

Last Rays of Light

For the perfecting of the saints... Eph 4:12

“Therefore be ye also ready:
for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.” (Mt 24:44).

“Get ready, get ready, get ready.
Ye must have a greater preparation than ye now have, for the day of the Lord cometh...” (EW 66).

“If we do what we can on our part to be ready for the conflict that is just before us,
God will do His part, and His all-powerful arm will protect us.” (EW 262).



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“Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established;
believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.” (2 Chr 20:20)

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This **Get Ready! Guide**

provides a thorough, that is, dynamic, specific, and systematic training for last day disciples, as modeled by our Lord Jesus Christ (Mathew 10; Luke 10:1-20; John 14-16), and recommended by the Spirit of Prophecy (*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 251; *Christian Service*, p. 42; *Maranatha*, p. 159).

Intended as a workbook for interactive seminars and small group study, but it will also serve as a personal study guide for individual disciples who seek to be more effective.

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In a Nutshell

SUMMARY: This ministry points and responds to God's **final** call that His remnant people **prepare** for the latter rain by **acting** on the former rain.

It is the mission and burden of Last Rays of Light,
and therefore the purpose of this Guide,
to urge God's people to receive
the baptism of the Holy Spirit,
that is, the *former* rain,
and to help them act on it
by gaining spiritual victory
and exercising gifted ministry.
Thus they become ready,
and help others be ready,
to give the loud cry
in the power of the *latter* rain,
which will result in their sealing,
their protection during the time of trouble,
and the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Impress upon all the necessity of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the sanctification of the members of the church, so that they will be living, growing, fruit-bearing trees of the Lord's planting." (6T 85).

"We need not worry about the latter rain. All we have to do is to keep the vessel clean and right side up and prepared for the reception of the heavenly rain, and keep praying, 'Let the latter rain come into my vessel. Let the light of the glorious angel which unites with the third angel shine upon me; give me a part in the work; let me sound the proclamation; let me be a co-laborer with Jesus Christ.' Thus seeking God, let me tell you, He is fitting you up all the time, giving you His grace." (UL 283; LDE 194).

"The great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which lightens the whole earth with His glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people that know by experience what it means to be laborers together with God. When we have entire, wholehearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God." (ChS 253; LDE 193).

Endorsement

"On the very borders of the Kingdom, even some of the 'elect' are tempted to become careless in their Christian experience. In this hour of crisis, God has impressed Elder Ted Wilson, our General Conference President, since 2010 to call urgently for revival and reformation both as individuals and the church. To assist in responding to this greatest need of the Remnant, Josef Ludwig, an Adventist Hospital chaplain, and his wife Kathie, a dedicated couple, have prepared a deeply spiritual, yet equally practical and exclusively Bible and Spirit of Prophecy based training seminar with an unusually well organized 'Get Ready! Guide.' If their training comes to your area, you would be blessed by attending."

The late James L. Hayward, Sr., Retired Conference President, Author of "The Time of the End."

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Dedication

SUMMARY: Dear disciple, Kathie and I have **dedicated** this Guide to you, and we **urge** you to expect God's **blessing** as you study and follow it.

This work is dedicated
to all last day disciples
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
who have purposed in their hearts
to claim the victory of Jesus
over sin and error (Jn 16:33)
and to continue the ministry of Jesus
to all humanity (Mt 28:18-20),
namely to reveal and vindicate
God's true character, law,
and glorious plan of salvation,
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Jesus did so in His life on earth (Lk 4:18),
and is doing so since and NOW
through His spiritual body (Ac 1:8),
His beloved church and bride,
in preparation for,
and in the course of,
the great crisis and final battle
prior to the ultimate exodus,
our global deliverance (Da 12:1),
on the day of redemption (Eph 4:30).

Kathie and I dedicate ourselves,
by the grace of God
and in the faith and love of Jesus,
to the fulfilling of our calling
by taking the message of this Guide
to those who want to benefit from it.
As they discern and follow
the promptings of the Holy Spirit,
they fulfill THEIR role
in helping all who are willing to accept
the last rays of God's merciful light,
prepare for what is otherwise soon coming
upon the people of God
with blinding force (2SM 142),
and upon the rest of humanity
as an overwhelming surprise (8T 28).

We urgently solicit
your prayers and cooperation.
"The watchman is to know
the time of night." (6T 407).
Will you help us watch and prepare disciples
by your prayers, invitations and support?
May God be glorified in all this
and people be saved at last.

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The three events represent the three steps of intercession recommended to seek and see the power of Revival and Reformation.

The eight themes, with three topics each, represent the spiritual advancement within the process of Revival and Reformation.

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Introduction – 101. About the Author

SUMMARY: Dear Friend, as you study this Guide, allow yourself to **appreciate** how the Lord has **led** Josef in the past and to the writing of this book.



For more than 40 years, God by His grace led Josef Ludwig to an ever deeper relationship with Jesus Christ as the Lord of his life and the Savior of the world. Josef's love grew for God's end-time people who gather for worship and training, then scatter for witness and service. He is ever more impressed that now is the time for the final revival and reformation of God's remnant people, the time to prepare for the last battle of the great controversy between the Lord Jesus and Satan.

The Lord Jesus entered Josef's life in June 1974 during his training for the Roman-Catholic priesthood. While teaching religion in Swiss and German high schools, Josef studied the Bible intensely, prayed much, and daily compared the doctrines with God's Word. Finally in 1982 he understood Revelation 18:4, "Come out of her my people..." as a divine call to search for the true church. In 1983 he met Canadian Christians, which resulted in his call to train as a pastor in Canada.

Between 1986 and 1993, Josef served a three-church district in rural Saskatchewan, and assisted other congregations as an instructor on revival and exercising spiritual gifts. Through Mennonite ministers Josef became convicted of believer baptism, the seriousness of the Ten Commandments, and the need for a Biblical lifestyle. He decided to join the Mennonite church, which led him to Richland, Pennsylvania, where He received a M.Div. degree in 1996. He remembers how after picking up the US visa in Calgary, Alberta in 1993, he asked God to assure him of His guidance in the USA. Just then he spotted a roof with big letters saying, "Jesus is Lord." Great peace flooded his heart.

Little did Josef realize that the Lord was already directing his journey to the Remnant Movement. During his last six months in Saskatchewan, a couple who came to town weekly with their truck of produce gave Josef a book by Amazing Facts. Most of its teachings were new to Josef though he understood the main arguments; but he objected to the notion that the Roman church had changed the Sabbath to Sunday. In fact, he gave a written defense of Sunday worship to the couple a few days later, unaware that this was their last market day for the season. Later in Pennsylvania a Seventh-day Adventist literature evangelist gave him a Great Controversy, but Josef read only one page.

Upon completing his M.Div. degree, Josef received a green card and worked as a German editor and translator for the international Mennonite publishing house Rod and Staff. He moved to North Carolina to join a rural church, but his growing interest in prophecy led him to ask many questions about Revelation and world events. In 1997 Josef received a flier from the local Seventh-day Adventist church announcing evangelistic meetings. He was amazed that the topics listed on it were his exact questions, almost to the wording! Josef saw God's leading and found complete answers; he was baptized on Sabbath, October 11, 1997, which was also the annual JEWISH Day of Atonement.

Right after Josef's baptism the Lord strongly impressed him that during this time of the GLOBAL Day of Atonement, believers need to prepare for the latter rain. At a men's retreat in 2002 Josef renewed his commitment to Jesus. Two weeks later the Lord called him to compile material and to hold seminars on revival and reformation in churches in the area, to help church members prepare for victory and ministry in the final days of earth's probation. In 2005 he married Kathie, who strongly supports him in this ministry, especially with her sense of urgency and gift of intercessory prayer. They are convinced that the final revival and reformation can be expected only in answer to prayer.

In 2006 Josef was impressed to develop a website to make this ministry useful to the wider church, and after camp meeting in 2008, the Lord urged him to introduce the material at the General Conference Session in Atlanta in June 2010 in the form of this *Get Ready!* Guide. God continues to lead in spreading its message to help God's people prepare for the testing of our faith, that time when only those who watch, pray, and work will receive the latter rain and remain faithful, while others will be surprised and overwhelmed; that time when ultimate decisions of eternal consequence shall be made by every inhabitant of the world in response to God's last rays of merciful light and His final warning.

Josef and Kathie Ludwig serve their local congregation, while working as a full-time gardener and a nurse respectively. They are always willing to share this material with members, churches, and groups who are ready to begin their own final revival and reformation, resulting in solid, faithful, Biblical last day discipleship. "Satan is constantly alluring away from faithfulness and thoroughness in the essential works of preparedness of the great event that will try every man's soul. The work in the heavenly sanctuary is going forward. Jesus is cleansing the sanctuary. The work on earth corresponds with the work in heaven....This is the burden of the message for this time...." (UL 344).

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Introduction – 102. Glory to God

SUMMARY: Also, please recognize that the **concept** and **content** of this Guide is **all** the Lord's design, and encouraged by brothers and sisters.

Kathie and I are glad that you obtained a copy of the *Get Ready!* Guide. While putting the book together we received a deeper understanding of our wonderful God, and a greater appreciation for His gracious plan to save the human race and this lost planet. We made a much firmer commitment to follow Jesus wherever He leads us in this life, and we can hardly wait for Him to return and take us home with Him. We trust you will have the same experience as you follow this Guide. We pray and believe you too will receive a great blessing and get more invigorated in your journey of faith as you make the best use of the information-packed pages and numerous ways to evaluate your personal spiritual situation.

But before you get started with the Guide, we want to give our loving God all the honor and glory for its concept and content. In March 2002, after Josef made a renewed commitment to the Lord at a Conference men's retreat to be faithful to Him, the Lord impresses him to put together a manual for revival and reformation. More recently, in the summer of 2008, after many pages had already been written, the Lord laid it on his heart to publish this Guide before the GC Session 2010 in Atlanta. Then, a year later at our conference camp meeting, the Lord finally showed him how this Guide is to provide a comprehensive experience of and thorough training in all aspects of effective Biblical end-time discipleship.

As a result, the concept and the content of this Guide come directly from the Word of God, with support from the Spirit of Prophecy. The Lord did not lead us to consult many other sources or to look for any new light on the topics, but rather to give a systematic picture of the way He designed to prepare His people for victory and ministry during the time of the end. So once more, we give all the glory to God alone for any wisdom this Guide contains and any benefit you may receive from it. We have prayed daily for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the design of this book and in the writing of its pages. Only that same Spirit can make it profitable. In other words, any good result is God's gracious gift to you.

Our prayer for you is therefore that in your journey you may know the presence, guidance, and assurance of our Lord Jesus Christ as you gain an experience in each of the six marks that characterize His faithful end-time disciples. While the days of probation and the opportunities for people to be saved are rapidly coming to an end, may you, with all of God's remnant people, remain obedient to His calling for your life so He can finish His work through you and cut it short in righteousness. But let us remember that He has not called those who are qualified; rather, He qualifies those whom He has called. So ours is the sacred duty to bring praise, honor, and glory to His holy name as He alone is worth of it all.

Acknowledgments

I am also very grateful for the faithful assistance of my wife. Kathie has given herself to her full-time professional career and to the work at home so we had the means and I had the freedom to dedicate much of my time to the compiling of this *Get Ready!* Guide. In addition, Kathie has used her editing skills to review many of its pages and has made numerous valuable suggestions for improvements of wording.

Joyce Bush, a trusted member of our local church, an English major and former editorial assistant with Loma Linda University, has spent much time proofreading the manuscript. We are grateful for her professional expertise in helping with expression and punctuation.

Helen Kidwell, another member of our local church and a retired teacher, has volunteered hours to check a number of pages for typing errors and word choices. We are grateful for her personal support and encouragement in our journey of faith and church ministry.

James L. Hayward, Sr., retired conference president, provided me with a copy of his chart "Chronology of Last Day Events," also found in his book, *The Time of the End*, published by American Christian Ministries, for our use on page 216, "Events of the Time of the End."

Jim Baer, president of Foundation of our Faith, sent me copies of the original images used in their publication, *The Sanctuary Cross*, by the late Merrill L. "Corky" Evans, and allowed us to use them in our illustration on page 253, "The Three Stages of Restoration."

Tom Hughes, my longtime pastor, has supported and encouraged me during the past years as I presented several concepts contained in this Guide to him personally, and also to members of our local church in a series of weekly evening presentations and discussions.

Jim Wolter, a retired pastor and member of the Hendersonville church, and his wife Doris had been hosting a small group Bible study in their home, which allowed me to share some of the key concepts presented in this Guide and to receive numerous helpful comments.

Virgil Luke, a dear brother in the Lord, helped me overcome a period of serious discouragement, as I was preparing the third edition of this Guide. He presented me with some precious divine promises that confirmed to me the Lord's faithful guidance and protection.

Feedback

This compiler shares the openness of our end-time prophetic messenger Ellen G. White and asks, using her own words, "A special request is made that if any find incorrect statements in this book they will immediately inform me." (2SG 295). Thank you ever so much.

If you have other observations about this Guide, or would like to share your personal experience with it, we would be very happy to hear from you. May our Lord Jesus bless you richly for kindly supporting this work. Please email josef@ready4him.org

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Introduction – 103. Preface

SUMMARY: *Even this preface is not my own idea. I **included** it in this Guide because God impressed me that it has a divine **purpose** here.*

The Lord woke me up one early morning long before dawn and gave me the words below all at once. I got up and wrote them down immediately. I did not have in mind to write a preface after the previous page, but here it is. As with all the other pages of this Guide, I do not take any credit for the content of this one either, but I do pray it inspires you to determine to listen to God.

Dear Friend,

I am speaking to you as to a serious student of the holy word of the God of Heaven Himself and of the inspired writings of His end-time messenger, Ellen G. White; as to a discerning brother or sister in the most precious faith of the Present Truth; and as to an enduring fellow pilgrim looking for the City whose builder and maker is God, for the eternal rest awaiting His faithful people.

As you open yourself to the themes of this Guide, we ask you to walk and work through them with reverence and awe, for in them you will find yourself in the very presence of the Creator of the universe and the Redeemer and Restorer of humanity and planet earth. If you have an ear to listen with your heart you will hear the voice of the King of kings and Lord of lords, of the head and Chief Shepherd of the church, addressing you personally. He will be calling you to a sacred task and the highest privilege – to cooperate with Him in the finishing of His final work among the peoples and nations of this world, as the time of their gracious probation and history is fast running out.

Not, that any of us could finish a work that our Savior Jesus Christ began when He walked this earth in His own physical body; but rather, that He is asking you to become a functional part of His spiritual body, His church, through which He Himself will complete His work. He will show you your specific contribution to this highest calling, and He will inspire, prepare, and equip you for it through His own divine abiding presence and power, His Holy Spirit. He is ready and longing to bless you with your personal burning bush experience, and to make you worthy of becoming His co-worker in preparing willing fellow human beings to participate in the final and ultimate exodus.

The Lord of heaven and earth has nothing less glorious in mind than to transform us, to recreate us by translating us from the slavery of the errors, sins, and heartaches of the kingdom of darkness into the royal privileges of the truth, joy, and freedom of His marvelous light. The question is not whether He will accomplish this goal, which He has pursued throughout the centuries, for no Word that comes out of His creative mouth has ever returned or will ever return unto Him void. Rather, the question is whether you will take part in this glorious process and have a share in its eternal victory, or whether you will be among those who are shaken out and end in death.

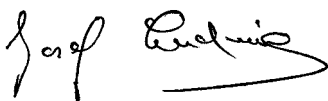
Dear Friend,

The Lord your God is pleading with you through this Guide to choose life, His life, to partake of His divine nature and everlasting glory, and become a co-heir with Christ. Will you help reflect His true character, thereby vindicating His holy name while probation lasts for yet a little while? Are you willing to experience and share with many others what it means to participate in the final revival and reformation? God's Spirit is already igniting the hearts and minds of many who are truly seeking the will and ways of God Almighty! What other more worthy, more fulfilling meaning and goal can be found in this life than to become a consecrated member of God's end-time remnant people?

Come, hear the Lord your God, and recognize the particular, unique calling that only you can fulfill. Receive the Spirit of Christ to walk in Him and go and do your part in preparing yourself and many others for the ultimate exodus. As we see the last day events of earth's history coming to pass, may we all lift up our heads and know that our redemption, the final deliverance, is drawing near. Jesus Christ, the Son of God Himself, has given His life for our eternal salvation, and the whole creation is groaning to see it fulfilled; it is nothing less than the restoration of the life for which we were designed from eternity past. O, what a glorious hope to become reality very shortly!

It is the humble and bold prayer of this compiler that the love and blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ may be yours, to His honor and glory, and toward the salvation of all who will respond to God's grace through your testimony.

Yours in His service,



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Introduction – 104. Key to Abbreviations

SUMMARY: The only **sources** used in this Guide (with few exceptions) are the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. They are **referenced** as follows:

The abbreviations for the Scriptures follow *The Study Bible – King James Version*, Academy Enterprises, 1997, and are set in regular type face. The abbreviations for the EGW titles are the standard abbreviations, as used in the *Comprehensive Index* and elsewhere, and are given in *italics*.

Old & New Testament							
Ge	Genesis	Ecc	Ecclesiastes	Mt	Matthew	1 Pe	1 Peter
Ex	Exodus	SS	Song of Solomon	Mk	Mark	2 Pe	2 Peter
Lev	Leviticus	Isa	Isaiah	Lk	Luke	1 Jn	1 John
Nu	Numbers	Jer	Jeremiah	Jn	John	2 Jn	2 John
Dt	Deuteronomy	La	Lamentations	Ac	Acts	3 Jn	3 John
Jos	Joshua	Eze	Ezekiel	Rom	Romans	Jude	Jude
Jdg	Judges	Da	Daniel	1 Co	1 Corinthians	Rev	Revelation
Ru	Ruth	Hos	Hosea	2 Co	2 Corinthians		
1 Sa	1 Samuel	Joel	Joel	Gal	Galatians		
2 Sa	2 Samuel	Am	Amos	Eph	Ephesians		
1 Ki	1 Kings	Ob	Obadiah	Php	Philippians		
2 Ki	2 Kings	Jnh	Jonah	Col	Colossians		
1 Ch	1 Chronicles	Mic	Micah	1 Th	1 Thessalonians		
2 Ch	2 Chronicles	Na	Nahum	2 Th	2 Thessalonians		
Ezr	Ezra	Hab	Habakkuk	1 Ti	1 Timothy		
Ne	Nehemiah	Zep	Zephaniah	2 Ti	2 Timothy		
Est	Esther	Hag	Haggai	Tit	Titus		
Job	Job	Zec	Zechariah	Phm	Philemon		
Ps	Psalms	Mal	Malachi	Heb	Hebrews		
Pr	Proverbs			Jas	James		
Ellen G. White & Commentary							
AA	The Acts of the Apostles	ML	My Life Today (Devotional Book)				
AG	God's Amazing Grace (Devotional Book)	1-26MR	Manuscript Releases, Volumes 1-26				
AH	The Adventist Home	MS 1-	Manuscript #1, etc.				
AUCR	Australasian Union Conference Record	MYP	Messages to Young People				
CC	Conflict and Courage (Devotional Book)	OHC	Our High Calling (Devotional Book)				
CET	Christian Experience and Teachings	PK	Prophets and Kings				
CH	Counsels on Health	PP	Patriarchs and Prophets				
ChS	Christian Service	Pr	Prayer				
CL	Country Living	RH	Articles in Review and Herald				
CME	Call to Medical Evangelism and Health Education	1-2SAT	Sermons and Talks, Volumes 1&2				
COL	Christ's Object Lessons	SC	Steps to Christ				
DA	The Desire of Ages	SD	Sons and Daughters of God (Devotional Book)				
Ed	Education	1-4SG	Spiritual Gifts, Volumes 1-4				
Ev	Evangelism	1-3SM	Selected Messages, Volumes 1-3				
EW	Early Writings	1-4SP	The Spirit of Prophecy, Volumes 1-4				
GC	The Great Controversy	SR	The Story of Redemption				
GCB	General Conference Bulletin	ST	Articles in Signs of the Times				
GW	Gospel Workers	1-9T	Testimonies for the Church, Volumes 1-9				
HP	In Heavenly Places (Devotional Book)	TA	The Truth About Angels				
LDE	Last Day Events	TDG	This Day With God (Devotional Book)				
LHU	Lift Him Up (Devotional Book)	TM	Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers				
LS	Life Sketches	TMK	That I May Know Him (Devotional Book)				
Mar	Maranatha (Devotional Book)	UL	The Upward Look (Devotional Book)				
MB	Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing	1-12BC	SDA Bible Commentary, Volumes 1-12				
1-2MCP	Mind, Character, and Personality, Volumes 1&2						

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Introduction – 105. A Challenge

SUMMARY: Now, as you **evaluate** this inspired challenge, permit it to awaken or deepen your **resolve** to **join** the final revival and reformation.

“Not One in Twenty Prepared

“It is a solemn statement that I make to the church, that not one in twenty whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without God and without hope in the world as the common sinner. They are professedly serving God, but they are more earnestly serving mammon. This half-and-half work is a constant denying of Christ, rather than a confessing of Christ. So many have brought into the church their own unsubdued spirit, unrefined; their spiritual taste is perverted by their own immoral, debasing corruptions, symbolizing the world in spirit, in heart, in purpose, confirming themselves in lustful practices, and are full of deception through and through in their professed Christian life. Living as sinners, claiming to be Christians! Those who claim to be Christians and will confess Christ should come out from among them and touch not the unclean thing, and be separate...”

“I lay down my pen and lift up my soul in prayer, that the Lord would breathe upon His backslidden people, who are as dry bones, that they may live. The end is near, stealing upon us so stealthily, so imperceptibly, so noiselessly, like the muffled tread of the thief in the night, to surprise the sleepers off guard and unready. May the Lord grant to bring His Holy Spirit upon hearts that are now at ease, that they may no longer sleep as do others, but watch and be sober.--General Conference Bulletin, 1893, pp. 132, 133.” (ChS 41).

“Revival and Reformation Needed

“Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise, and this preparation they should make by diligently studying the word of God, and striving to conform their lives to its precepts. . . . God calls for a revival and a reformation.--Prophets and Kings, p. 626.

“A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work.--Review and Herald, March 22, 1887.

“The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, the spirit of prayer will actuate every believer, and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife.--Testimonies, vol. 8, p. 251.

“A revival and a reformation must take place under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from the spiritual death. Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit. Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend.-- Review and Herald, Feb. 25, 1902.

“Do not the Scriptures call for a more pure and holy work than we have yet seen? . . . God calls upon those who are willing to be controlled by the Holy Spirit to lead out in a work of thorough reformation. I see a crisis before us, and the Lord calls for His laborers to come into line. Every soul should now stand in a position of deeper, truer consecration to God than during the years that have passed. . . . I have been deeply impressed by scenes that have recently passed before me in the night season. There seemed to be a great movement--a work of revival--going forward in many places. Our people were moving into line, responding to God's call.--General Conference Bulletin, May 29, 1913, p. 34.

“In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. . . . Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God.--Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 126.

“There is great necessity for a reformation among the people of God. The present state of the church leads to the inquiry, Is this a correct representation of Him who gave His life for us?--Testimonies, vol. 3, p. 474.

“When the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the Spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested. Divine power will be revealed. The church will see the providential working of the Lord of hosts. The light of truth will shine forth in clear, strong rays, and as in the time of the apostles, many souls will turn from error to truth. The earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord.-- Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 46.” (ChS 41-43).

“Delay Is Fatal

“I was shown God's people waiting for some change to take place,--a compelling power to take hold of them. But they will be disappointed, for they are wrong. They must act; they must take hold of the work themselves, and earnestly cry to God for a true knowledge of themselves. The scenes which are passing before us are of sufficient magnitude to cause us to arouse, and urge the truth home to the hearts of all who will listen. The harvest of the earth is nearly ripe.--Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 261.

Nevertheless, “there are some who, instead of wisely improving present opportunities, are idly waiting for some special season of spiritual refreshing by which their ability to enlighten others will be greatly increased. They neglect present duties and privileges, and allow their light to burn dim, while they look forward to a time when, without any effort on their part, they will be made the recipients of special blessing, by which they will be transformed and fitted for service.--The Acts of the Apostles, p. 54.” (ChS 43).

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Introduction – 106. Initial Call

SUMMARY: *Then, please hear and **act** on Jesus' **call** to become a disciple and to make disciples, by receiving the **training** provided by this Guide.*

The root of Christian discipleship is a committed and joyous love for Jesus.
The fruit of Christian discipleship is an intimate and glorious life with Jesus.

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Mt 11:28-30).

"All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Mt 28:18-20).

"Those who have spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work....That which is needed now for the upbuilding of our churches is the nice work of laborers to discern and develop talent in the church – talent that can be educated for the Master's use. There should be a well-organized plan for the employment of workers to go into all our churches, large and small, to instruct the members how to labor for the upbuilding of the church and also for unbelievers. It is training, education, that is needed..." (9T 116-117, 119-120).

"All this work of training should be accompanied with earnest seeking of the Lord for His Holy Spirit. Let this be urged home upon those who are willing to give themselves to the Master's service...There should be no delay in this well-planned effort to educate the church members...." (CS 58-59, 61).

My Initial Notes

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Introduction – 107. The Six Marks of Discipleship

SUMMARY: The six themes, C to H, cover the six **marks** of Biblical discipleship in three **phases**, in the order of their spiritual **progression**.

This spiritual progression is illustrated in the three sections of the earthly sanctuary, and also in Jesus' three-phase call: 1. "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden....", 2. "Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart....", and 3. "Go for Me and make disciples...." (Mt 11:28-30; 28:18-20; Mk 3:13-15). Each of the three phases covers two of the six marks of discipleship.

Being a disciple means more than gaining head knowledge (Jn 5:39-40). It means having a close relationship with the Teacher and sharing His experiences (Jn 15:27). It means knowing Jesus personally and walking with Him (1 Jn 2:6), following the Lamb wherever He goes (Rev 14:4). Discipleship is therefore not a program or an event. It is rather a life of radical identification with the character, calling, and concerns of Jesus, in Whose fellowship all His disciples find complete freedom, joy, and purpose (Jn 8:32; 16:24; 21:22).

PHASE, Theme, Mark	Description by Jesus	Explanation of Mark
PHASE 1	Courtyard = "Come to Me" (Mt 11:28) = "Forsake all, bear the cross"	
C. Come to Life 1st Mark: Absolute loyal love	Jesus came "to seek and <u>save</u> ...[the] lost." (Lk 19:10). "If any man come after me, and hate not his father..., yea, and his own life, he cannot be my disciple...Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." (Lk 14:26, 33; Mt 10:37). "If you love me, keep my commandments." (Jn 14:15).	A disciple of Jesus converts to Him, the <u>Savior</u> . He or she has such a deep love for Him that He becomes his or her first priority. Nobody and nothing, whether family or friends, security, comfort, or possessions, can hinder him or her to faithfully and joyfully obey all His directions, from His Word and through individual guidance of His Spirit in daily life.
Convert to Jesus, the Savior		
D. Join the Movement 2nd Mark: Complete self-denial	"Why call ye me, <u>Lord</u> , Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Lk 6:46). "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself...Whosoever does not bear his cross after me, cannot be my disciple." (Lk 9:23; 14:27; Mt 10:38). "We ought to obey God rather than men." (Ac 5:29). "Who then is that faithful and wise steward...?" (Lk 12:42).	A disciple of Jesus submits to Him, the <u>Lord</u> . He or she has so entirely surrendered all self-interest to Jesus as to cherish His call to fellowship in His suffering as supreme privilege, bear reproach and persecution with humility and patience, stand up for the truths that Jesus has revealed to His people, and order his or her life according to His will.
Submit to Jesus, the Lord		
PHASE 2	Holy Place = "Learn of Me" (Mt 11:29) = "Abide in Me, love one another"	
E. Grow in Grace 3rd Mark: Perpetual abiding	"I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another <u>Comforter</u> , that He may abide with you forever...I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (Jn 14:16, 18). "If you continue in my word, ye are my disciples indeed.... If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." (Jn 8:31; 15:7).	A disciple of Jesus lives with Him, the <u>Comforter</u> . He or she has an intimate fellowship with Him, knows His presence through His Holy Spirit, continues to grow into His likeness and in his or her understanding of His teachings and will by beholding Him in His Word and studying it prayerfully and offers prayers in Jesus' name which God will answer.
Live with Jesus, the Comforter		
F. Share the Love 4th Mark: Mutual agape love	"He is the <u>head</u> of the body, the church..." (Col 1:18). "Greater love hath no man than this, [to] lay down his life..." (Jn 15:13). "The son of man came...to minister..." (Mt 20:18). "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another: as I have loved you...By this all <i>men</i> know that ye are my disciples...." (Jn 13:14-15, 34-35; 15:12; 1 Jn 4:11).	A disciple of Jesus loves like Him, the <u>Head</u> . He or she will exercise the self-sacrificing love and servant leadership Jesus modeled, in the congregation, the wider church, and beyond. He or she is willing and eager to invest all that he or she is and has, for the benefit of the body of Christ and as evidence to others that His call to follow Him is real.
Love like Jesus, the Head		
PHASE 3	Most Holy Place = "Go for Me" (Mt 28:19-20) = "Bear fruit, overcome"	
G. Bear much Fruit 5th Mark: Fruit-bearing ministry	"I am the <u>vine</u> , ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." (Jn 15:4, 8). I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit shall remain." (v. 16; 4:36).	A disciple of Jesus draws from Him, the <u>Vine</u> . He or she knows the need to stay intimately connected with Jesus in order to be fruitful and faithful in character and service, exercising his or her gifts while manifesting the fruit of the Spirit. He or she realizes that only Jesus' own ministry through him or her brings glory to God and lasting results for humanity.
Draw from Jesus, the Vine		
H. Tell the World 6th Mark: Overcoming witness	"The disciple...[is] as his <u>master</u> ." (Mt 10:24-25; Jn 15:20). "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (Jn 16:33). "This...overcometh the world, <i>even</i> our faith." (1 Jn 5:4). "He that overcometh..." (Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 21:7). "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not..." (Rev 12:11).	A disciple of Jesus identifies with Him, the <u>Master</u> . He or she shares in His trials and exercises His faith by which He gained the victory over sin and suffering. The promises of Jesus to the overcomer are precious to him or her. He or she is ready to overcome evil powers through cleansing by Jesus' blood, testifying to His truth, and not fearing death.
Identify with Jesus, the Master		

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Introduction – 108. Structure of the Course

SUMMARY: The eight **themes** and six **marks** are grouped under our great **needs** of REVIVAL and REFORMATION, empowered by PRAYER.

"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work.... A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer." (1SM 212; LDE 189). "There is great necessity for a reformation among the people of God." (3T 474).

First Work: PRAYER is vital because "a revival and a reformation must take place, under the ministration of the Holy Spirit." (LDE 189)

Participants seek and see the life-changing power in the process of revival and reformation, as they keep praying for and in the Holy Spirit.

Most Urgent Need: REVIVAL refers to the process of refreshing the faith and committing to the godliness of the original apostolic church.

Great Necessity: REFORMATION is the process of implementing the lifestyle and exercising the ministry of the end-time remnant church. Revival and Reformation progress along eight themes on through the two levels of *Calling the Church* and *Growing the Church*:

The 1st Level: *Calling the Church* challenges participants to exercise the six marks of discipleship in response to the needs of our time. It proceeds by making them aware of these needs, calling for a decision, and preparing them precisely to implement the second level.

The 2nd Level: *Growing the Church* enables participants to experience the 18 steps of disciple-making, or spiritual and numerical growth. It proceeds by walking in three phases through the three sections of the sanctuary and applying the meaning of its six pieces of furniture. It advances from heart conversion (courtyard), via character development (holy place), to empowered ministry (most holy place).

FW: PRAYER	PHASE / Section	Most Urgent Need: REVIVAL – Apostolic Faith and Godliness				
<p>Throughout the process of revival and reformation, participants seek and see its divine power as they engage in intercession for each other.</p> <p>Intercession is most crucial to this process because true revival and reformation occur only in answer to earnest prayer (LDE 189).</p> <p>Intercession could happen spontaneously whenever the need is felt or as the Spirit prompts, and/or it may be planned and scheduled as an organized congregational Prayer Service.</p> <p>Intercession is vital to the spiritual growth of the members since it is the breath of the soul (OHC 127).</p>		1st Level: <i>Calling the Church</i> – Why God Calls Disciples = Requires the Marks				
		This	Theme	Need	Response	
	Awareness and Decision		A. Sound the Trumpet	1st – 3rd Mark of Discipleship		
			1. Awake to Our Present Time 2. Stand on the Side of Truth 3. Qualify for the Seal of God	1. win the final battle 2. guard against deception 3. be secure in Jesus	1. absolute loyal love 2. complete self-denial 3. perpetual abiding	
		Preparedness and Precision		B. Hear the Call	4th – 6th Mark of Discipleship	
			1. Join the Revival and Reformation 2. Fulfill the Divine Commission 3. Be Ready to Stand at Last	4. work with members 5. use talents effectively 6. be fully equipped	4. mutual agape love 5. fruit-bearing ministry 6. overcoming witness	
			2nd Level: <i>Growing the Church</i> – How We Make Disciples = Acquire the Marks			
		This	Theme	Step	Result	
	PHASE 1: Courtyard “ <u>Come</u> to Me” = Pardon (Look back to His life & sacrifice) Message → Member (Gather / Gaining) (Reach up)		C. Come to Life	1st Mark of Discipleship: absolute loyal love		
			1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus 2. Receive Justification by Faith 3. Obey Jesus from Love	(1) believe Gospel (2) receive justification (3) love commandments	(1) grateful surrender (2) truthful conversion (3) joyful obedience	
			D. Join the Movement	2nd Mark of Discipleship: complete self-denial		
			1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs 3. Order Your Life as a Steward	(4) accept identity (5) grasp teaching (6) (re)order life	(4) purposeful membership (5) meaningful conviction (6) faithful stewardship	
			Great Necessity: REFORMATION – End-Time Lifestyle and Ministry			
		PHASE 2: Holy Place “ <u>Learn</u> of Me” = Purity (Look up for His presence & Spirit) Member → Maturity (Grow / Training) (Reach Across)		E. Grow in Grace	3rd Mark of Discipleship: perpetual abiding	
			1. Let Jesus Form Within 2. Study the Word of God 3. Pray According to God’s Will	(7) filled with Spirit (8) study Word (9) pray in the Spirit	(7) spiritual presence (8) doctrinal purity (9) personal worship	
			F. Share the Love	4th Mark of Discipleship: mutual agape love		
			1. Exercise Christlike Love 2. Contribute to Church Meetings 3. Help with Practical Support	(10) practice love (11) value groups (12) serve needs	(10) effectual unity (11) communal worship (12) practical support	
	PHASE 3: Most Holy Place “ <u>Go</u> for Me” = Power (Look forward to His work & return) Maturity → Ministry (Go / Retaining) (Reach out)			G. Bear much Fruit	5th Mark of Discipleship: fruit-bearing ministry	
				1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents 2. Organize and Combine All Talents 3. Utilize and Commend All Talents	(13) recognize talents (14) organize talents (15) utilize talents	(13) doubtless certainty (14) classless teamwork (15) selfless service
			H. Tell the World	6th Mark of Discipleship: overcoming witness		
			1. Enable Latter Rain Power 2. Reflect the Character of Jesus 3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus	(16) enable power (17) reflect Jesus (18) spread Gospel	(16) boundless light (17) spotless life (18) fearless fight	

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Introduction – 109. Dynamic Circles of Love

SUMMARY: Consider and appreciate also, how the three **phases** of disciple-making each form a circle of love with a **receiving** and a **giving** side.

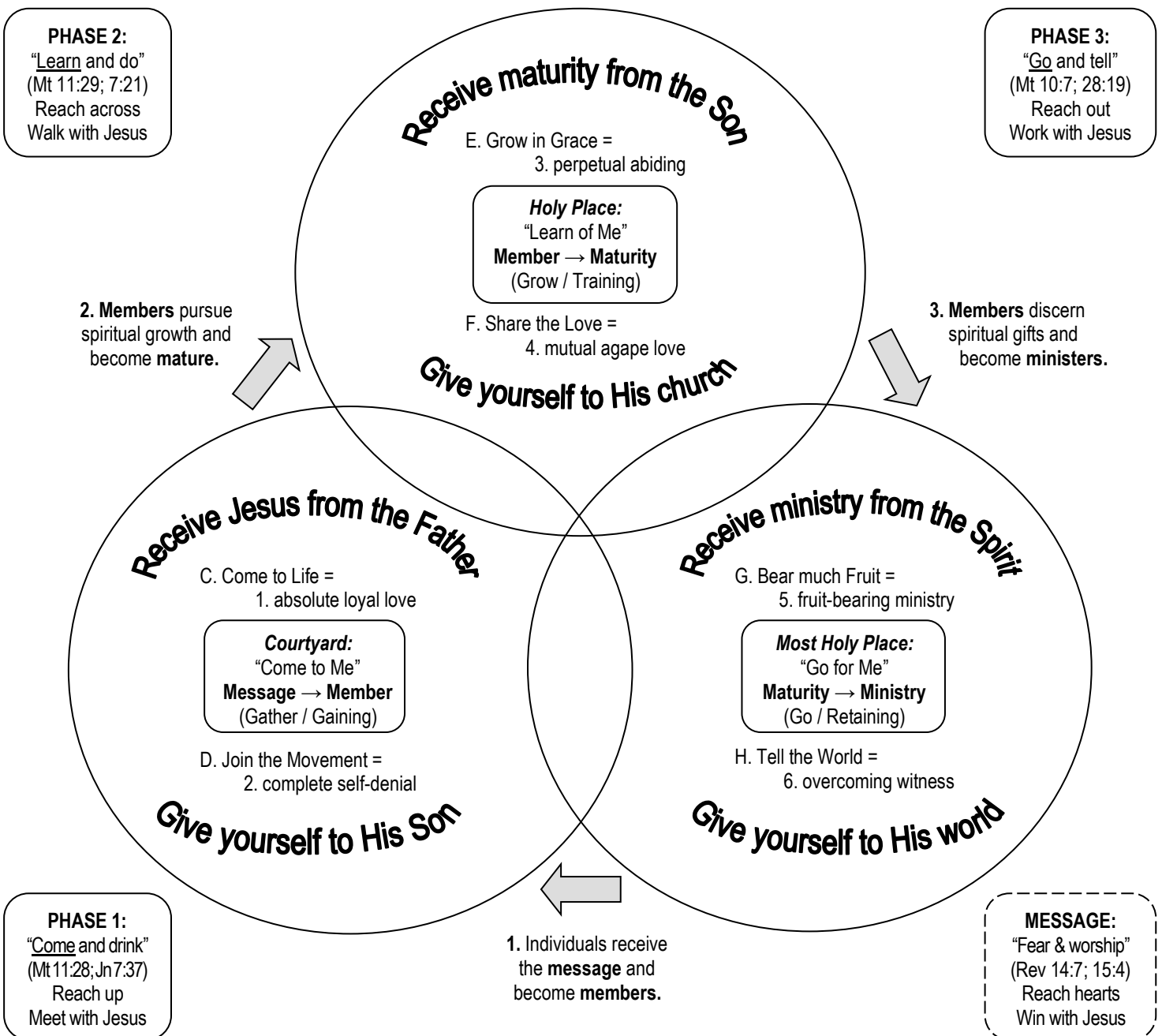
The first theme and mark of discipleship in each phase cover the receiving side of the relationship, the second theme and mark the giving side. Jesus said, "Come to Me, Learn of Me." (Mt 11:28-30); then, "Go for Me into all the world." (Mk 16:15; Mt 28:20). So the three circles of love together form the process by which Jesus builds His church (Mt 16:18): **1.** He calls her to Himself (Mt 16:24), **2.** grows her into His full stature (Eph 4:13; 5:27), and **3.** sends her to complete her number (Rom 11:25-26). Then He will return to take His beloved bride home into God's eternal glory (Jn 14:1-3).

God so [in this way] Loves the World that...

...the Father gave Jesus (Jn 3:16)

...Jesus gives His life to His church (Jn 14:19)

...They give the Holy Spirit (Jn 15:26)



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Introduction – 110. Initial Spiritual Survey

SUMMARY: As you begin training, make an initial honest **self-assessment** of your personal **spiritual** life and that of your congregation or group.

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.” (2 Co 13:5). This survey is anonymous and will be used confidentially to obtain a profile of your church or group, how members are growing spiritually and exercise their calling, and where there is room for improvement. It will also help identify what aspects of the course need emphasizing in order to maximize its benefits to the participants. So please be frank and specific.

	Statement / Question	not → very	Comment / Explanation
1	I am sure I once accepted Jesus as my Savior and Lord.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
2	I am sure I daily accept Him. If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	I am sure I accept the SDA faith, mission, and lifestyle.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	I am sure I do daily practice it. If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	I am sure I once received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	I am sure I daily ask for it. If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	How satisfied am I with my Bible reading/study (time of day, length, reading plan, learning, etc.)? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	How satisfied am I with my devotional/prayer life (time of day, length, answered prayer, etc.)? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	How satisfied am I with my relationships within the church, (mentor, friends, home visits, etc.)? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	How much do I think my church furthers my spiritual life, growth, and/or ministry? If so, how? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	How much do I think my church hinders my spiritual life, growth, and/or ministry? If so, how and why?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	How much do I participate in Sabbath School?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
18	How much do I appreciate it? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19	How much do I participate in corporate worship?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20	How much do I appreciate it? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
21	How much do I participate in prayer meeting?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22	How much do I appreciate it? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	How much do I participate in small groups?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	How much do I appreciate it? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
25	How much do I participate in church outreach?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26	How much do I appreciate it? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27	Do I believe I have spiritual gifts and/or talents?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28	If so, what do I think they are? If not, why not?		
29	Am I using them in my personal and/or professional life?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30	If so, how satisfied am I? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
31	Am I using them within the church and/or for outreach?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32	If so, how satisfied am I? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
33	How well do I function in my current ministry/position?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34	If not, why not (workload, no appreciation, etc.)?		
35	Would I rather serve in a different ministry/position?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
36	Which one? Does it exist or would it need to be created?		
37	How well do I work with the local church leadership?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
38	If not, why not (personalities, style, effectiveness, etc.)?		
39	What other, new or revived, aspects of church life would I like to see (spiritual, practical, training, ministry, etc.)?		
40	How do I envision helping in their development?		
42	Any other comments, concerns, recommendations, suggestions, ideas, plans, requests, etc., that have not been addressed above.		