

Christian Living Studies – Study 14

(A simple, comprehensive bible study for NEW CHRISTIANS)

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Christian Character

STUDY 14 GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP

DILIGENCE AND DISCIPLINE

1. When does your work please the Lord? (Colossians 3:23 – 24)
2. In Proverbs 13:4
 - a. What is the result of a lazy man's desire?
 - b. What kind of person prospers spiritually?
3. In how much of his work did Hezekiah prosper? What caused him to prosper? (2 Chronicles 31:21)
4. What does the Bible say about a slothful person? (Proverbs 21:25, 18:19, Ecclesiastes 10:18)
5. Consider Ephesians 5:15 – 16
 - a. How does the wise Christian walk?
 - b. What should you do with your time?
 - c. Why live like this?
 - d. List one or two ways in which you can use your time better.
6. What was the result of Daniel's faithfulness? (Daniel 6:4)
7. What is required of servants of Christ and trustees of God's mysteries? (1 Corinthians 4:1 – 2)
8. In 1 Corinthians 9:24 – 27
 - a. What factors are important for successfully running the Christian race?
 - b. Is discipline connected with spiritual usefulness?

THE PURPOSE OF SUFFERING

9. Consider Luke 6:22 – 23
 - a. What are some kinds of suffering a Christian can expect?

- b. What should be his or her reaction?
- c. What does Christ promise?

10. In 1 Peter 2:20 – 21

- a. What pleases God more than patiently accepting suffering we deserve?
- b. Why do you suffer?
- c. What did Jesus leave us?

11. How did Jesus react to those who reviled Him or made Him suffer? (1 Peter 2:23)

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 shows Jesus as God's suffering Servant.

12. What is one source and reason for suffering? (John 15:18 – 19)

13. What are some purposes of suffering for a Christian? (Hebrews 12:6, John 15:2, 1 Peter 1:6 – 7, 2 Thessalonians 1:4 – 5)

See also Hebrews 12:1 – 11 and 1 Peter for purposes and promises of suffering.

14. Of what attitude and actions should you beware when you suffer? Why? (Romans 12:19)

15. What attitudes towards suffering were shown by:

- a. Moses Hebrews 11:25
- b. Job Job 1:20 – 22
- c. The Apostles Acts 5:40 – 41
- d. Stephen Acts 7:59 – 60
- e. Paul Romans 8:18

16. What does suffering yield? (Hebrews 12:11, 2 Corinthians 1:3 – 4, Psalm 119:67, 71, 2 Corinthians 4:17)

DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL

17. What promises of guidance does God give you? (Psalm 32:8)

18. What is your source of strength to do God's will? (Philippians 4:13)

19. What are important conditions for finding God's will? (Romans 12:1 – 2)

20. How do you get understanding of God's will and safe guidance? (Psalm 119:105, 130, Psalm 37:31)

21. What other action must you take to learn God's will? (James 1:5), Psalm 143:8)

22. What did God permit to get the Christians to scatter throughout Judea and Samaria with the Gospel? (Acts 8:1, 4 – 5)
23. What are the other important means God uses to guide and assure you? (John 16:13, Proverbs 15:22, 1 John 3:21, Isaiah 32:17, Psalm 84:12, Proverbs 3:5 – 6)
24. After the following summaries, list the above verses (from Q 23) that apply:
- a. Willingness, yielding to God
 - b. God's Word
 - c. Prayer
 - d. Providential circumstances
 - e. Holy Spirit
 - f. Godly counsel
 - g. Inner peace
 - h. Trust
25. What is God's revealed will concerning marriage?
- a. Proverbs 18:22
 - b. 2 Corinthians 6:14 – 15
 - c. Proverbs 31:30
 - d. 1 Corinthians 7:39
26. What is God's will for husbands?
- a. Ephesians 5:25, 28
 - b. 1 Peter 3:7
27. What is God's will for wives?
- a. Ephesians 5:22 – 24
 - b. Proverbs 31:12, 26 – 27
28. What is God's will for all relationships?
- a. Matthew 6:33
 - b. 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 33
29. Choose a summary verse for:
- a. Diligence
 - b. Suffering
 - c. Discovering God's will

How can you apply a verse from one of these to your life?