

Introduction



My relationship with Christ began in September of 1956 when at 20 years of age I surrendered my heart and life to Him as my Lord and was wonderfully changed. It has been my honor and privilege since then to faithfully love and serve Him by sharing His love with many people and teaching and training others to grow in their walks with Him.

However, over these many years, I have seen a lack of brief, simple, easy-to-use evangelism and discipling materials. Consequently, I have created these Christ centered, biblically based, practical and very transferable materials that I and others have used successfully for many years.

While many excellent books and materials have been written on these vital subjects, I wanted to prepare something that would be brief, easy to understand and very easy to use.

Hopefully, these materials which I call the **POWER PACK™** will help equip you in helping to fulfill Christ's Great Commission, "Go and make disciples of all the nations... teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you". (Matt. 28:19-20)

May our wonderful Lord bless you and use you for His glory as you help to Win, Build and Send others for Jesus Christ!

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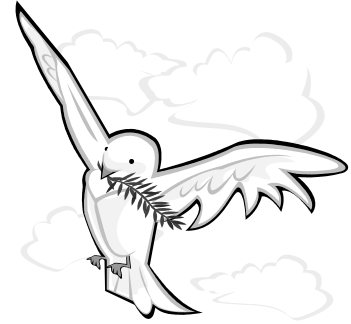
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The Holy Spirit



No lesson is more important or more vital for Christians to learn and understand than the person and ministry of God's Holy Spirit. As we experience His life and empowerment in our own lives, we will reflect Christ's love and life to others and be supernaturally equipped to help in fulfilling the Great Commission.

1. Who is He? He is God, the third person of the Godhead (Matthew 28:19-20).
2. He is a person (John 16:13).
3. He will convict the world (unbelievers) of sin and righteousness and judgement (John 16:8).
4. He will testify (speak) of Christ (John 15:26).
5. He will guide us into all truth (John 16:13).
6. He produces the new birth when a person is born again (John 3:5-6).
7. He lives within every Christian believer (I Corinthians 6:19-20).
8. He is the source of God's spiritual gifts (I Corinthians 12:1-11) (Romans 12:6-8).
9. He is the source of God's fruit (character qualities) (Galatians 5:22-23).
10. He empowers us to witness (testify) for Christ (Acts 1:8).
11. God commands us to be filled (controlled) with His Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18).

Witnessing For Christ



The following suggestions have been prepared to help and encourage you to be an effective witness for the Lord Jesus Christ and to help in the great task of winning others to Him:

1. First, you must be sure of your OWN salvation. God wants you to KNOW that you have eternal life (1 John 5:13).
2. To be truly effective, you must yield your life completely to Christ and be filled with the Holy Spirit and His power. The purpose for being filled is to receive power and desire to witness for Christ (Acts 1:8; 4:31; 9:17, 20).
3. Learn and apply "Successful Witnessing": Taking the initiative to share Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God.
4. Study to develop a "working knowledge" of God's Word. You must hide His Word in your heart so the Holy Spirit can use it to bring someone to Christ (2 Timothy 2:15).
5. Learn and use good transitions that will move you from the physical to the spiritual: Share your personal testimony of how you received Christ and what He means to you. Use a good biblical booklet such as, "Would you like to know God personally?"
6. Follow a simple outline of the plan of salvation in presenting Christ:
 - A. God loves you, and created you to know Him personally. (John 3:16; John 17:3).
 - B. People are sinful and separated from God, therefore we cannot know God personally and experience His love. (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23).
 - C. Jesus Christ is God's ONLY provision for man's sin. Through Him alone, you can know God personally and experience His love. (Romans 5:8; John 14:6).
 - D. We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Lord, then we can know God personally and experience His love. (John 1:12; Eph. 2:8-9; Rev. 3:20).
7. Use the Jesus video by loaning it to a non-Christian or inviting them to watch it with you.
8. If the person you are sharing with receives Christ, encourage them to immediately tell someone of their decision for Christ (Luke 8:39) and set up a time for your first discipling meeting.
9. Speak clearly, always using God's Word and not your own ideas. Smile and be enthusiastic. Use eye contact when speaking the person's name.
10. Be genuinely interested in the other person and his needs. Be courteous and friendly.
11. ABOVE ALL, keep Jesus Christ pre-eminent! Center your witness about Him and not about a church, denomination or religion.
12. The following should be avoided:
 - A. Arguing or criticism.
 - B. Having a "holier than thou" attitude.
 - C. Talking too much. You can't learn their needs when you are doing the talking.
 - D. Forcing decisions. Be gentle. Ask, but don't push. (2 Timothy 2:23-25)
13. There are many advantages in witnessing for Christ: Most important is that it glorifies Him; it helps to reach those without Christ; it reaches people of all types and backgrounds; it gives you a tremendous opportunity for Christian service which can be done anywhere at anytime; and helps to deepen your own spiritual life.

Successful Witnessing Is

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How To Prepare and Present Your Testimony



The following suggestions are listed to help you in presenting your personal testimony or story about your relationship with Christ, to either one person or before a group. By following these few simple suggestions, you will be able to effectively present to others what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for you.

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to bless and empower the words you speak so they will glorify Christ and be an encouragement and challenge to the ones listening (Acts 1:8).
2. Your personal testimony of salvation should be built around this simple outline: (1) What life was like BEFORE receiving Christ. (2) HOW Christ was accepted. (3) What life has been like AFTER receiving Christ (Acts 26:1-23, Acts 22:1-21). This outline gives you a place to start, a place to go, and a place to finish.
3. Keep Jesus pre-eminent. Emphasize that salvation came by receiving Him. Keep in mind that some non-Christian person should be able to understand how to accept Christ through your testimony (Luke 8:38-39).
4. The average group testimony should be 4-5 minutes long. Being prepared for 4-5 minutes will allow you to expand or shorten your story depending on the time you have.
5. A testimony is **sharing** something that Christ has done for you or what He means to you and not a time to “preach at” people. It gives you a wonderful opportunity to express yourself to others in sharing your personal testimony about Jesus Christ.
6. Build your testimony around a verse or two from God’s Word. Be sure you have a good **beginning** and a good **ending**. This will make your testimony interesting and give it coherence.
7. Speak clearly and loud enough for all to hear. And by all means, be enthusiastic! After all, it is exciting to be a Christian!
8. Be realistic. Christ does not eliminate life’s problems and difficulties, but He gives purpose and direction to life to enable you to meet all things with peace and confidence. (James 1:2-4) (Romans 5:3-4)
9. Be careful to avoid:
 - A. A “preachy” type testimony. Be natural. Do not tell people what they must do!
 - B. Mentioning religions, churches, or denominations in either a positive or negative way. Keep Christ pre-eminent.
 - C. Poor posture or nervous habits. Relax, but stay presentable.
 - D. Making excuses for your inabilities. This only calls attention to them and makes you feel worse.
Ask the Holy Spirit for boldness. (Acts 4:31)
 - E. Christian “jargon” like Hallelujah, saved, amen, etc.
10. Finally, share your testimony as often and to as many as you can, for this will strengthen your Christian life and help you in reaching others for Christ.

Testimony Worksheet

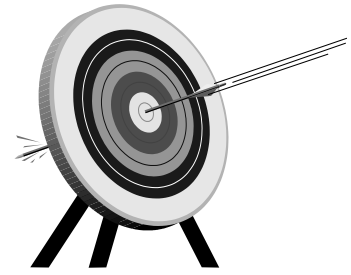
1. What I was like BEFORE I received Christ:

2. HOW I received Christ:

3. What changes God has made in my life AFTER receiving Christ:

4. Appropriate scripture verse(s):

Targeting



- 1) Jesus said, “**Go** into all the world”..... (Mark 16:15)
and, “**Go** and make disciples”... (Matthew 28:19).

- 2) Where is my “world”?
 - My home/ family
 - My neighborhood
 - My office/place of work
 - My friends
 - My school
 - My golf/tennis club
 - My favorite restaurant
 - My barber/beautician
 - My gym/athletic club
 - In general, the places where I live, work, and play

- 3) If I am to catch fish, I must go to where the fish are!

- 4) If I am to catch people, I must go to where the people are!

- 5) What are some ways or activities with which we can target people?
 - Establish friendships
 - Invite out to breakfast/lunch
 - Invite to dinner w/spouse
 - Initiate athletic activity
 - Loan them the Jesus Film
 - Send personal note/letter
 - Invite to evangelistic event
 - Personal visit: home/office/
hospital/prison, etc.

- 6) List the names of 3 people that you can begin praying for and being available to share Christ with or to disciple them:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

Evangelism Transitions

1. One of the main reasons today why Christians are not sharing Jesus with others is, they do not know how to start or open the conversation.
2. God's Word tells us to be prepared! 1 Peter 3:15 ~ "Always being ready...."
2 Timothy 4:2 ~ "Be ready...."
2 Timothy 2:15 ~ "Be diligent...."
3. A "transition" is a means by which we move from the natural to the spiritual.
4. There are two types of transitions:
 - A. We keep our "spiritual ears" open to comments or questions **made by others**.
(1 Peter 3:15)
 - B. **We open** the conversation with a "salting" statement or question. Example: Jesus in John 4:7-10. Notice Jesus used the term "living water" to capture her interest.
NOTE: Always have a gospel booklet with you, ready to share.
5. Let's look at some transitions to comments or questions **made to you by others**:
(Your response below is printed in bold)
 - How are you? **92%. Blessed. Excited.**
 - What do you do? **I am an ambassador. I am a fisherman.**
 - What's new? **Lots of good things... The new birth... I have new life.**
 - What's up? **Heaven and that's where I am going one of these days.**
 - You always seem chipper/happy, etc. **I am because I have a special secret/know a special Person.**
 - I just came from a friends funeral. **Funerals trouble a lot of people but something happened in my life some years ago that really helped me.**
 - I've been married for _____ years. **That's Wonderful! Marriage is the second most important relationship we can have.**
 - Our world is falling apart (or other negative comment). **Yes it is, but something happened in my life some years ago that gave me security to face the future...**
 - Nothing is free today. **Yes, there is! The greatest gift in all the world is free. It is found in the Bible in Romans 6:23.**
 - I am having a great day. **Wonderful! I have a great day every day, but only because I know a special Person\ I have a special secret.**
 - I am having a bumper day! **I have a special secret that helps me when I am having a bumper day....**
 - My, this water is hot! **Yes it is, but it really makes me glad to know I am going to heaven.**

6. I open the conversation with a **salting statement or question**:

- When I asked my wife to marry me, it was the **second** most important decision of my life.
- ____ years ago, I made the **most important** discovery/decision of my life.
- ____ years ago, I was very afraid of death, but then **something wonderful happened** to change that.
- I feel fortunate to have discovered true **success/significance** in my life.
- What is the **most important thing** in your life?
- What is the **number one goal** in your life?
- What is the **greatest challenge** you are facing right now?
- What is the **most significant** thing happening in your life now?
- Where are you on **your spiritual journey** in this life?
- May I share **something good** with you?
- Have you ever heard of the **Four Spiritual Laws**?
- If someone asked you, “**What does it mean to be a Christian?**”, what would you say?
- In your opinion, **how does one become a Christian**?
- **If you could know God personally**, would you be interested in how to have a relationship with Him?
- If someone asked you, “**How can I find (or know) God?**”, what would you tell them?
- **If there really is a heaven**, do you want to go there when you die? Would you like to know how?
- If you were to die tonight and stand before God and He asked you “**Why should I let you into heaven?**”, what would you say?
- On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being 100% certain) where would you put yourself in terms of being sure that you have **forgiveness of sins** and **assurance of eternal life**? Would you like to be a 10?
- Do you think men are exercising **spiritual leadership** today like they should?

Discipling



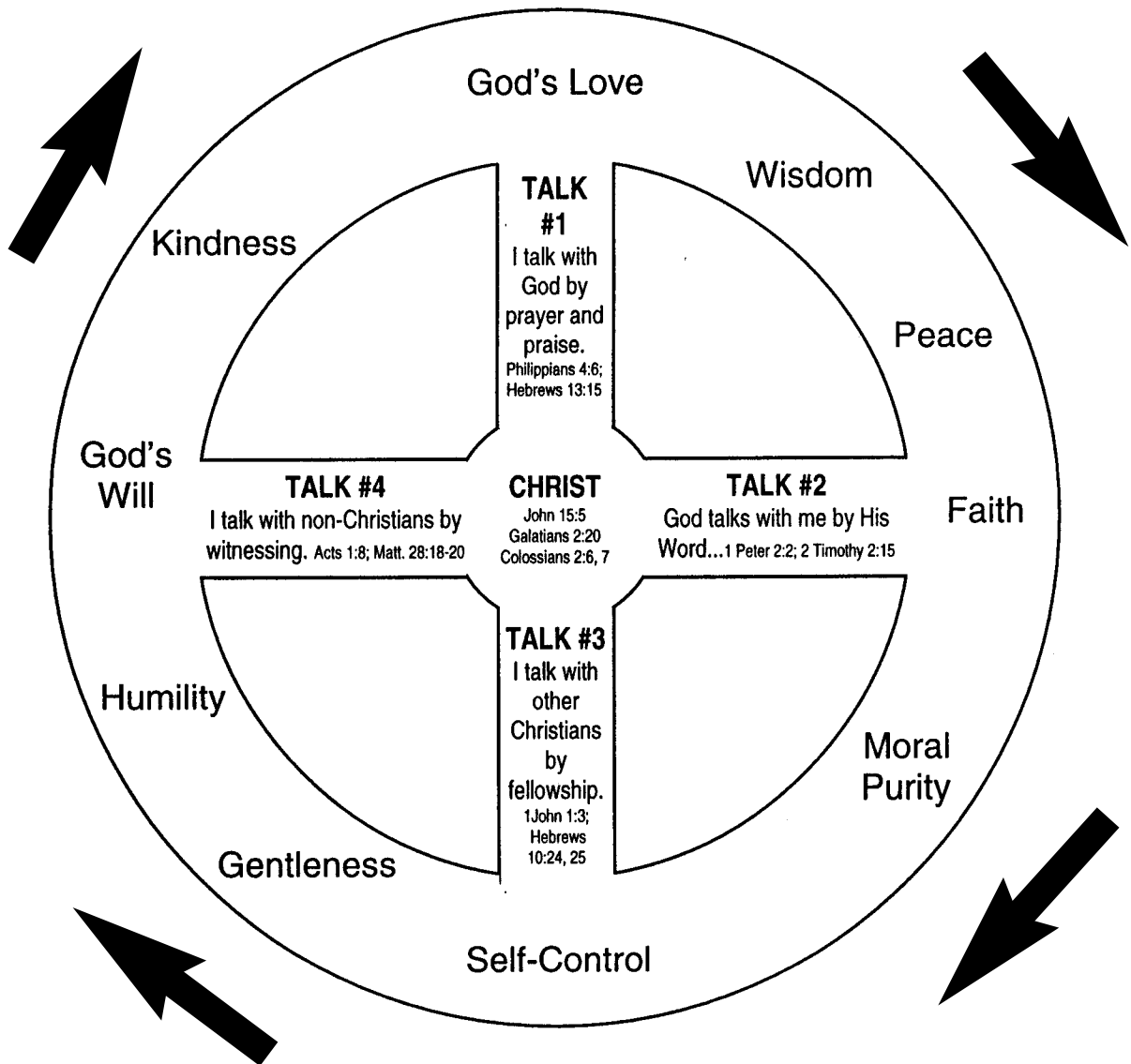
Jesus said, “Go and make **disciples** (a mature and disciplined Christian) of all nations, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

The following suggestions are designed to enable you to help in fulfilling His command:

1. Make yourself (your time, talents, and treasures) **available** to the Lord (Romans 12:1-2).
2. Allow God’s Holy Spirit to **fill** and **control** your own life. (Acts 1:8; Ephesians 5:18)
3. **Prepare** yourself in God’s Word. (2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17).
4. Have a **preliminary** meeting with your disciple to discuss the **commitments** involved, reviewing the materials, establishing a time and quiet place to meet, etc. Once a week for 1 1/2 hours generally is ideal.
5. In your first Discipling meeting, share the two-fold goal of discipling. Have them memorize these with the verses:
 - A. Spiritual growth and **maturity** (Colossians 2:6-7)
 - B. Spiritual **multiplication** (2 Timothy 2:2)
6. Remember to **always** keep Jesus Christ pre-eminent in your times of fellowship and discussion.
7. Be willing and available to become **involved** in the lives of others (1 Thessalonians 2:7-12; Colossians 1:28-29).
8. Develop a **genuine friendship** with those whom you are discipling (phone, invite to dinner, fellowships, activities, hobbies, etc.). Remember, relationship is more important than content.
9. Be sure they have a modern translation New Testament or Bible. Encourage them to start **reading** the Gospel of John (three times) then the entire New Testament (three times).
10. Take them through Life Builder’s four-part “**Foundations**” lessons or other bible study guide.

11. Review scriptural **assurance of eternal life** and a personal relationship with Christ.
(1 John 5:11-13, John 1:12).
12. Review the “Four Talks” for spiritual growth and have them memorize the entire “Wheel” with the verses. (See next sheet)
 - A. I talk with God by **prayer** and **praise** (Philippians 4:6-7; Hebrews 13:15)
 - B. God talks with me by His **Word** (2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 2:2)
 - C. I talk with the other Christians by **fellowship** (1 John 1:3; Hebrews 10:24-25)
 - D. I talk with non-Christians by **witnessing** (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19-20)
13. Take them through one of Life Builders “**Destined**” study guides, “**Real Faith**” or some more thorough Bible Study Guide.
14. Give them other Christ-centered materials to study (Bible study guides, books, videos, CD’s).
15. Encourage them to **memorize** God’s Word. (Psalm 119:9-11).
16. Pray **with** them and **for** them to be filled and controlled by the Holy Spirit, their family needs, work, ministry, finances, etc.
17. Encourage them to **share Christ** with others (Luke 8:39).
 - A. Teach them how to prepare and present their personal testimony (use the Testimony sheets on pages 4-5).
 - B. Teach them how to share the 4 Spiritual Laws or other gospel booklet.
 - C. Teach them to use **this** Discipling sheet with their disciples.
18. **Bring** them to church, Bible study group, a fellowship or a discipling group.
19. If possible, network them into a local or international mission activity or other ministry opportunity.
20. Finally, continue to fellowship and to study God’s Word together on topics such as husband-wife relationships, raising children, obedience, finances, character qualities, etc.

The “4 Talks” For Spiritual Growth



How To Teach God's Word, Effectively



1. Make yourself AVAILABLE to the Lord and ask Him to fill and control you with His Holy Spirit. (Romans 12:1) (Ephesians 5:18)
2. Pray for your audience and for God's direction to help you understand **what** they need and **where** they are spiritually. You may also wish to ask the host about the spiritual maturity of the group. Ask yourself, "If my teaching is 100% effective, what do I want my audience to **do, think, or feel?**"
3. Determine the length of time you will be given and spend approximately "2 for 1" in prayerful preparation, ie: 2 hours preparing for every hour teaching.
4. Prepare:
 - A. **Relevant scriptures** that specifically address the subject you want to communicate.
 - B. Good **visual aids** that illustrate your points: Power point, charts, overhead projector and physical illustrations. (Remember, a picture "speaks a thousand words").
 - C. **Interactive worksheets** for each person to use to fill in the **key words** or **main points**. Allow your listeners to discover for themselves the key truths you are teaching, **before** you give them the answers. Divide them into small "discovery" groups of 2 or 3, if possible.
 - D. Good "**stories**" to illustrate and dramatize your main points. Remember, Jesus always told a story as He taught. People love stories!
 - E. **A Step of Action** relating to your teaching for your audience to accomplish within the next day or two. Remember, people will forget about 80% of everything they hear within 24 hours and the 20% balance within 10 days, **UNLESS THEY APPLY IT TO THEIR LIVES.**
5. If a group is small, learn and use people's names when you teach or use name tags for a large group, if possible.
6. Keep your head up and make eye contact with your audience.
7. Get as close as you can to your audience. Use a lectern, not a pulpit.
8. Exhibit genuineness, love, passion, and enthusiasm when you teach.
9. Dress tastefully and appropriately. Always make a good presentation of yourself for Christ. Do all things with EXCELLENCE. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Small Group Training



1) HOW TO START:

- A. Prayerfully select the names of fellow Christians (not unbelievers) who would be interested and invite them personally or by telephone.
- B. Limit the group to a maximum of 12 people. You may wish to have your group for all men, all women, or couples.
- C. Select a place, preferably a home and make a specific time. Once a week or twice a month for about 2 hours is best.
- D. The host or host couple will provide refreshments and “lead” the group time.

2) SOME BASIC PRINCIPLES:

- A. Keep Christ pre-eminent.
- B. The Bible is our study book. Select meaningful, relevant passages that can be personally applied. (See item 4)
- C. The leader should not dominate the discussion, but encourage each one to participate. Help the meeting to “flow”, but keep proper order.
- D. The leader should be well-prepared on the passage to be discussed.
- E. Use peoples’ names during discussion.
- F. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and to the needs of the group. Be honest and open and learn to love one another. Be available to each others needs (prayer, counsel, literature, potlucks, etc.).
- G. Encourage conversational prayer for each other.
- H. Maintain balance (worship, sing, study God’s Word, sharing our lives, communion, counsel needs, prayer ministry).

3) SUGGESTIONS TO ENCOURAGE DISCUSSION:

- A. Have the group read the Bible passage to be discussed.
- B. Give a few minutes for each one to review the passage silently.
- C. Have them discuss in groups of 2 or 3 the meaning and content of the passage, specific words, key ideas, etc.
- D. Ask specific, thought-provoking questions:
 - 1) What does this (verse or word) mean to you?
 - 2) What is the key thought God is trying to transmit to us?
 - 3) How do you relate to this attitude, behavior, or emotion?
 - 4) How (specifically) have you experienced this area?
 - 5) What (specifically) has helped you in this area? (Give examples)
 - 6) What are some ways I can effectively apply this truth to my life?
 - 7) What are some hindrances that I have experienced in this area and what have I done to overcome them?
 - 8) What are some parallel Bible passages that transmit the same idea?
 - 9) What do you not understand in the verse or passage?

4) SOME SUGGESTED BIBLE PASSAGES:

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| A. Ephesians 4:1-3 | G. Romans 12:9-17 |
| B. Ephesians 4:24-32 | H. Hebrews 10:23-25 |
| C. Ephesians 5:1-11 | I. 2 Peter 1:3-8 |
| D. 1 Thessalonians 5:14-23 | J. 1 Peter 5:1-9 |
| E. Colossians 3:12-17 | K. 2 Corinthians 6:4-7 |
| F. Philippians 4:4-8 | L. Philippians 2:1-11 |

How To Study Your Bible



The following suggestions are listed to help you in obtaining a rich, rewarding knowledge and understanding of God's precious Word, through systematic study.

1. REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD STUDY GOD'S WORD:

- A. It will help you to grow spiritually. (1 Peter 2:2)
- B. It will prepare you for service for Christ. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- C. It will increase your faith. (Romans 10:17)
- D. It will show you how you can please God. (1 Thessalonians 4:1-2)

2. PRACTICAL TOOLS AND AIDS FOR STUDY:

- A. Necessary "tools" for study.
 - 1. Good modern translation Bible (New International Version, New American Standard, etc.)
 - 2. A notebook, a fine ball point pen and a straightedge for underlining vital verses and placing descriptive notes appropriately in your Bible.
 - 3. Bible concordance. (Strongs or Youngs)
- B. Helpful "aids" for study:
 - 1. Naves Topical Bible
 - 2. Several different translations of the Bible, such as Phillips, Wuest's New Testament, Amplified New Testament, etc.
 - 3. Bible Dictionary
 - 4. Greek-English Lexicon

3. KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL STUDY:

- A. You need an earnest determination to know God's Word. (Acts 17:11)
- B. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. (John 16:13)
- C. Study His Word, don't just read it. (2 Timothy 2:15)
- D. Memorize key verses. (Psalm 119:11)
- E. MAKE time for study.
- F. Obey what you learn. (James 1:22)
- G. Realize that the theme of the Bible is Christ and the purpose of the Bible is to reveal redemption and God's love. (John 20:31)

4. SOME RULES FOR INTERPRETATION:

- A. Always interpret a verse in the CONTEXT in which it is written. Read several verses BEFORE and AFTER the verse or portion you are studying.
- B. Compare similar scriptures with the verse or passage in question. Many scriptures on the same subject strengthens our understanding and our ability to interpret.
- C. Determine WHO the verse is written to or spoken to and under what conditions.
- D. Become familiar with the principle of dispensations (a dispensation is an economy under which God places man during a special age which differs from that of another). (John 1:17)

- E. Give preference to the clearest and most evident interpretation of a passage.
- F. All interpretations must be founded in the original languages if they are to pass as accurate and factual.
- G. The New Testament must be continually searched for help to interpret the Old Testament and vice versa.

5. METHODS OF BIBLE STUDY:

- A. Topical Study:
Search out and gather together all the Bible has to say on topics of interest to you such as salvation, Holy Spirit, justification, eternal security etc.
- B. Typical study:
Make a study of types (a type is a divinely appointed illustration of some scriptural truth). For example: Adam a type of Christ (Romans 5:14). Melchizedek a type of Christ (Hebrews 5:6), etc.
- C. Biographical study:
Study characters of the Bible by searching all the scriptures pertaining to them and discover the manner in which God deals with them, their lives and attitudes, their victories and sins, etc.
- D. Word study:
Search out root meanings of vital words used in scripture passages by examining other translations, Bible concordances or dictionaries, etc. and find where else the same word in the original language is used, thus gaining the knowledge as to the actual meaning the Holy Spirit is trying to transmit.
- E. Book study:
Thoroughly study the Bible book by book. As you read ask yourself, "What does this mean" and "How can I apply it to my life"?

6. HOW TO MARK YOUR BIBLE:

- One key to successful learning in the study of the scriptures is an orderly system of marking and note jotting in your Bible.
- A. Underline key or important passages of scripture neatly with a pen.
 - B. Use various color hi-lites to denote different subjects such as green for spiritual growth, red for Christ's death, etc.
 - C. Place letters after a verse to denote it's topic such as "S" for salvation, "HVN" for heaven, etc.
 - D. PRINT notes in the margins to explain scripture passages, root meanings of words that you discover and anything else that would be of help to you.
 - E. Develop your own chain reference system on a subject that you have studied. This is done by marking, just after a verse, the reference of the next verse you want to associate with it. Then reference this next verse DOUBLY by placing, at its beginning, the reference of the preceding verse and at it's ending the reference of the next verse you want to include in the "chain". In this way by turning to any of the verses in the "chain", you can find any of the other verses by simply working in either direction.