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Answers: Lesson SixA (Part One): CLI Leadership Bible Study

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

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS Lesson 6A(Part One): Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

Lesson 6A: Be Filled with the Holy Spirit (Day One) *Knowing the Holy Spirit*

Read Romans 2:24 and answer questions 1-2:

As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you." Romans 2:24

Definition: The Greek word, blasphemeo (βλασφημέω), translated blaspheme in English, means to speak against God, blaspheme; speak against, slander, insult. The word blaspheme is defined in English as treating God disrespectfully through words or actions.

1. Have you ever considered how your example may either honor God or dishonor Him?
Yes No (Circle One)

Personal Answer

2. Name one thing that you will do or think about differently now that you know the seriousness of your example?

Personal Answer

I. Recognize the Holy Spirit

Read Genesis 1:2 and answer questions 3-5:

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:2

(**Underlining in the Bible verses** in the answer sheets are by author and for the Bible Minister's benefit in reviewing lessons and seeing answers. Any underlining in the lesson itself is for the Learner's benefit and for emphasis)

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Definition: The English word hover means to float in the air without moving far from the same area or spot. The Hebrew word rachaph (רָחַף) which is translated hovering in the NIV English translation also means to move gently, cherish and brood. The English verb brood is used to describe a bird sitting on her eggs to hatch them and to cover the nestlings (baby birds) for warmth. The English word brood has other meanings but given the context (words surrounding) of this passage, these definitions are appropriate.

3. What is the first book of the Bible?

Genesis

4. How soon are we introduced to the Spirit?

Verse 2 of the first book of the Bible – Right away, immediately

5. What do you learn about the Holy Spirit?

The Spirit is Powerful, tender, and thoughtful. He is eternal and active with the Father and the Son in creation.

Read Job 33:4 and answer questions 6-7:

The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. Job 33:4

6. Who made you?

The Spirit of God

7. What is another name for the Spirit of God?

Breath of the Almighty

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. John 6:63

8. Read John 6:63. Who gives you life?

The Spirit

II. Know the Holy Spirit

Read Nehemiah 9:20 and answer 9-10:

You gave your good Spirit to instruct them...Nehemiah 9:20

9. What adjective describes the Spirit?

Good

10. What is one reason that God gave us His good Spirit?

To instruct us

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
Psalm 143:10

11. Read Psalm 143:10. How else does the Spirit help you?

Teaches us to do God's will and leads us in the right way

Read John 16:13-14 and answer questions 12-14:

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.¹⁴ He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. John 16:13-14

Definition: The Greek verb doxazo (δοξάζω) that English translates glorify means to render or to give praise and honor. It means to glorify and to exalt. When we glorify God we elevate and recognize Him as the most significant and important "Person" in the universe. Remember that we serve and therefore glorify a triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus glorified God the Father (John 17:1-5) and as we follow after Him, we must also glorify God.

12. Why do you think it is important to know the Holy Spirit?

Guides in all truth. We can not know the truth and thus we can not know Jesus with out the Holy Spirit showing us the way.

13. Who brings glory to Jesus?

The Holy Spirit

14. How does the Spirit bring glory to Jesus?

By taking from what is Jesus' and making it known to us

15. How do you think self-preservation and glorifying God are diametrically (totally) opposed?

We can not care more about ourselves and glorify God at the same time; God must be first and is honored when we love Him above all others including our own flesh.

Reference:

John 12:24-28 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.²⁵ The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.²⁷ "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from

this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.²⁸ Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

Personal Application:

Pray for the strength and conviction to place God first and foremost in your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a spirit of selflessness in order to be like the Lord Jesus who gave up His own life in order to glorify God. Rely on the *Breath of the Almighty* to praise God daily.

16. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to glorify God above yourself today. Share what happened:

Personal Answer

Lesson 6: Be Filled with the Holy Spirit (Day Two) Ignorance of the Spirit

Read Acts 8:18-21 and answer questions 17-20:

When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money¹⁹ and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."²⁰ Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!"²¹ You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. Acts 8:18-21

17. What did Simon the Sorcerer offer the apostles for the gift of the Spirit?

He offered them money

18. How did Peter reply to Simon?

Said that Simon had not part in the ministry of serving the Lord because his heart was not right. He thought he could buy God's gifts with money.

19. Why do you think Peter replied to Simon that way?

Because Peter realized that Simon wanted the Spirit's power for personal benefit and not to honor God.

20. Do you think Simon wanted to help others glorify God? Yes No Maybe (Circle One)
Explain your answer:

Personal Answer... But here are some notes from the lesson:

The fact that he offered money is a clue to his motivation. Perhaps he thought he could make money or just cause a sensation wherever he traveled. From Peter's response to Simon it appears that Simon was ignorant of the Spirit and had no real interest in knowing Him. Simon wanted to use the Spirit's power for his own benefit and honor.

Read Luke 11:13 and answer questions 21-22:

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" Luke 11:13

21. According to Jesus how do you receive the Holy Spirit?

By asking God the Father

22. Do you have to beg and plead with God for the Holy Spirit? Yes **No** Maybe (Circle One)
(Consider the principle in James 4:2-3 regarding asking and receiving)

James 4:2-3 You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

III. Follow the Holy Spirit

Definition: Anoint means to apply or rub oil on a person or thing (Exodus 40:9) in the Old Testament. In the Bible anointing is used for consecration (setting apart), healing (James 5:14) and burial (John 19:39-40). God gave Moses a special formula for the oil that was to be used only for anointing the priests. The first priest Aaron (Exodus 30:30) and subsequent priests were anointed with this special oil. Saul and subsequent kings were also anointed with oil. This oil for the kings seems to have been a different mixture from what was used for the priests. Most likely it was a spiced or plain olive oil.¹

(**Note:** In Lesson 6b, Part Two, we address the Spirit's anointing in the New Testament).

Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Has not the LORD anointed you leader over his inheritance?" 1 Samuel 10:1

(**Note:** Kiss: sign of allegiance here and remains a sign of respect in Near Eastern cultures.
Inheritance: Israel is God's people and His inheritance)

23. Read 1 Samuel 10:1. Who does Samuel say has anointed Saul as leader?

The LORD

Read 1 Samuel 10:6-7 and answer questions 24-25:

*The Spirit of the LORD will come upon you in power, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person.*⁷ *Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you.* 1 Samuel 10:6-7

Definition: A sign is that which points to something else; an object, occurrence, or person through which one recognizes, remembers, or validates something. In the Old Testament signs

¹ Butler, Trent, Holman Bible Dictionary, Holman Bible Publishers, Nashville, TN, 1991, Dictionary, pg. 59.

may be classed according to seven somewhat overlapping functions: to impart knowledge, to protect, to motivate faith, to recall significant events, to witness to the covenant, to confirm and to illustrate by means of prophetic action.² God is a God of order and intention. From creation to redemption, there is a plan in effect. God's ways are never haphazard or happenstance. As with all God does, He gives signs for a purpose.

24. Name three of the signs that God used in Saul's life to confirm his appointment as leader:

1. The Spirit of the LORD came upon Saul in power

2. Saul prophesied with the prophets

3. Saul was changed into a different person

25. Once the signs were fulfilled, what instruction did Samuel give the new king Saul?

Do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you

Definition: Context is defined in two ways. As the word context is used above, it means surrounding circumstances, conditions or events. Context is also means the text (words) surrounding the word or passage in a body of writing or speech in order to clarify its full meaning.

Lesson 6: Be Filled with the Holy Spirit (Day Three) *Grieving the Spirit*

Read 1 Samuel 15:23 and answer questions 26-27:

For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king." 1 Samuel 15:23

26. What is rebellion compared to?

The sin of divination

27. What is arrogance compared to?

The evil of idolatry

28. Why do you think arrogance is like the evil of idolatry?

Personal Answer but from lesson notes:

Idolatry is the worship of anything, including self, rather than God. In the Old Testament some people would make statues or carve images known as idols to be their gods. An arrogant person is a prideful person who thinks that he or she is superior to others. This kind of person would have contempt (disrespect) for God and other people.

² Ibid., pg. 1277-78.

29. Do you struggle with either the sin of rebellion or arrogance? Y N (Circle one)

Personal Answer

30. How may we pray for you in your struggle against rebellion, arrogance or both?

Bible Minister: Please pray for this learner's request and write an encouraging comment that you have prayed. Prayer is the first step in overcoming any sin. We need help from God.

Read 1 Samuel 16:14 and answer questions 31-32:

Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him. 1 Samuel 16:14

31. Who left Saul and why (1 Samuel 13:13)?

The Spirit of the LORD because he disobeyed God. Saul's authority as king rested solely on his following God's ultimate desires and authority. He arrogantly chose his own way and not God's.

32. Why do you think the LORD allowed an evil spirit to torment Saul? (Reference: 1 Samuel 16:23, 1 Kings 22:19-23, Job 1:12, 2:6-7, and Romans 1:24-32)?

Personal Answer but... God took His hand of protection from Saul because he was in rebellion and disobedience. God allowed evil spirits to torment or trouble him. God gave him over (hand over) to depression and fear for that is what he exhibited – he did not trust and fear God but instead he trusted and feared man.

Reference from New Living Testament translation:

^{NLT} **Romans 1:24a** So God let them go ahead and do whatever shameful things their hearts desired.

Read 1 Samuel 13:13-15 and answer questions 33-36:

"You acted foolishly," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time.¹⁴ But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command." 1 Samuel 13:13-14

33. According to Samuel, how did Saul act (v.13)?

Foolishly

From the lesson: A foolish person acts unwisely displaying a lack of good sense and judgment. A foolish person is the opposite of a wise person. The book of Proverbs has much to say about fools. *The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering fool comes to ruin.* Proverbs 10:8

34. What did Saul fail to do (v.13)?

Keep the command of the LORD

35. What was the consequence of Saul's failure to keep the LORD's command (v.14)?

Saul's kingdom will not endure; would not last

36. What kind of person did the LORD seek, find and appoint to take Saul's place (v.14)?

A man after God's own heart

Read 1 Samuel 16:13 and answer questions 37-38:

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. 1 Samuel 16:13

37. What was the result of Saul's disobedience?

David was anointed king to take Saul's place

38. Who came upon David in power?

The Spirit of the LORD

Read Acts 13:22 and answer questions 39-41:

After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.' Acts 13:22

39. Why was David called *a man after God's own heart*?

He will do everything I want him to do; obedient

40. What is one word that summarizes "he will do everything I want him to do"?

Obedient, submissive or compliant

41. What do you have to do in order to be called a man\woman after God's own heart?

Obey, submit or comply with God's purposes and commands

Read Ephesians 4:30-32 and answer questions 42-45:

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:30-32

Definition: Grieve is a verb that describes someone experiencing deep sorrow, pain or sadness. To grieve another means that we have caused that person pain, hurt, sorrow, or distress. In this passage we are commanded not to grieve the Spirit, to remove all wickedness and to be kind.

42. Explain in your own words what happens when we grieve the Holy Spirit:

Personal Answer but we cause the Holy Spirit deep sorrow or pain.

43. What behaviors (act in certain way) grieve the Holy Spirit?

Bitterness, rage and anger, brawling, slander, and every form of malice.

44. What behaviors bring pleasure and joy to the Spirit of God?

Kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other plus others may be listed.

45. How will you cooperate and change any hateful actions in order to bring joy to the Spirit?

Personal Answer

In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.¹⁰ Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them. Isaiah 63:9-10

46. Read Isaiah 63:9-10. God is loving and He is righteous. How does this verse bring together both of these attributes (characteristics) in the Holy Spirit?

Personal Answer... but from the lesson: Throughout the Bible God reveals His great love and compassion in creating and providing for us. He deserves and expects loyalty, allegiance and fidelity as Creator and Ruler of the universe. When He does not receive our allegiance, He is right to punish and cast us out, just like He did in Adam and Eve's rebellion. The Spirit guides us with patience and kindness for God's honor and our good. Still loving, God will not tolerate rebellion, disobedience and wrong actions toward His Spirit.

Lesson 6: Be Filled with the Holy Spirit (Day Four) The Spirit's Sanctifying Work

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:13 (Underlining by author of study)

Definition: The Greek verb hagio (ἀγιάζω) that is translated sanctify or sanctifying in English means to set apart for sacred use. Other meanings of the Greek word include consecration, dedication, holiness and the state of purity. The English word sanctify is defined as making something holy or giving something a holy status.

47. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:13. God chose people to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth

Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 and answer questions 48-49:

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

48. According to 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, where is the sanctuary today?

A believer's body

49. You are set apart as holy. You are set apart as a place of worship. You are living out your dedication and consecration to God in clear view of the world. However, you are not alone (1 Thessalonians 4:8). Who lives in you?

The Holy Spirit

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12-14

50. Read Philippians 3:12-14. Why do you think it is important for a Christian leader to understand sanctification? (Other references: Hebrews 10:26-31, 12:14-15)

Personal Answer... but from the lesson notes: Understanding sanctification brings a leader's life into balance with a proper perspective. First, we understand that we are not perfect but that we are being perfected each day by the Spirit's work in our lives. We are able to forget the imperfections and sins of the past and press on for the purpose for which God has called us. Each day is gloriously new.

Second, if we do not allow the Spirit to sanctify us by working in our lives and we deliberately keep on sinning, judgment awaits us. Without holiness no one will even see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14). The Spirit keeps us holy and assures us that we will rejoice in seeing our God!

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. John 17:17

Read John 17:17 and answer questions 51-52:

51. What is truth?

God's word

52. What is one thing you must you do to be sanctified by God's word, the Bible?

Read it: other answers may be obey it, study it.

Read 1 Corinthians 2:12-14 and answer questions 53-54:

*We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.¹⁴ The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.
1 Corinthians 2:12-14*

53. How are you able to recognize and determine the truth of Scripture?

By the Holy Spirit

54. Can someone without the Holy Spirit understand the wisdom of the Bible? Yes **No** (Circle)

From lesson notes: People without the Spirit may understand *some* of what the Bible is saying but they don't understand the wisdom of following its commands. The Spirit brings God's Word and the truth of it alive for the believer. The Spirit helps us to know, love and serve God through the truth of the Word. Of course the Spirit also uses God's Word to motivate sinners to seek Christ.

He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant-- not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 2 Corinthians 3:6

55. Read 2 Corinthians 3:6. How might this verse be used as a warning against reading and studying Scripture without the Spirit's guidance?

We may become legalist without the love of God. Like the Pharisees we would look for rules and the underlying reason God's commands are given.

Lesson 6: Be Filled with the Holy Spirit (Day Five) The Spirit, our Shepherd

Read Romans 8:26 and answer questions 56-57:

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. Romans 8:26

56. The Spirit _____ **helps** _____ us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to

_____ **pray** _____ for, but the _____ **Spirit** _____ himself _____ **intercedes** _____

for us with _____ **groans** _____ that _____ **words** _____ cannot express.

57. How does it make you feel when you consider the good Spirit is interceding for you?

Personal Answer

Read Luke 10:21 and answer question 58-59:

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure." Luke 10:21

58. Jesus was full of joy through the Holy Spirit.

59. Will the Spirit, our Shepherd, fill you with joy also? Yes No Maybe (Circle One)

Personal Answer but if your learner answers anything but yes may need to make appropriate comments with Scripture and let him or her know that you are praying in this regard. Trusting Jesus, following God's commands, being in His will and seeing Him work around us and others should bring us joy also.

Personal Application:

60. Meditate and Memorize 2 Corinthians 3:17-18:

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.¹⁸ And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

61. What do these verses mean to you personally?

Personal Answer

Personal Application:

62. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit for an opportunity to reflect the Lord's glory to someone in need. Ask that you may be used to show the love of Christ to someone and meet his or her need in a special way that is out of the ordinary. In other words, the Spirit uses you in a way that reveals God's love and care for that person. Write about the experience:

Personal Answer

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Next: Lesson 6B (Part Two): Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

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