



## BCF LESSON 3 Man's Way and God's Way (Part 1) Calvary Chapel greg blanc

### God's 3 primary resources:

God's Word - The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

(2 Timothy Road) Timothy 1:13 2 Timothy 2:15 2 Timothy 3:15-17 2 Timothy 4:2

Holy Spirit - Is necessary, and will always \_\_\_\_\_ you to Jesus. John 14:26

Prayer - Is vital and must be a dialogue (not a monologue).

Matthew 7:7-8 (Ask, Seek, Knock) 1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray continually!

**These resources will never be in \_\_\_\_\_ to each other.**

### Purpose of this lesson:

1. To show us God's resources that enable us to live God's way.
2. To develop your own personal testimony of God's grace and mercy given to us through Jesus Christ.

Learning to live God's way requires you to respond to God's salvation through His Son Jesus Christ. You can then begin a new way of living based on the Lord's truth, the Lord's resources, and the Lord's wisdom. Proverbs 3:5-6

**RESOURCE 1** - SCRIPTURE IS YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ - The word of God is not just an accumulation of good principles and idea's to give a society ethical and moral standards.

These next couple of chapter's focus on God's way vs. man's way, God's thinking vs. man's thinking.

Proverbs 14:12 (NKJV)<sup>12</sup> There is a way *that seems* right to a man, But its end *is* the way of death.

Man's thinking is wrong thinking and can get us in a lot of trouble.

### Is the Bible just another book?

1. You only have to look around to see God's handiwork in \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 1)

2. The indestructibility of the Bible over thousands of years.

3. Written by over \_\_\_\_\_ different authors, over a 1600 year time span, and several different continents. With 66 books having one doctrinal system and \_\_\_\_\_. One moral standard, and one plan of salvation. One common theme.

God \_\_\_\_\_ man back to Himself.

4. Style of writings shows how God wants each of us to use our special gifts and talents for His glory.

2. Fulfilled \_\_\_\_\_. ???Can you name some???

3. The impact of the regenerating effect on millions of individuals lives.

(People can argue with the Bible, but they can't argue with a changed life)

## THIS WEEKS MEMORY VERSE

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV) <sup>16</sup> All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

### God's Word is profitable for 4 things:

1. Doctrine (teaching in righteousness) What is God telling \_\_\_\_\_? Is there a command, a principle, or a promise? Ephesians 5:15-16
2. Reproof (convicting activity) We often come to God's Word seeking relief or comfort from the consequences of sin. We must be \_\_\_\_\_ of our sin and not just recognize our miserable state. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin. John 16:8
3. Correction (changing activity) God is in the reconciliation business. Reconciliation implies a new relationship. Change is a 2-step process: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Change is observable. Ephesians 4:22-24
4. Training in righteousness (training towards maturity) \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial! 1 Timothy 4:7

## RESOURCE 2 - THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS YOU TO SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS BIBLICALLY

The Holy Spirit is necessary, because only through His power can you live the abundant life. He is our \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. 1Corinthians 2:10-14

Divine characteristics of the Holy Spirit:

**Eternal** - Hebrews 9:14 **Omniscient** - Psalm 139:7-8 **Spirit of Truth** - John 14:15-17

Other references: Acts 5:3-4

## RESOURCE 3 - PRAYER PROVIDES COMMUNICATION WITH GOD

Prayer is vital and essential to a \_\_\_\_\_ controlled life. Ephesians 6:18

This is a reminder the battle is a spiritual one and must be fought in God's strength, depending on Him through His Word and prayer.

Who can pray to God? Those with a:

- a) Clean \_\_\_\_\_ - Psalm 66:18
- b) Forgiving attitude - Matthew 6:14-15
- c) Who pray in faith - Matthew 21:22
- d) Pray according to \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 12:1-2 Luke 22:42

### Do you only pray when you want something?

Biblical truths about God's work in prayer:

1. God knows what you \_\_\_\_\_ before you ask. Matthew 6:8
2. He does not listen when you hold sin in your heart. Psalms 66:18
3. He answers yes when we ask according to His will. 1 John 5:14-15

### Christ's example of prayer

4. He prayed \_\_\_\_\_ and made prayer a \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 5:16
5. He retreated alone. Matthew 6:6 Matthew 14:23
6. He prayed early in the morning. Mark 1:35
7. He prayed in the midst of His \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 23:34
8. He prayed before He made major decisions. Luke 6:12-13
9. He prayed in the midst of \_\_\_\_\_. Matt 26:36-39

# Homework

## Lesson 3

### God's Resources

1. **Memory Verses:** II Timothy 3:16 & 17
2. **Read Lesson 3**
3. **Define the following** (Use Bible resources – Bible dictionary, Concordance, or commentary):
  - A. Inspiration of God
  - B. Doctrine
  - C. Reproof
  - D. Correction
  - E. Training in Righteousness
4. **Answer the following questions** based on the information found in lesson 3:
  - A. What things might a Christian be tempted to rely on as an authority for what is true, other than scripture?
  - B. Is there any problem that scripture does not provide directions for? (Pages 3-5)
  - C. How would you emphasize the role of the Holy Spirit if you were counseling someone? (Pages 7-8)
  - D. What is one new truth that you have learned about the role of prayer in your life? (Pages 9-11)
5. **Complete supplement 3** using Ephesians 5:15-16 as your reference. *(If you have any questions about filling out this supplement, contact your small group leader)*



The Bible states that we are to conform to the likeness of Christ, with these visible characteristics consistently evidenced in our lives:

**Galatians 5:22-24 (NKJV)**

- <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.  
<sup>24</sup> And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NKJV)**

- <sup>4</sup> Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup> does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;  
<sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails.

Below you will find a list of fruits of the flesh, "Character Flaws To Conquer" (characteristics that do not honor the Lord).

This is for your personal spiritual growth alone, for God's and your eyes only (even though you may share with whomever you wish).

Please circle ALL that you would honestly say may apply to you, being manifested in the last several years. You may find yourself circling 20 or more of these areas you would like to surrender to the Lord.

Print another copy, give it to someone who knows you and the Bible well (someone besides your spouse or family member), ask them to circle ALL characteristics they would honestly say may apply to you, being manifested in the last several years, and ask them to return to you. Do not give this project to someone who will not be absolutely and completely honest with you.

Keep both copies, and pray through them weekly, seeking the Holy Spirit's power to overcome the presence of these flaws in your life. This task will prove itself invaluable at the end of the course.



## CHARACTER FLAWS TO CONQUER

Circle any potential character flaws that apply to you

- **Abusive** – Characterized by improper infliction of physical or psychological maltreatment towards another.
- **Addict (Professing)** – Unrestrained compulsive activity. Gambling, alcohol, drugs, sex, shopping, internet, video games, etc.
- **Aimless / Apathetic** – Indifferent, lack of enthusiasm, devoid of direction or purpose, showing little emotion, expressionless, spiritless, lack of concern.
- **Angry** – Irritation and aggravation with others leads to internal/external hostility.
- **Anxious** – Constantly in distress or uneasiness because of fear of danger or misfortune; greatly worried; nervous, jumpy, annoyed.
- **Arrogant / Rude / Snobbish** – Having or displaying a sense of overbearing self-worth or self-importance. Others are inferior.
- **Bigot** – One who is strongly partial to one's own group, religion, race, or politics and is intolerant of those who differ.
- **Blunt (Overly)** – insensitive, callous, brash, brassy, gruff, stern, hard.
- **Callous / Cold** – Hardened to emotions, rarely showing any form of emotions in expression, unfeeling.
- **Childish** – Marked by or indicating a lack of maturity.
- **Co-Dependent / People Pleaser** – Validating self-worth through appeasing others, even at the expense of truth, enabler.
- **Complainer / Grumbler** – Prone to faultfinding, judgmental, sin sniffing, lacking grace.
- **Disloyal** – Lacking loyalty. Unfaithful in commitments, not valuing others time. Your yes is not yes. Fickle.
- **Egotistical** – Having an inflated idea of their own importance. Boastful, pompous, selfish.
- **Envious** – Greed of another's acquirements in life, painfully desirous of another's advantages, covetous, jealous.
- **Gluttonous** – Given to excess in consumption especially of food and/or drink.
- **Gossip** – Prone to unrestrained conversations with unconfirmed details. Spreading rumors, stories, slander to harm another's reputation.



- **Gullible** – Believes any information given, regardless of how valid or truthful it is, easily deceived or duped, naïve, lacking discernment and critical thinking skills.
- **Hedonistic** – Pursuit of worldly pleasures or senses. Lust for worldly things/stuff.
- **Humorless** – The inability to find humor in things, especially in themselves.
- **Hypocritical** – One whose behavior contradicts their own beliefs.
- **Ignorant** (Willfully) – Intentional lack of desire to pursue knowledge, information, wisdom or intellectual growth.
- **Impatient** – Unable to wait patiently or tolerate delay; restless. Unable to endure irritation or opposition; intolerant.
- **Indecisive** – Characterized by lack of decision and firmness, especially under pressure.
- **Intolerant** – Unwilling to tolerate difference of opinion and narrow-minded about self-cherished opinions.
- **Immature** – Emotionally undeveloped; juvenile; childish.
- **Judgmental** – Inclined to make and form judgments, especially moral or personal ones, based on ones own opinions or impressions towards others, i.e.: practices/groups/religions based on appearance, reputation, occupation, etc.
- **Lazy** – Resistant to work, exertion, spiritual growth. Disposed to idleness.
- **Liar** – Compulsively and purposefully tells false truths, regardless of motivation.
- **Meddlesome** – Given to meddling; interfering, taking on other's offenses.
- **Miser** – Prone to greed, stinginess, ungenerous.
- **Naive** – Lacking worldly experience and understanding, simple and guileless; showing or characterized by a lack of sophistication and critical judgment.
- **Nosy** – Given to prying into the affairs of others; snoop. Offensively curious or inquisitive.
- **Obsessive** – An unhealthy and compulsive preoccupation with something or someone.
- **Overprotective** – Coddler, enabler, overly spoil, pamper, overly indulgent.
- **Paranoid** – Extreme and irrational fear or distrust of others.
- **Peevish** – Unjustifiable dissatisfaction. Cantankerous, cross, ill tempered, testy, captious, discontented, crotchety, cranky, ornery, disagreeable.
- **Pessimist** – A tendency to stress the negative or unfavorable or to take the gloomiest possible view.
- **Proud** – Filled with or showing excessive self -esteem, and will often shirk help from others for the sake of pride.



- **Rebellious** – Defying or resisting some established authority, government, or tradition; insubordinate; inclined to rebel.
- **Reckless** – Heedless. Headstrong. Foolhardy. Unthinking boldness, wild carelessness and disregard for consequences.
- **Remorseless** – Without remorse; merciless; pitiless; relentless.
- **Sarcastic** – A subtle form of intentional mockery to inflict injury.
- **Selfish** – Concerned chiefly or only with oneself.
- **Self-Martyr** – One who purposely makes a great show of suffering in order to arouse sympathy from others, as a form of manipulation.
- **Self-righteous** – Piously sure of one's own righteousness. Moralistic. Exhibiting pious self-assurance. Holier-than-thou, sanctimonious.
- **Shallow** – Lacking depth of intellect or knowledge; concerned only with what is obvious.
- **Smug** – Haughtily confident of one's ability, superiority, or correctness.
- **Spineless** – Lacking courage. Cowardly, wimpish, gutless.
- **Spiteful** – Showing malicious ill will and a desire to hurt; motivated by spite; vindictive person who will look for occasions for resentment. Vengeful.
- **Spoiled** – Treated with excessive indulgence and pampering from earliest childhood, and has no notion of hard work, self-care or money management; coddled, pampered.
- **Stubborn** – Unreasonably unyielding; bullheaded, stiff-necked.
- **Tactless** – Lacking or showing a lack of what is fitting and considerate in dealing with others.
- **Temperamental** – Moody, irritable, or hyper-sensitive, volatile, emotionally led.
- **Theatrical** – Having a flair for over dramatizing situations, inflating the severity, drama queen/king. Every challenge in life is "code-red".
- **Troublemaker** – Someone who deliberately, intentionally, stirs up trouble.
- **Untrustworthy** – Not worthy of trust or belief. Unfaithful with given tasks.
- **User** – A person who uses something or someone selfishly or unethically.
- **Vain** – Holding or characterized by an unduly high opinion of their physical appearance. Lovers of themselves. Conceited, egotistic, narcissistic.
- **Withdrawn** – Unfriendly, unsociable, aloof.