

Answers: Lesson THIRTEEN: CLI Leadership Bible Study

How to positively influence the attitudes and actions of others for Jesus Christ

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS Lesson 13: THE LEADER'S FIRE OF HOLINESS

Lesson 13: Spiritual Warfare (Day One) *War: Physical and Spiritual*

Read Hebrews 2:11-12 and answer questions 1-2:

Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.¹² He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." Hebrews 2:11-12

1. Why is Jesus not ashamed to call *you* a brother or sister (v. 11)?

Personal Answer but if "Learner" is a Christian, answer should be: Because holy Jesus has made me holy in order to belong to God's family.

2. What thoughts go through your mind as you read verse 12?

Personal Answer

Read Hebrews 2:13-15 and answer questions 3-5:

And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me."¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death-- that is, the devil--¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. Hebrews 2:13-15

3. What is another term Jesus applies to Christians who belong in His family (v.13)?

Children

4. How did Jesus share in our humanity (human race) (v. 14)?

Jesus shared in our humanity by being born of a woman and becoming fully man.

5. Who destroyed the devil's power of death?

Jesus

And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.
Revelation 20:10

6. Read Revelation 20:10. In the future, what happens to Satan (devil) and his leaders?

Thrown into the lake of burning sulfur and tormented day and night for ever and ever.

7. What is the longest length of time that a physical war may affect *your* life?

My life span; perhaps 70-90 years if country has been in war. If not in war, and war breaks out, then whatever years remain of a person's life.

8. How long will a person's life be affected if they choose the wrong side in the spiritual war?

Eternity; forever

Read 2 Kings 6:15-17 and answer questions 9-11:

When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked.¹⁶ "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 2 Kings 6:15-17

9. What did Elisha's servant see in the physical realm when he got up in the morning (v. 15)?

An army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city.

10. What did Elisha pray for his servant (v. 17a)?

That the LORD would open his eyes so he may see the spiritual realm.

11. What was the spiritual reality of the battle Elisha and his servant were facing (v. 17b)?

That God's spiritual forces (horses and chariots of fire) were protecting Elisha and his servant.

Personal Application: Read and meditate on Ephesians 6:12:

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

12. Is your struggle against another person who has hurt you, either physically or emotionally?

Yes **No** Maybe (Circle One)

13. Who are you really fighting against?

Satan and his followers. The rulers, authorities and powers of the dark world. The spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

14. How will this change the way you view other people and circumstances?

Personal Answer

Lesson 13: Spiritual Warfare (Day Two) The Enemy

Read Genesis 3:1 and answer questions 15-16:

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" Genesis 3:1

15. Who disguised himself as a serpent (Revelation 12:9)?

Satan

The great dragon was hurled down-- that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. Revelation 12:9

16. What do you think Satan's hidden agenda was in talking with Eve?

Get Eve and Adam to disobey and rebel against God and His authority. Simply, he wanted them to sin.

17. What is Satan's agenda (plan) regarding you (1 Peter 5:8)?

The same as it was with Adam and Eve: he wants me to disobey and rebel against God.

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. Colossians 1:15-16

18. Jesus is the image of the invisible God! According to Colossians 1:15-16 how did all things, including a powerful being like Satan, come to exist?

All created by Jesus and for Him.

The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD. Job 1:12

19. Read Job 1:12. Who has authority and control over Satan?

God. Satan is a created being and his activities are limited by God.

20. Why do you think God allows Satan to be the “prince of the world” (John 16:11; Ephesians 2:2; 2 Timothy 2:26; 1 John 5:19)?

Personal Answer but the Bible does not tell us specifically why God allows Satan certain privileges and authority on this earth. God does use Satan to test our hearts and faithfulness.

and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. John 16:11

in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. Ephesians 2:2

and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. 2 Timothy 2:26

We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. 1 John 5:19

Read Habakkuk 1:13 and answer questions 21-22:

Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves? Habakkuk 1:13

21. Summarize in your own words what the prophet Habakkuk is asking God?

Personal Answer but something like: God, You are so holy, why do you allow evil?

22. Why do you think God allows evil and suffering in the world?

Personal Answer

"See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright-- but the righteous will live by his faith-- Habakkuk 2:4 (Puffed up - inflated with self-importance; heedless)

23. How does God answer in Habakkuk 2:4?

God says that in contrast to the prideful and unrighteous, the righteous will live by his faith.

Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said:² "Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge?³ Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.⁴ "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Job 38:1-4

24. According to Job 38:1-4, could a mere human possibly understand the design and workings of the universe that God has created?

Yes **No** Maybe (Circle One)

Personal Application:

25. God trains us in battle against Satan. Write Psalm 18:34-35 from memory:

He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze.³⁵ You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great. Psalm 18:34-35

Lesson 13: Spiritual Warfare (Day Three) Evil Tactics

Read John 8:44 and answer questions 26-28:

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44

26. Jesus told some of the Pharisees and Jews that they were carrying out their father's desire. Who does Jesus say their father is?

The devil

27. Name one of Satan's characteristics:

Murderer, no truth in him, liar

28. How do you suppose Satan was a murderer from the beginning (Genesis 3:1-24)?

Satan was the cause of Adam and Eve's physical death (Hebrews 2:14-15). It did not come about immediately but as soon as they took the devil's bait and ate the forbidden fruit their bodies started to age. They were sent from the Garden of Eden into a now decaying world.

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death-- that is, the devil--¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. Hebrews 2:14-15

Definition: Tactics is defined as the science of organizing and maneuvering forces in battle to achieve a limited or immediate goal. It is also the art of finding and implementing the means to achieve immediate or short-term goals.

Enemy Tactic # 1: Lies, Lies and more Lies

Read Acts 5:3 and answer questions 29-30:

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?" Acts 5:3

29. What does Peter tell Ananias?

Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit.

30. How do you recognize Satan's lies?

Personal Answer but some ideas are to pray and to compare the matter with the truth of God's Word.

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

Definitions: Submit means be subject to, obey, be under the authority of; take a subordinate place. Resist means to oppose, withstand; hold one's ground. Both words, submit and resist, in James 4:7 are imperatives (commands).

Read James 4:7 and answers questions 31-32:

31. How do you counterattack (return attack) the devil and his army of demons?

Personal Answer but here are some ways: Prayer, quoting appropriate Scripture, focus on Jesus, trust God, confess sin and live a life of discipline and holiness.

32. What does it mean to resist the devil and how do you personally resist evil?

To resist the devil means to oppose him and hold your ground against him. DO not give in to his deception and lies. Personal Answer in resisting evil.

Enemy Tactic #2 Using Others with Wicked Intent

Read Matthew 16:23 and answer questions 33-34:

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Matthew 16:23

Definition: A stumbling block is an obstacle, something that stands in the way of achieving a goal or of understanding something.

33. How was Peter being a stumbling block to Jesus (Matthew 16:21-22)?

Peter did not have his eyes fixed upon God but on his earthly relationships and comforts. Peter did not want Jesus to go to Jerusalem to suffer and was acting as an obstacle to the salvation of the world.

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be

*killed and on the third day be raised to life.*²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Matthew 16:21-22

34. How has someone been a stumbling block to you?

Personal Answer

Enemy Tactic #3 Unforgiveness

If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven-- if there was anything to forgive-- I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake,¹¹ in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes. 2 Corinthians 2:10-11 (outwit - outsmart)

35. Read 2 Corinthians 2:10-11. What tactic of Satan is the apostle Paul warning against?

Unforgiveness

Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?³⁴ In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart." Matthew 18:33-35

36. Read Matthew 18:33-35. How deeply are we supposed to forgive others?

Very deeply. Jesus tells us that we must forgive from our heart. We must really pardon our offenders from our spirit.

Enemy Tactic # 4 Takes away the Word

Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. Mark 4:15

37. According to Mark 4:15, when the gospel is preached and those who are lost hear it, what can Satan do?

In some fashion Satan can take away the words of the gospel. Exactly how Satan does this is unclear.

Personal Application:

War Zone We all live within the spiritual combat area between God's Kingdom and Satan's kingdom. Everyone is subject to attack. We looked at some of the devil's tactics so that as a leader you are not unaware of his schemes and can take appropriate action.

Read through the following verses and list Satan's form of attack:

Satan rose up against Israel and incited David to take a census of Israel. 1 Chronicles 21:1
(Incite - to stir up feelings in or provoke action by somebody; census - count of a population)

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For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ.¹⁴ And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.¹⁵ It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.
2 Corinthians 11:13

For we wanted to come to you-- certainly I, Paul, did, again and again-- but Satan stopped us.
1 Thessalonians 2:18

The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders,¹⁰ and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.
2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

38. (1. 1 Chronicles 21:1 - Incite or provoke to sin

(2. 2 Corinthians 11:13 - Masquerades as an angel of light and servants of righteousness

(3. 1 Thessalonians 2:18 - Stops certain actions and movements

(4. 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 - Doing all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders and in every sort of evil that deceives.

39. How does understanding some of the enemies ways and tactics prepare you for battle?

Personal Answer but a few ideas: can recognize the foe and pray for help; not blame other people for the devil's tactics, and not blame God for the evil one's work.

Lesson 13: Spiritual Warfare (Day Four) Wisdom, Courage and Strength in Warfare

Godly Tactic #1 Wisdom in Warfare

Read Proverbs 8:12-14 and answer questions 40-45:

"I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion.¹³ To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.¹⁴ Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have understanding and power." Proverbs 8:12-14

40. When a person has wisdom, what three other characteristics will he or she possess (v. 12)?

(1. prudence (2. knowledge (3. discretion

41. To fear the LORD is to hate evil (v. 13).

42. If Jesus had compromised on Kingdom principles, what kind of disciples would He have attracted?

Weak, ineffective, and worldly disciples who would not have accomplished God's plan of salvation for the nations.

43. What are some ways that you can witness and befriend sinners without condoning or giving the impression that you approve of their evil behavior?

Personal Answer but show love and concern for physical needs such as health, clothes, food, etc. Find common ground in hobbies, work or other interests. Invite them into your environment and treat them well.

44. What kinds of behavior does God hate (v. 13b)?

God hates pride, arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.

45. What are four other characteristics of wisdom and of a wise leader (v. 14)?

(1. Counsel and (2. sound judgment (3. Understanding and (4. power _____

Godly Tactic #2 Courage in Warfare

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Read Joshua 1:9 and answer questions 46-47:

46. Does God command leaders to be strong and courageous? Yes No (Circle One)

47. What is the reason God gives for being strong and courageous?

For the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go

Read Isaiah 41:10 and answer questions 48-50:

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

48. Why does God say "do not fear"?

For He is with us

49. Why does God say "do not be dismayed" (lose courage)?

For He is our God

50. How does this knowledge of God being with you comfort and encourage you?

Personal Answer

Godly Tactic #3 Strength in Warfare

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:3 and Philippians 4:13 and answer question 51:

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.
2 Thessalonians 3:3

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

51. Are you a strong leader? Yes No (Circle One) Explain why or why not:

Personal Answer

Personal Application:

Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. Revelation 3:2 (Jesus is speaking to Sardis, one of the seven churches in Asia. Today Sardis stands in ruins in the modern country of Turkey.)

52. Read Revelation 3:2. What is your responsibility in becoming wise, courageous and strong?

Strengthen my relationship with God by learning to love Him more. Praying, studying and obeying His Word are means to wake up one's soul and heart to what is missing or about to die.

But commission Joshua, and encourage and strengthen him, for he will lead this people across and will cause them to inherit the land that you will see. Deuteronomy 3:28

53. Read Deuteronomy 3:28. How can you strengthen others so that Jesus will find their deeds complete in the sight of God?

Personal Answer but here are a few ideas: Help them know God's Word, pray for them, personal encouragement in Christ, share personal successes in Jesus, help them with personal problems.

Lesson 13: Spiritual Warfare (Day Five) Authority in Advancing the Kingdom

Godly Tactic #4 Authority

He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:18-20

Read Luke 10:18-20 answer questions 54-56:

54. What is authority and where does your authority come from (v.19)?

Authority is the right or ability to give orders. Jesus has all authority in heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18) and He is our source of authority; we have delegated authority.

55. What do snakes and scorpions represent (v.19)?

Snakes and scorpions represent evil spirits.

56. How do you overcome the power of Satan and his spirit forces?

In Jesus I have the authority and power to win any battle against Satan and his crew of fallen angels and demons. Must exercise authority through faith (in lesson).

57. Are you satisfied with how you are exercising your authority in Christ Jesus?

Yes No Sometimes (Circle One)

Personal Answer

58. How will you improve in your exercise of authority (Hebrews 11:32-38)?

Personal Answer

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. ³⁷ They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated-- ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.
Hebrews 11:32-38

Other Warfare Scriptures

With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall. Psalm 18:29

59. Read Psalm 18:29. How do you advance the Kingdom and destroy the troops of Satan?

With God and His help

Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. Philippians 1:12

60. Read Philippians 1:12. Paul was put in prison and it appeared that Satan had won a battle. Yet what does Paul say?

He says that it happened to advance the gospel.

Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly. Philippians 1:14

61. Read Philippians 1:14. What was one result of Paul's being imprisoned and put in chains?

Most of brothers in the Lord were encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
Ephesians 6:17

62. In Ephesians 6:17, what is the sword of the Spirit?

The word of God is the sword of the Spirit.

Personal Application:

Ephesians 6:10-18 is one of the most popular passages on spiritual warfare. **Read and meditate on these verses and answer questions 63-64:**

63. The pieces of armor are described in terms of truth, righteousness, peace, salvation and the word of God. What Person is described in these terms?

Jesus Christ, our Lord

64. How will you put on the armor of Christ (see also Romans 13:8-14)?

Personal Answer

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Ephesians 6:10-18

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet,"¹ and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh. Romans 13:8-14 (underlining by author of study)

Remember: *"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." 1 John 4:4*

Next: Lesson 14: The Tender Heart of a Leader

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