Bad
- Zechariah 2 Kings 14-15 – Bad
- Shallum 2 Kings 15 – Bad
- Menahem 2 Kings 15 – Bad
- Pekahiah 2 Kings 15 – Bad
- Hoshea 2 Kings 15-17 – Bad

VIII. John the Baptist and Jesus Christ

- A. Matthew 3
- B. Matthew 9:14
- C. Matthew 11:1-19
- D. Matthew 14:1-10
- E. Matthew 21:25-26
- F. Luke 1:15-17
- G. John 1:6

IX. Jesus and the Apostles

- A. Matthew 10:1-7
- B. Matthew 28:18-20
- C. Acts 1:1-4
- D. Acts 2:42
- E. Acts 5:12

X. Paul and Timothy

- A. Acts 16:1
- B. Acts 20:4
- C. Romans 16:21
- D. 1 Corinthians 4:17
- E. 2 Corinthians 1:1
- F. Philippians 1:1
- G. Colossians 1:1
- H. 1 Timothy 1:2
- I. 2 Timothy 1:2

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XI. Ways to Know if you are Reproducing Wisely

- A. Thou hast kept my word
- B. A tree is known by its fruit
- C. Examine your Family
- D. Examine your Finances
- E. Examine your Labor
- F. Examine your church or ministry

XII. Process for Reproduction

- A. Look
- B. Listen
- C. Learn
- D. Live
- E. Love
- F. Labor
- G. Lead
- H. Leave