

# ***Get Ready! Guide***

**Steps to Victory and Ministry for Last Day Disciples**

*Discover and do YOUR part  
in spreading the Last Rays of Light*

III. Our “Great Necessity:”  
**REFORMATION**  
of End-Time Lifestyle and Ministry

# Last Rays of Light

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

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### E. Grow in Grace – 001. Overview

**SUMMARY:** Theme E shows **how** you acquire the **3<sup>rd</sup>** mark of discipleship, **perpetual abiding** in Jesus, by taking steps **7 to 9** in the discipling process.

#### Theme Details

- E1. Let Jesus Form Within**
- Three Steps in Sanctification
  - Restoration into His Image
- E2. Study the Word of God**
- How God Speaks to Us
  - Four Steps in Bible Study
- E3. Pray According to God's Will**
- The Purpose and Power of Prayer
  - The Provisions of Prayer

#### Purpose

- To help participants**  
experience progress in sanctification as illustrated in the Holy Place of the Sanctuary:
- 1. Develop** moral purity and spiritual maturity through the active presence of Christ.
  - 2. Study** and meditate on God's Word seeking to know and do His will faithfully.
  - 3. Commune** with God and intercede for each other under the inspiration of the Spirit.

PHASE / Section	Need I: REVIVAL – Apostolic Faith and Godliness				
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Level: Calling the Church – Why God Calls Disciples = Requires the Marks</b>				I have / do it hardly → daily
	This	Theme	Need	Response	
Awareness and Decision		<b>A. Sound the Trumpet</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Mark of Discipleship</b>		
		1. Awake to Our Present Time	1. win the final battle	1. absolute loyal love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Stand on the Side of Truth	2. guard against deception	2. complete self-denial	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Preparedness and Precision		3. Qualify for the Seal of God	3. be secure in Jesus	3. perpetual abiding	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>B. Hear the Call</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Mark of Discipleship</b>		
		1. Join the Revival and Reformation	4. work with members	4. mutual agape love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Fulfill the Divine Commission	5. use talents effectively	5. fruit-bearing ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Be Ready to Stand at Last	6. be fully equipped	6. overcoming witness	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Level: Growing the Church – How We Make Disciples = Acquire the Marks</b>				
	This	Theme	Step	Result	
PHASE 1: <b>Courtyard</b> “Come to Me” = Pardon (Look back to His life & sacrifice) <b>Message → Member</b> (Gather / Gaining) (Reach up)		<b>C. Come to Life</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Mark of Discipleship: absolute loyal love</b>		
		1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus	(1) believe Gospel	(1) grateful surrender	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Receive Justification by Faith	(2) receive justification	(2) truthful conversion	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Obey Jesus from Love	(3) love commandments	(3) joyful obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>D. Join the Movement</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Mark of Discipleship: complete self-denial</b>		
		1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity	(4) accept identity	(4) purposeful membership	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 2: <b>Holy Place</b> “Learn of Me” = Purity (Look up for His presence & Spirit) <b>Member → Maturity</b> (Grow / Training) (Reach Across)		2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs	(5) grasp teaching	(5) meaningful conviction	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Order Your Life as a Steward	(6) (re)order life	(6) faithful stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>Need II: REFORMATION – End-Time Lifestyle and Ministry</b>			
	►	<b>E. Grow in Grace</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Mark of Discipleship: perpetual abiding</b>		
	►	1. Let Jesus Form Within	(7) form Jesus	(7) spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	►	2. Study the Word of God	(8) study Word	(8) doctrinal purity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 3: <b>Most Holy Place</b> “Go for Me” = Power (Look forward to His work & return) <b>Maturity → Ministry</b> (Go / Retaining) (Reach out)	►	3. Pray According to God's Will	(9) pray in the Spirit	(9) personal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>F. Share the Love</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Mark of Discipleship: mutual agape love</b>		
		1. Exercise Christlike Love	(10) practice love	(10) effectual unity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Contribute to Church Meetings	(11) value groups	(11) communal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Help with Practical Support	(12) serve needs	(12) practical support	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>G. Bear much Fruit</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Mark of Discipleship: fruit-bearing ministry</b>		
		1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents	(13) recognize talents	(13) doubtless certainty	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Organize and Combine All Talents	(14) organize talents	(14) classless teamwork	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Utilize and Commend All Talents	(15) utilize talents	(15) selfless service	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>H. Tell the World</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Mark of Discipleship: overcoming witness</b>		
		1. Enable Latter Rain Power	(16) enable power	(16) boundless light	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Reflect the Character of Jesus	(17) reflect Jesus	(17) spotless life	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus	(18) spread Gospel	(18) fearless fight	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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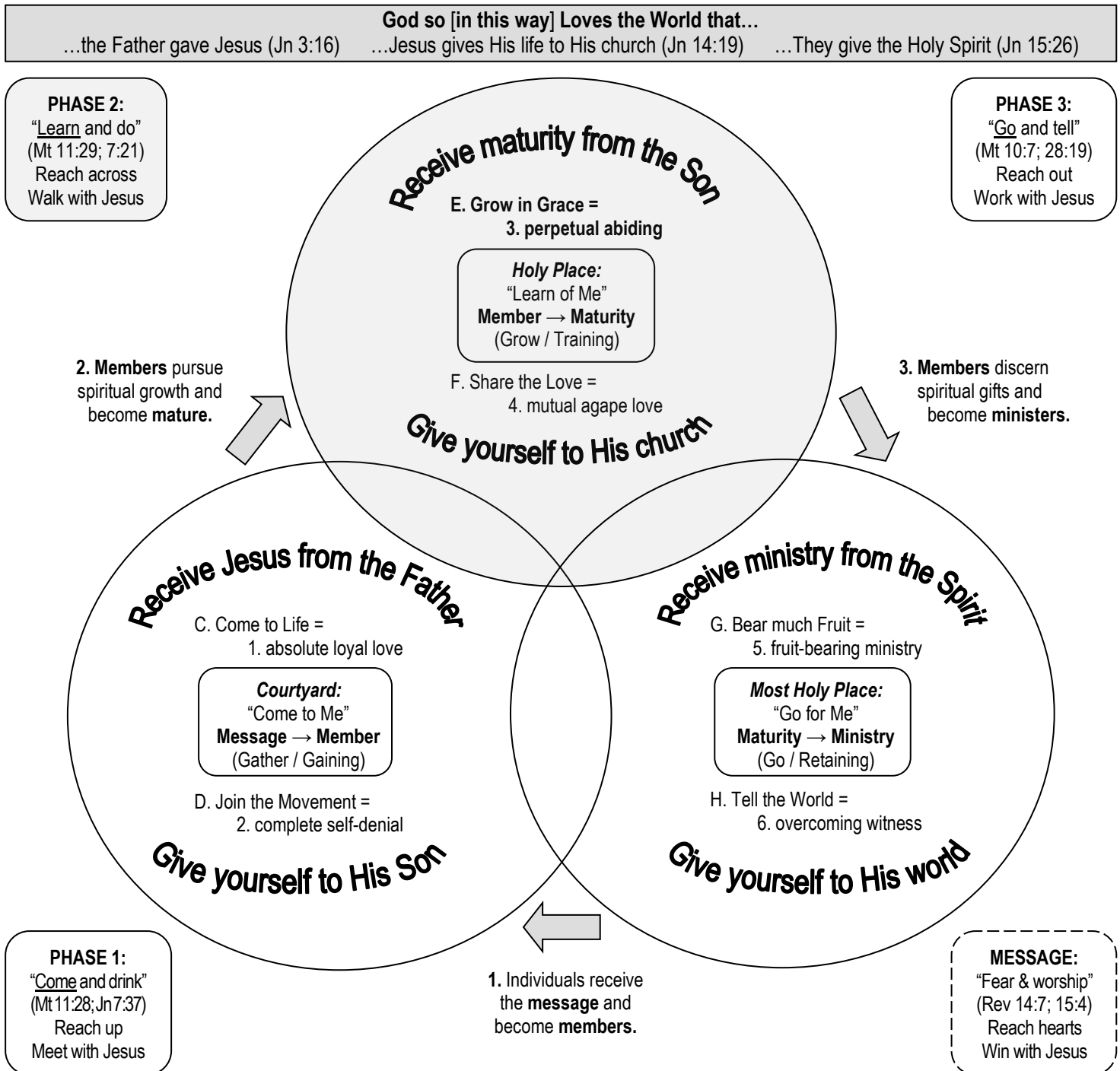
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### **E. Grow in Grace – 002. Dynamic Circles of Love**

**SUMMARY:** Consider and appreciate now the **receiving** side of that circle of love, which forms **phase 2** in the discipling process.

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).



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### **E. Grow in Grace – 1. Let Jesus Form Within – 101. The Three Parts of Sanctification**

**SUMMARY:** As a result of justification by faith, you **enter** into the second stage of salvation, **sanctification** by faith according to its three **parts**.

Sanctification is the second stage in God's restoration of humanity into His image, the likeness of His Son Jesus, by grace through faith (Eph 2:8). The righteousness of Jesus is imparted, He is formed within the believer by the indwelling of His Spirit (1 Co 3:16; Gal 4:19; Col 1:27; 3:10; 2 Pe 1:4). This "work of a lifetime" (AA 560) is illustrated by the three pieces of furniture in the Holy Place of the sanctuary.

The lampstand brings continuous light into the dark room. It symbolizes Jesus as the light of the world, and His church which reflects His light as He lives within them. The seven lamps filled with oil represent the whole Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and understood, followed, and proclaimed in the Spirit's power by God's people. They are also being trimmed or freed from obstacles to reflect Jesus better.

The showbread is continuously kept on its table before God. It symbolizes Jesus as ever living mediator before His Father, and so the bread of life. The two stacks of bread represent the temporal food and spiritual blessings Jesus provides for His people so they grow into His likeness. The priests eating the bread typify all the believers who commune with Jesus, the living Word, and feed on His written Word.

The altar of incense is used to burn incense continuously. It symbolizes Jesus as the intercessor for His people, presenting His merits to the Father on their behalf. The offer of the lamb at the time of the incense illustrated that Jesus' merits are His perfect purity and His precious blood shed for all. Believers pray at the time of the incense knowing that Jesus' merits make their prayers acceptable to the Father.

Will God's remnant church utilize the divine means that make her ready for the marriage supper (Rev 19:7)?

Three Parts		The Type or Symbols: Furniture in Holy Place (Ex 40:22-27; Heb 9:2)		The Antitype or Reality: Sanctification by Faith (Col 2:5-7; Heb 10:38)		I see / do this hardly → daily
I. Lamp Stand  Light of the world  Christ and church	1	The lamp stand with seven lamps illumines the holy place day and night, without interruption.	Ex 27:20-21; Ex 30:7-8; Lev 24:1-4; PP 348	Jn 1:4, 9; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46; Mt 5:14-16; Php 2:12-16; Rev 1:12, 20; 2:5	Believers recognize Jesus as the true light of the world. Believers hear Jesus' call to be the light of the world, individually and corporately as a church.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>
	2	The high priest trims the lamps by cleaning or cutting the wick before He refills them with oil.	Ex 25:38; Ex 30:7-8	Eph 4:22-24, 30; 1 Jn 1:9; COL 420; TM 510; Eph 5:26; Da 12:3; Rev 18:1	Believers daily surrender all that hinders Jesus to sanctify His church, so she can reflect Him and shine in the Spirit's power.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>
	3	The high priest fills the lamps with fresh oil and lights them every morning and evening, so they never go out.	Ex 27:20; 30:8; Lev 24:2; Zec 4:2-7, 12; Eph 5:18	Ps 119:105, 130; 2 Pe 1:19; Zec 4:6; Jn 14:26; 16:13; 17:17; COL 408; Mt 3:11; Eph 5:18	Believers know they need the Word of God as lamp and light. They seek the Holy Spirit to understand it, be transformed by it, and so be filled with the Spirit.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>
II. Show- Bread  Bread of Life	4	Bread is perpetually kept before God as “bread of the presence.”	Ex 25:30; PP 354	Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25; PP 354	Believers trust Jesus as their constant mediator before God.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>
	5	Bread is continually placed on the table in two stacks of six cakes.	Ex 25:30; Lev 24:6-7	Mt 6:11, 31-34; Lk 11:3; Jn 6:48-63; PP 354; DA 660	Believers acknowledge constant dependence on Him for temporal food and spiritual blessings.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>
	6	Only the priests are to prepare and eat the bread.	Lev 24:9; 1 Ch 9:32; Mt 12:3-4	Jn 6:31-63; 1 Pe 2:2-9; PP 354	Believers, as royal priests, feed on the living and the written Word.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>
III. Altar of Incense  Friend Of Sinners  Christ and church	7	The high priest offers incense looking by faith to the mercy seat, every morning and evening as a perpetual incense.	Ex 30:7-9; PP 353	Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25; PP 353	Believers look by faith to Jesus as their high priest Who, in their behalf, is continuously pleading His merits before God's throne.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>
	8	At each time of the incense, a continual burnt offering is made of a lamb without blemish. Blood of sin offerings is put on horns.	Ex 29:38-42; Nu 28:3-8; Lev 4:7, 18; PP 352	1 Pe 1:19; Heb 9:22; 10:19; Eph 5:27; Rom 12:1; PP 352	Believers know Jesus is that lamb, His merits, only basis for pardon, being His purity and shed blood. Believers hear call to be like Him.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>
	9	At each time of the incense and the sacrifice, worshipers gather at the tabernacle, or turn toward it, to seek pardon and request blessings.	Ps 141:2; Lk 1:10; 1SM 344; PP 353-354	Rev 5:8; 8:3-4; Heb 4:15-16; Jn 14:13-14; DA 667; TM 512	Believers know, only as Jesus mingles their prayers, inspired by His Spirit, with His purity, do they become acceptable to God.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>

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### E. Grow in Grace – 1. Let Jesus Form Within – 102. The Image of God – Overview

**SUMMARY:** This second stage of salvation, as you **grow** in grace, means you let Jesus **form** within you in **all** aspects of His person and calling.

God created us in His image (Ge 1:26), Jesus (Heb 1:3), and He wants to restore it in us, so we become like Jesus in all aspects of His person and life (Rom 8:29; 1 Jn 3:2). "Every phase of the Christian life is to be a representation of the life of Christ." (RH 10-17-1899). Christ is to live in us (Jn 17:23); He is shapes life now and is our only "hope of glory" (Col 1:5, 27). "In every soul wherein Christ, the hope of glory, dwells, His words are reechoed, 'I delight to do Thy will, O My God, yea, thy law is within my heart.' Psalm 40:8." (MB 109). "Without the life of Christ in us, we cannot withstand the storms of temptation. Our eternal safety depends upon our building upon the sure foundation." (DA 599).

How does Jesus form in us? 1. He comes by the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:15-18); as we ask for and are filled with His Spirit (Lk 11:13; Eph 5:18), we are one with Him and one another (Jn 17:23). 2. Jesus forms within us, as we behold Him by daily and prayerfully studying and reflecting on His Word, for it is only by beholding Him that we become changed (2 Co 3:18). "We need a more intimate knowledge of Christ. We should sit at his feet, and learn of him....As we behold and dwell upon his love, we shall see matchless charms in his character. He was perfect in all things....He was all that the law required; but what the law demanded of Christ, it demands of all humanity. We must be Christ-like, and give an example to the world that is worthy of imitation. In this way we shall honor God. And the Lord says, 'Them that honor me, I will honor.'" (RH 05-07-1889).

3. Jesus forms within us as we commune with Him in constant earnest prayer (Lk 18:1; 1 Th 5:17-18). "He who feels most deeply his need of divine aid will plead for it; and the Holy Spirit will give unto him glimpses of Jesus that will strengthen and uplift the soul. From communion with Christ he will go forth to work for those who are perishing in their sins. He is anointed for his mission; and he succeeds." (DA 436).

4. As Jesus forms in us we do His works, for "without me ye can do nothing." (Jn 15:5). "The most talented worker can do little unless Christ is formed within, the hope and strength of the life" (RH 08-19-1902). Therefore, "I can do all things through Christ which strenghteneth me." (Php 4:13). As we abide in him, we bear fruit and do His works (Jn 15:4; 14:12). "He who abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked." (1 Jn 2:6). It also works the other way. "In order for us to develop a character like Christ's, we must share in His work." (AG 335).

Will God's people avail themselves of the opportunities and ways to let Jesus form within them?

	Aspects of Jesus' Person									
1	1. Physical		2. Spiritual		3. Relational		4. Vocational			
2	Form and Immortality		Holiness and Lowliness		Oneness, Fruit and Gifts		Calling and Ministry			
3	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples		
4	Ed 20;	PP 45;	Lk 1:35;	2 Co 7:1;	Jn 1:1-2;	Jn 17:21-23;	Lk 4:18-21;	Details:		
5	Heb 1:3;	1 Co 15:51-55;	2 Co 5:21;	1 Pe 1:15-16;	Lk 4:1;	Col 1:27;	Jn 6:40;			
6	Php 3:21;	Rom 2:7;	Rom 11:33-34;	2 Pe 3:14;	Jn 3:34;	1 Jn 1:3, 7;	Jn 16:5			
7	1 Ti 6:16	Php 3:21	1 Co 2:16;	Heb 12:14;	Jn 1:33;	Ac 1:8; 2:4;				
8			Mt 11:29;	Rom 12:2;	Mt 28:20;	Gal 5:22-23;				
9			Php 2:5-8	Php 2:1-5	Jn 17:21;	1 Co 12 & 13				
10					Jn 14:18					
	Aspects of Jesus' Calling									
11	1. Preaching,		2. Suffering		3. Prophet		4. Priest		5. King	
12	Teaching, and Healing		and Glory		and Friend		and High Priest		of Heaven and Earth	
13	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples
14	Mt 4:23;	Mt 10:1,7-8;	Isa 53;	Ac 5:41;	Mt 13:57;	Ac 11:27;	Eph 5:2;	Ex 19:6;	Mt 2:2;	Ex 19:6;
15	Mt 9:35;	Mt 28:20;	Php 2:8-11;	1 Pe 1:6-7;	Ac 3:22;	1 Co 12:28;	7BC 733;	1 Pe 2:9;	Jn 12:12-15;	1 Pe 2:9;
16	Mk 1:33-39;	Mk 3:13-15;	Heb 2:9-11;	4:12-13;	Ac 3:37;	1 Co	1 Ti 6:15;	Rev 1:6;	Jn 18:37;	Rev 1:6
17	Lk 4:18	Lk 9:1-2, 6;	Isa 53:3-6;	Rom 8:18;	Rev 3:22;	14:29-31	Rev 17:14;	Rev 5:10;	1 Ti 6:15;	Rev 5:10;
18		Ac 5:42;	Mt 27:46	2 Co 4:17;	Jn 14:1-3;		Rev 19:16;	Rev 20:6	Rev 15:3;	Rev 20:6
19		Ac 28-31;		Jas 1:2-4;	Jn 15:15		Rev 15:3		Rev 17:14;	
20		Rev 10:11		DA 624					Rev 19:6	
	Aspects of Jesus' Priesthood									
21	1. Offer Sacrifices					2. Make Intercession				
22	Jesus		Disciples		Jesus		Disciples			
23	Lev 1:5-8;		Ps 107:22;		Isa 53:12; Jn 17;		Eph 6:18; Jas 5:14-18;			
24	Heb 5:1; 7:27; 9:14, 26		Heb 13:15; 1 Pe 2:5; Rom 12:1		Lk 22:32; 23:34; Rom 8:34		Mt 5:44; Ac 7:60; 1 Ti 2:1-2			

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### E. Grow in Grace – 1. Let Jesus Form Within – 103. Aspects of His Person and Calling

**SUMMARY:** As you **let** Jesus form His life within you, you become more and more **like** Him and **represent** His own person and calling in your life.

God created us in His image (Ge 1:26), Jesus (Heb 1:3), and He wants to restore it in us, so we become like Jesus in all aspects of His person and life (Rom 8:29; 1 Jn 3:2). "Every phase of the Christian life is to be a representation of the life of Christ." (*RH 10-17-1899*). Christ in us is His goal (Jn 17:23); He shapes our whole life now and is our only "hope of glory" (Col 1:5, 27). "In every soul wherein Christ, the hope of glory, dwells, His words are reechoed, 'I delight to do Thy will, O My God, yea, thy law is within my heart.' Psalm 40:8." (*MB 109*). "Without the life of Christ in us, we cannot withstand the storms of temptation. Our eternal safety depends upon our building upon the sure foundation." (*DA 599*).

Jesus forms in us, **1.** when we are filled with His Spirit (Eph 5:18); **2.** as we behold Him in His Word (2 Co 3:18); **3.** as we commune with Him in effective prayer (Jn 15:7); and **4.** as we abide in Him obeying His word, and bear fruit doing His works (Jn 15:10, 5; 14:12).

Aspects of Jesus' Person		I desire it hardly → greatly
<b>1</b>	<b>1. Physical Aspects</b>	
<b>2</b>	In His beautiful appearance ( <i>Ed 20</i> ), He is God's express image (Heb 1:3); we shall be like Him (1 Co 15:51-54; 1 Jn 3:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3</b>	He has a glorious and immortal body (Php 3:21; 1 Ti 6:16); He will give us one too (Rom 2:7; 1 Co 15:51-55; Php 3:21).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4</b>	<b>2. Spiritual Aspects</b>	
<b>5</b>	He is holy and sinless (Lk 1:35; 2 Co 5:21; Heb 4:15; 7:26); so shall we be (2 Co 7:1; 1 Pe 1:15-16; 2 Pe 3:14; Heb 12:14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6</b>	He has a wise, humble mind (Rom 11:33-34; 1 Co 2:16; Mt 11:29); we need the same (Rom 12:2; Php 2:3-8; 1 Pe 4:1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>7</b>	<b>3. Relational Aspects</b>	
<b>8</b>	He is one with the Father (Jn 1:1-2; 10:30; 14:10-11); so are we called to be one with God (Jn 17:21-23; Col 1:27; 1 Jn 1:3).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>9</b>	He is full of the Holy Spirit (Lk 4:1; Jn 3:34; 1:33); so need we be (Ac 1:8; 2:4; Eph 5:18; Gal 5:22-25, fruit; 1 Co 12, gifts).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>10</b>	He is one with His people (Mt 28:20; Jn 17:21; 14:18); so are we with Him & one another (Jn 17:21; Rom 12:5; 1 Jn 1:3, 7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11</b>	<b>4. Vocational Aspects</b> ( <i>For details, see Aspects of Jesus' Calling, below</i> )	
<b>12</b>	He was sent with a calling (Lk 4:18-21; Jn 6:40; 16:5); He sends us with a similar one (Mt 10:1; Jn 14:12; 17:18; 20:21).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Aspects of Jesus' Calling		
<b>10</b>	<b>1. Preaching, Teaching, and Healing</b>	
<b>11</b>	He went about preaching the kingdom, teaching in synagogues, and healing many (Mt 4:23; 9:35; Mk 1:33-39; Lk 4:18).	
<b>12</b>	He commissioned His disciples to do the same (Mt 10:1, 7-8; 28:20; Mk 3:13-15; Lk 9:1-2, 6; Ac 5:42; 28:31; Rev 10:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>13</b>	<b>2. Suffering and Glory</b>	
<b>14</b>	He suffered before going to glory (Isa 53; Php 2:8-11; Heb 2:9-11); we follow Him in both (Ac 5:41; 1 Pe 1:6-7; 2:19-23).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>15</b>	He suffered separation from God for our sins (Isa 53:3-6; Mt 27:46); we only suffer in joy to mature (Rom 5:2-5; Jas 1:2-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>16</b>	<b>3. Prophet and Friend</b>	
<b>17</b>	He is the prophet we must hear (Mt 13:57; Lk 13:33; Ac 3:22; 3:37); we may have the prophetic gift (Ac 11:27; 1 Co 12:28).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18</b>	He prophesied to cheer & befriend His disciples (Jn 14:1-3; 15:15); we too prophesy to encourage others (1 Co 14:29-31).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>16</b>	<b>4. Priest and High Priest</b> ( <i>For details, see Aspects of Jesus' Priesthood, below</i> )	
<b>17</b>	He was a priest, the offerer and offering (Eph 5:2; <i>7BC 733</i> ), and now is our sympathetic High Priest (1 Ti 2:5; Heb 4:14-15).	
<b>18</b>	He made us a royal priesthood unto our God, a holy nation, a peculiar people (Ex 19:6; 1 Pe 2:9; Rev 1:6; 5:10; 20:6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>16</b>	<b>5. King of Heaven and Earth</b>	
<b>17</b>	He is the king of glory (Ps 24:7-10), of Israel (Mt 2:2; Jn 12:12-15), of truth (Jn 18:37), of kings (1 Ti 6:15; Rev 17:14; 19:16).	
<b>18</b>	He is the king of saints (Rev 15:3); we are a kingdom of priests & will reign with Him (Ex 19:6; 1 Pe 2:9; Rev 1:6; 5:10; 20:6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Aspects of Jesus' Priesthood		
<b>19</b>	<b>1. Offer Sacrifices</b>	
<b>20</b>	As priest and high priest, He offered Himself on earth, and now His blood in heaven (Lev 1:5-8; Heb 5:1; 7:27; 9:14, 26).	
<b>21</b>	We offer spiritual sacrifices: thanks & praise (Ps 107:22; Heb 13:15; 1 Pe 2:5), and ourselves as living sacrifices (Rom 12:1).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>22</b>	<b>2. Make Intercession</b>	
<b>23</b>	He makes intercession for sinners (Isa 53:12; Jn 17; Lk 22:32; 23:34; Rom 8:34) and for those who obey Him (Jn 14:16).	
<b>24</b>	We intercede for one another (Eph 6:18), for the sick (Jas 5:14-16), for enemies (Mt 5:44; Ac 7:60), and for all (1 Ti 2:1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>



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### E. Grow in Grace – 1. Let Jesus Form Within – 104. Developing Jesus' Character

**SUMMARY:** You take **step 7** of the discipling process, as you let Jesus **form** in you and live out His life by His **Spirit**, typified by the **lampstand**.

Jesus' character develops in us, **1.** when we are filled with His Spirit (Eph 5:18) and walk in the Spirit bearing His fruit (Gal 5:16, 22-23); **2.** as we behold Him by studying and reflecting on His Word (2 Co 3:18); and **3.** as we commune with Him in constant prayer (Lk 18:1).

Aspects of Jesus' Character		I desire this hardly→greatly
<b>1</b>	<b>1. The Glory / Character of God</b> (Ex 34:6-7; Nu 4:18) [* and ** same as under 2.]	
<b>2</b>	He is merciful, that is, <i>pitying, compassionate, reconciling</i> (Ex 34:6-7; Eph 2:4); so are we called to be (Lk 6:36; Col 3:12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3</b>	He is gracious, that is, <i>considerate, charming, benevolent</i> (Ex 34:6; Lk 4:22); so do we need to be (Ecc 10:12; Col 4:6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4</b>	*He is longsuffering, that is, <i>patient, forbearing, slow to anger</i> (Ex 34:6; 2 Pe 3:9, 15); so are we to be (Eph 4:2; Col 3:12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5</b>	**He is abundant in goodness, that is, <i>fair, upright, agreeable</i> (Ex 34:6; Rom 2:4); we need to be the same (Rom 15:14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6</b>	He is abundant in truth, that is, <i>right, faithful, firm, objective</i> (Ex 34:6; Jn 1:14; 14:6); so are we to be (Eph 4:15, 25).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>7</b>	He forgives all iniquity, that is, <i>bears, covers, takes it away</i> (Ex 34:7; Mt 12:31); so do we need to do (Lk 6:37; Eph 4:32).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>8</b>	He does not clear the guilty, is <i>just, not condoning sin</i> (Ex 34:7; Rev 3:19); neither should we (Mt 18:15-17; Jas 5:19-20).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>9</b>	<b>2. The Fruit / Effect of the Spirit</b> (Gal 5:22-23) [* and ** same as under 1.]	
<b>10</b>	He has love, that is, <i>"agape" – self-sacrificing love</i> (Jn 3:16; 15:3); we need to have it too (Jn 13:34; Mt 5:44; Rom 13:8).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11</b>	He has joy, that is, <i>satisfaction, holy pleasure</i> (Lk 15:7; Jn 17:13; Mt 25:21); it can be ours (Lk 10:20; Jn 15:12; Php 4:4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>12</b>	He has and makes peace, that is, <i>completeness, harmony</i> (Jn 14:27; Col 1:20); so need we (Jn 16:33; Rom 5:1; Mt 5:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>13</b>	*He is longsuffering, that is, <i>patient, forbearing, slow to anger</i> (Nu 14:18; Ps 86:15; 1 Ti 1:16); we also (Col 1:11; 2 Ti 4:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>14</b>	He has gentleness, that is, is <i>mild, kind, reasonable</i> (2 Co 10:1); we need to exhibit it too (2 Ti 2:24; Tit 3:2; Jas 3:17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>15</b>	**He has goodness, that is, is <i>fair, upright, agreeable</i> (Ps 25:7-8; 2 Th 1:11); so are we called to be (Rom 15:14; Eph 2:10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>16</b>	He is faithful, that is, <i>loyal, dependable</i> (Hos 2:20; Heb 2:17; Rev 3:14); so do we need to be (Mt 25:21; Rev 2:10; 17:14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17</b>	He has meekness, that is, is <i>humble, submissive, patient</i> (Mt 11:29; 21:5); He wants us to have it too (Col 3:12; Jas 1:21).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18</b>	He has temperance, that is, <i>moderation, self-control</i> (Lk 7:33-35; Mt 26:59-63); we need it also (1 Co 9:25; 2 Pe 1:6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>19</b>	<b>3. The Attributes of Jesus' Life</b> (New Testament) [* specifically for Laodiceans]	
<b>20</b>	He was holy and sinless, that is, <i>set apart, blameless</i> (Lk 1:35; Heb 4:15); so do we need to become (1 Th 5:23; 2 Pe 3:14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>21</b>	He was always full of the Holy Spirit (Jn 1:32; 3:34; Eph 1:23); so do we need to be filled with His Spirit (Eph 3:19; 5:18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>22</b>	He lived and overcame by the Word of God (Mt 4:1-11; 21:12-13; 26:24); this is also our victory (Eph 6:17; Rev 12:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>23</b>	He was in constant communion with His Father (Lk 6:12; 11:1; Jn 5:19); we need the same connection (Lk 18:1; 1 Th 5:17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>24</b>	He kept God's commandments, incl. Sabbath (Lk 4:17; Jn 8:29; 15:10); so do we in love (Jn 14:15; 1 Jn 5:2; Rev 12:17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>25</b>	He was meek and lowly in heart (Mt 11:29; 21:5; 2 Co 10:1); He wants us to learn from Him (Mt 11:29; Gal 5:23; Eph 4:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>26</b>	He lived not to be served, but to serve and die (Mt 20:28; Lk 12:37); so shall we serve others (Mt 23:11; Jn 13:12-17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>27</b>	He never ceased to love God's people (Jn 13:1, 34; 15:13); neither must our love have limits (Jn 13:34; 15:13; 1 Co 13:8).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>28</b>	He prayed for His followers and His enemies (Jn 17:20; Lk 23:34); we need to do the same (Eph 6:18; 1 Ti 2:1; Mt 5:44).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>29</b>	He suffered without reviling and threatening (Mt 27:39-44; 1 Pe 2:23); we are called to do so also (1 Co 4:12; 1 Pe 2:20-23).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>30</b>	He humbled Himself and was obedient unto death (Mt 20:25-28; Php 2:5-8); so shall we be (Heb 12:4; Rev 2:10; 12:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>31</b>	*He offers His faith and love tested by fiery trials (Rev 3:18); we need them (Jas 1:2-4, 12; 1 Pe 1:7; 4:12-14; Rev 2:10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>32</b>	*He offers His pure victorious righteousness (Heb 4:15; Rev 3:5, 18); we cannot do without it (Heb 12:14; Rev 7:13-17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>33</b>	*He offers His spiritual discernment and wisdom (Jas 1:5; Rev 3:18); we must have it (2 Co 13:5; 1 Co 2:14; 1 Jn 4:1).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>34</b>	<b>4. The Ten Commandments</b> (Ex 20:1-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 22:37-40; 19:18; Rom 13:9-10)	
<b>35</b>	1. He only obeyed His Father as His God (Jn 7:17; 15:10); so are we to keep Jesus' commandments (Jn 14:15; 15:10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>36</b>	2. He never prayed before images (Mt 14:23; Mk 1:35; Lk 5:16); we don't worship them either (Da 3:16-18; Rev 15:2; 20:4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>37</b>	3. He always referred to His Father respectfully (Lk 2:49; Mt 7:21; 26:39); so do we (Mt 6:7-9; Lk 11:2; Ac 4:24, 29; 7:59).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>38</b>	4. He kept the Sabbath (Lk 4:16), even in death (Lk 23:52-54); we keep it (Mt 24:20; Ac 18:4), even in heaven (Isa 66:23).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>39</b>	5. He honored His parents (Lk 2:48-51; Jn 19:26-27); so do we (Mk 19:19), unless Jesus calls us (Mk 8:21-22; GC 612).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>40</b>	6. He never showed unrighteous anger, but forgave evildoers (Lk 23:34; Jn 8:11); so do we need to (Mt 5:21-22, 38-48).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>41</b>	7. He had pure encounters with women, healing them (Jn 4:7-25; Mk 16:9); we must not lust even in thought (Mt 5:27-28).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>42</b>	8. He had and took nothing for Himself, but received support (Mt 8:20; 27:55-56); we should do honest work (Eph 4:28).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>43</b>	9. He always witnesses truthfully (Mt 10:32; Lk 12:8; Jn 18:23; Rev 3:5, 14); nor must we speak evil (Eph 4:31; Jas 4:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>44</b>	10. He was poor by choice (Mt 8:20; Lk 9:58); we should be content and help the needy (1 Ti 6:8; Heb 13:5; Ac 2:45; 4:32).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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### E. Grow in Grace – 2. Study the Word of God – 201. How God Speaks to Us

**SUMMARY:** You take **step 8** in the discipling process, as you hear Him **speak** to you, especially in His **word**, so you become and stay doctrinally **pure**.

God had spoken with Adam and Eve face to face (Ge 1:28; 2:16-17), but sin made this impossible (Ge 3:23; 1SP 7; GC v). Ever since Eden, God has communicated with people individually and corporately in various indirect ways (Rom 1:18-20; Heb 1:1-2; Rev 14:6; 18:1), so He may reach every single person. How we respond to Him, is our free decision and responsibility. "Hear His voice." (Jn 10:1-5; Heb 3:7; 4:7).

God speaks to us most clearly in His written Word (Ps 119:105; Jn 17:17; 2 Ti 3:16). "All whom God is leading will manifest a high regard for the Scriptures in which His voice is heard." (5BC 1147). Soon we will commune with Him again face to face (1 Jn 3:2; Rev 22:4).

Are God's remnant people allowing themselves to hear the Lord's voice and to heed it (Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22)?

	Divine Ways of Communication	References Scripture / EGW	God (spoke) speaks to me		I hear(d) Him never → daily	I obey(ed) hardly → always
			through	telling me		
1	1. Our Families (from outside)					
2	Parent(s)	Dt 6:6-7; Lk 2:47-52			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Grandparent(s)	2 Ti 1:5			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Sibling(s)	Ge 37:5-9; Mt 12:46-50			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Relative(s)	Ex 18:12-27			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Spouse	Mt 27:19; Lk 1:59-64			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Child(ren)	Ge 37:9-11; Lk 2:46-50			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	2. Many Others (from outside)					
9	Teacher(s)	Mt 9:35; 28:20; Ac 13:1-3			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Believer(s)	Mt 18:15-18; Ac 9:6; 10:6			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Preacher(s)	Mk 1:38; 6:12; Ac 8:4			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	Prophet(s)	Heb 1:1; Ac 13:1; 15:32			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	Angel(s)	Da 8:15-26; Lk 2:8-14			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	God's audible voice	Ge 3:8-10; Ac 10:13-20			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	God in human form	Ge 18:1-2; Jn 1:14-15			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	3. Visible Creation (Rom 1:18-20)					
17	Heavens	Ps 8:3-9; 19:1-6			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	Flowers	Mt 6:28-30; RH 11-08-1898			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	Animals	Pr 6:6; Mt 10:28-31			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	4. Circumstances (from outside)					
21	Providential	Jer 32:6-9; Ac 10:9-48			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	Requested	Ge 24:12-32; 2 Ki 20:8-11			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	5. The Word of God (heard or read)					
24	Characters / Events	Joseph, Exodus, Gospels			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	Laws / Instructions	Moral Law, Jesus, Paul			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	Promises / Warnings	To Noah, Israel, Christians			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	Symbols / Prophecies	Daniel, Joel, Revelation			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	6. The Human Mind (from inside)					
29	Conscience	Jn 8:9; Rom 2:15; 9:1			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	Memory	Mt 26:75; Jn 14:26			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	Impression/Desire	Ge 2:18 ff.; CS 315; DA 172			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
32	Understanding	Ps 73:3, 17; Da 12:10			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	Still small voice	1 Ki 19:12; 2T 189; TM 345			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
34	Spirit-led prayer	Jn 17:1-26; 2MR 36			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
35	Dream (asleep)	Ge 37:5-7; Mt 1:18-25			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
36	Vision (awake)	Ge 15:1-21; Ac 10:9-17, 28			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>



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### E. Grow in Grace – 2. Study the Word of God – 202. “Behold the Lamb of God”

**SUMMARY:** As you **behold** Jesus in His word or feed on Him, typified by the **showbread**, you grow in grace while He **restores** His image in you.

At conversion we put off the old man of sin and put on the man of holiness, even Jesus Christ Himself through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit (Eph 4:22-24; Col 3:9-10; Gal 2:20; Col 1:27; Jn 14:16-18; 1 Co 6:19). However, subsequent progress in sanctification depends on the daily beholding of God in Jesus who then changes us more and more into His likeness through His Spirit (2 Co 3:18; 4:6). We become transformed by the renewing of our mind as we heed the call to “behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” (Rom 12:1-2; Jn 1:29, 36).

We behold the Lamb of God when we study Jesus in His Word, and earnestly strive to be like Him (2 Ti 3:14-17; 6BC 1098). “Those who study the Redeemer’s wonderful sacrifice grow in grace and knowledge.” (5BC 1137). In this way, “The contemplation of this sacrifice will be the glory of those who, as the fruit of it, will live through the eternal ages.” (DA 623). But while we are still here, are we not called to “send the bright beams of the Sun of righteousness into all the dark places of the earth? To be a Christian is to be Christlike.” (6BC 1097). Are we heeding the call?

The Process of Beholding		I experience it hardly → daily
1	<b>1. The Focus</b>	
2	<b>NOT:</b> Our sins and faults, or how to overcome them in order to be saved (SC 71).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	<b>BUT:</b> The salvation of the Lord (Ex 14:13; 2 Ch 20:17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	The glory or character of God (Ex 33:18; 34:5-7), especially as revealed in the person and life of Christ (Jn 1:18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	God as Savior in Christ (Nu 21:8-9; Jn 3:14-18); the magnitude and meaning of His sacrifice (5BC 1133; DA 660-661, 687).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	The “manner of love the Father that bestowed upon us” by giving the sacrifice of “the lamb of God” (1 Jn 1:3; Jn 1:29, 36).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Jesus as the author and finisher of our faith (Heb 12:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Jesus in His attractive loveliness, His matchless charms and love (6BC 1097; OHC 216; DA 661).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	<b>2. The Method</b>	
10	Studying the life of Christ as given in His Word (6BC 1098).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Contemplating His life and death in faith during the Communion service (DA 661).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	Beholding Him for the purpose of becoming like Him (6BC 1098).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	Continuing to behold His charms (OHC 216; 7T 94; SC 72).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	<b>3. The Effect</b>	
15	<b>With regard to God:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	We discern God’s hatred for sin, but also His love for sinners (5BC 1133).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	We bow our head and worship (Ex 34:8).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	We are attracted to Him (6BC 1097).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	We delight in beholding God in Christ (ST 10-03-1895).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	Praise to God and the Lamb is in our hearts and on our lips (DA 661).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	<b>With regard to ourselves:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	We see our unworthiness and inability, but the Lord calls us to ministry (Ex 3:6-12; Ac 9:3-9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	We abhor ourselves and repent, but the Lord restores us (Job 42:6, 10; Mt 26:57; Jn 21:15-19).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	We realize that we are undone and unclean, but the Lord cleanses us (Isa 6:5-7; 1 Jn 1:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	We fall down in weakness, but the Lord lifts us up and strengthens us (Da 10:8-10; Rev 1:17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	We confess our sinfulness, and the Lord calls us to serve Him (Lk 5:8-10; 1 Ti 1:12-16).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	We are humbled by our own deficiency, but also filled with love and admiration (SC 73).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	We feel utter abhorrence for our sins, but also an intense longing and thirsting for Christ’s righteousness (OHC 58).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	We discover our serious defects and unlikeness to Christ, but also see the necessity of radical changes in our lives, and	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	desire to become like our great Example (6BC 1098).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	<b>4. The Agent</b>	
32	Christ Himself does this work of change (Eph 5:26-27) through His Spirit (2 Co 3:18; 6BC 1097; OHC 58).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	We cannot change ourselves (Jer 13:23), but must be born again (Jn 3:7) and sanctified (2 Th 2:13).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
34	In this way, Jesus can live in us (Gal 2:20), our only hope of glory (Col 1:27), to God’s glory (1 Co 6:20).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
35	<b>5. Summary</b>	
36	We do not focus on ourselves, our faults and shortcomings, but on God in Jesus, His character and His work in us.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
37	However, beholding makes us aware of our defects; we desire that He change us, which He longs to do (Eph 5:25-27).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
38	We may not notice the change (OHC 58), but we cooperate with Him by loving, following, and depending on Him (SC 7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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### **E. Grow in Grace – 2. Study the Word of God – 203. The Four Steps of Bible Study**

**SUMMARY:** You **benefit** from studying Jesus' word and beholding Him in it only to the **extent**, to which you **follow** these four essential **steps**.

Fundamental Belief 1 summarizes the SDA view of the Bible: "The Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, are the written Word of God, given by divine inspiration through holy men of God who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. In this Word, God has committed to man the knowledge necessary for salvation. The Holy Scriptures are the infallible revelation of His will. They are the standard of character, the test of experience, the authoritative revealer of doctrines, and the trustworthy record of God's acts in history. (2 Peter 1:20, 21; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Ps. 119:105; Prov. 30:5, 6; Isa. 8:20; John 17:17; 1 Thess. 2:13; Heb. 4:12.)" (GC website).

The study of and obedience to God's word are extremely crucial in these last days. "Those who endeavor to obey all the commandments of God will be opposed and derided. They can stand only in God. In order to endure the trial before them, they must understand the will of God as revealed in His word; they can honor Him only as they have a right concept of His character, government, and purposes, and act in accordance with them. None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict. To every soul will come the searching test: Shall I obey God rather than men? The decisive hour is even now at hand.

"Are our feet planted on the rock of God's immutable word? Are we prepared to stand firm in defense of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus?...The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and the time of trouble will find them unready....When the testing time shall come, those who have made God's word their rule of life will be revealed...will stand firm as a rock." (GC 593-594, 602).

"The truth and the glory of God are inseparable; it is impossible for us, with the Bible within our reach, to honor God by erroneous opinions. Many claim that it matters not what one believes, if his life is only right. But the life is molded by the faith. If light and truth is within our reach, and we neglect to improve the privilege of hearing and seeing it, we virtually reject it; we are choosing darkness rather than light. 'There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.' Proverbs 16:25. Ignorance is no excuse for error or sin, when there is every opportunity to know the will of God...[to] know for ourselves what He requires of us." (GC 597).

Are God's people "rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Ti 2:15)? First, we want to honor God; secondly, our "soul's salvation is at stake" (GC 598). Bible study that yields reliable truth and a firm faith follows four essential steps:

<b>The Four Steps</b>		<b>I believe / do it hardly → daily</b>
<b>1</b>	<b><u>1. Recognize the True Authority of Scripture</u></b>	
<b>2</b>	Only God's word is truth (Jn 17:17), as revealed in Jesus (Jn 1:14) and inspired by the Spirit of truth (Jn 16:13; 2 Pe 1:21).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3</b>	So all evidence for the truth of every point of faith needs to come from the Scriptures alone (Isa 8:20; Mt 4:1-11; GC 595).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4</b>	We must never rely on fallible sources, which claim authority to teach truth and try to control our consciences. Examples:	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5</b>	Opinions of learned men, creeds and decisions of church councils, deductions of science, or the majority (GC 595-597).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6</b>	Instead, we must search the Scriptures for ourselves, as we are to answer for ourselves before God (Ac 17:11; GC 598).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>7</b>	<b><u>2. Have the Proper Attitude toward Bible Study</u></b>	
<b>8</b>	We must ever pray that the Holy Spirit open our eyes to discern spiritual things spiritually (Ps 119:18; 1 Co 2:14; GC 599).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>9</b>	Thus, we guard against skepticism, scientific objections, philosophical reasoning, distrust or contempt of Scripture (GC 600).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>10</b>	"We should exert all the powers of the mind...and task the understanding to comprehend, as far as mortals can." (GC 599).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11</b>	Yet, we must not depend on the power of intellect, but search with a single purpose: to practice the truth (GC 599; 4BC 656).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>12</b>	That is, we must come with the humble, teachable spirit of a true learner, sincerely desiring to know God's will (GC 599).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>13</b>	<b><u>3. Use the Common Principles of Interpretation</u></b>	
<b>14</b>	Before accepting any doctrine, "demand a plain 'Thus saith the Lord'", that is, an actual text (Mt 4:4, 7, 10; Lk 10:26; GC 595).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>15</b>	Interpret the Bible "according to its obvious [literal] meaning, unless a symbol or figure is employed." (GC 599; 10BC 787).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>16</b>	Interpret each text in the light of its own context (4BC 656), and each word according to its usage in the original language.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17</b>	Interpret each text in harmony with all related texts or the whole Bible, as it does not contradict itself (Isa 8:20; 4BC 656).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18</b>	Let the Bible interpret itself: compare Scripture texts, allowing clear ones to explain less clear ones (GC 598; 4BC 656).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>19</b>	<b><u>4. Show the Right Response to New Learning</u></b>	
<b>20</b>	Let God's word charm you with its beauty, admonish you by its warnings, and strengthen you by its promises (GC 600).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>21</b>	Walk in its light, experience its truth (Mal 3:10; Jn 7:17; GC 599), and encourage others to follow your example (GC 598).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>22</b>	Hide it in your heart and trust that the Holy Spirit will bring it to your mind in times of need (Ps 119:11; Jn 14:26; GC 600).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>23</b>	Fast, pray, and meditate more on God's word, and sleep not, "for the foe is lurking near" (Ps 119:99; 1 Pe 5:8; GC 601).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>24</b>	Expect opposition and persecution for the truth, but stand firm in it and bear fruit (Heb 12:3; 2 Ti 3:12; Jas 1:12; GC 601).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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### E. Grow in Grace – 3. Pray According to God's Will – 301. The Purpose and Process of Effectual Prayer

**SUMMARY:** You take **step 9** in the discipling process, as you worship God by **praying** according to His will, typified by the altar of **incense**.

Although pagan gods do not see, hear, or know (Da 5:23; Rev 9:20), occultists use "curious arts" (Ac 19:19), magic practices, to communicate with them (AA 288). Their petitioners try to solicit their attention and help by flattering titles and many repetitions (1 Ki 18:26; Mt 6:7). By contrast, the true God created and loves the world and cares for His people (Jn 1:3; 3:16; 1 Pe 5:7). We are to pray to Him in trust and simple words (Lk 11:1-13). But do we still think we need to pray to motivate God to help us? Or do we really believe that God knows all our needs (Mt 6:25-34) and is willing and indeed longing to provide for us even before we ask (Isa 65:24; Mt 6:8; 7:7; Jn 15:7; COL 146; OHC 129)?

The truth is that God wants to motivate and empower us, through His Spirit (Rom 8:26-27), to ask of Him the very things He already has. In this way, at least three purposes of prayer are fulfilled: First, God is glorified, that is, His true character of love, justice and mercy is revealed. God is glorified through Jesus as He answers our prayers (Jn 14:13-14); God is glorified through His church, as His answers enable us to bear much fruit (Jn 7-8, 16). Second, our answered prayers supply us with all the help we need, such as forgiveness and healing (Heb 4:16; 2 Ch 7:14; 1 Jn 1:9). Third, as our answered prayers confirm God's goodness, our joy in knowing Him becomes full (Jn 16:22-24).

How crucial it is, therefore, that God's people understand and take their place within the divine process of effectual prayer! Evidently, such prayer requires the close cooperation of four parties: God the Father Who initiates it, the Holy Spirit Who empowers it, God's people who express it, and the Lord Jesus Who purifies it to make it acceptable to God. While the three divine parties are always in complete agreement, the "weak link" in the chain of events is that as humans we are by nature unaware of our true needs and unable to pray for them "as we ought". We are therefore in constant and dire need of the prompting and empowering of the Holy Spirit so we will pray correctly (Rom 8:26).

Will we avail ourselves of the ready and enabling cooperation of the triune God that makes our prayers possible and effectual? As we enter into this 5-step process with Him, we shall give all the credit and praise for answered prayer to God alone.

	God's Part	References	Believer's Part
1	<b>a. <u>God has a plan for every individual &amp; His church:</u></b> <b>b.</b> He puts His will into our hearts as desires as we remain in His Word and will. <b>c.</b> He then awaits the prayers of His inspired people, as He will not impose His gifts on anyone.	Jer 29:11; Ge 2:18-20; Ps 145:19; Ps 34:4-5; ML 19; Jn 15:7; Mt 7:7; Lk 11:9; Jn 16:24	<i>"Angels of God [are] all ready to impart grace and power to those who feel their need of divine strength. But [the] heavenly messengers will not bestow blessings unless solicited. They have waited for the cry from souls hungering and thirsting for the blessing of God; often have they waited in vain. (OHC 129).</i>
2	<b>a. <u>The Holy Spirit makes us feel our needs:</u></b> He prompts us to pray according to God's will. <b>b.</b> He helps us to pray "as we ought": He enables us to fulfill the conditions to answered prayer. <b>c.</b> He inspired earnestness and intensity in prayer as a divine pledge for abundant help.	1SM 344; ST 10-03-1892; Rom 8:26; COL 133-149; 6BC 537; COL 147	<i>"The Holy Spirit indites [prompts, composes, expresses] all genuine prayer." (ST 10-03-1892). "The Spirit works upon our hearts, drawing out prayer and penitence, praise and thanksgiving." (1SM 344) "Those who bring their petitions to God, claiming His promise while they do not comply with the conditions, insult Jehovah." (COL 143).</i>
3	<i>"All His gifts are promised on condition of obedience. God has a heaven full of blessings for those who will co-operate with Him." (COL 145). "Oh, that we may have a deeper experience in prayer! With confidence we may come to God, knowing what it is to have the presence and power of His Spirit." (ST 10-03-1892). "Passing through the corrupt channels of humanity, [our prayers] are so defiled that unless purified by blood, they can never be of value with God." (AG 154).</i>	Eph 6:18; COL 133-149; 1 Jn 5:14-15; Heb 4:16; 10:19; 1 Th 5:17; Lk 18:1; Mt 4:6-7; 6:10; Mk 14:36; Mt 26:42; 1SM 344; TMK 75	<b><u>God's People pray prompted by the Holy Spirit:</u></b> <b>a.</b> They are able to fulfill the conditions for answered prayer. <b>b.</b> They pray in the name of Jesus, according to God's Word and will. They persevere in claiming His promises by faith or commit their will to His unknown will in full surrender, and without any presumption. <b>c.</b> However, their prayers are offered through the corrupt channels of humanity and are in need of cleansing.
4	<b><u>Jesus makes our prayers acceptable to God:</u></b> <b>a.</b> He makes them His own desires. <b>b.</b> He mingles them with His own righteousness. <b>c.</b> Through His intercession they come before God's throne as wholly acceptable to Him.	Rev 8:3-4; DA 667; LHU 190; 6BC 1077-78; Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25; PP 353; AG 154	<i>"[Christ] gathers into this censer the prayers, the praise, and the confessions of His people, and with these He puts His own spotless righteousness. Then, perfumed with the merits of Christ's propitiation, the incense comes up before God wholly and entirely acceptable." (1SM 344).</i>
5	<b><u>Jesus and the Father answer such prayers:</u></b> <b>a.</b> They accept the inspired, earnest, and purified prayers of faith expressed by God's people. <b>b.</b> They grant their desires according to Jesus' will. <b>c.</b> They involve angels and the people of faith in answering their own prayers.	Ps 37:3-5; Mt 7:7-8; Lk 11:9; Jn 14:13-14; 15:16; COL 147; OHC 316; 1T 120-121; SC 96; Jn 9:1-7; ML 19	<i>"Ministering angels are waiting about the throne to instantly obey the mandate of Jesus Christ to answer every prayer offered in earnest, living faith." (2SM 377). "After we have offered our petitions, we are to answer them ourselves as far as possible, and not wait for God to do for us what we can do for ourselves." (ML 19).</i>

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### E. Grow in Grace – 3. Pray According to God's Will – 302. The Power and Privilege of Effectual Prayer

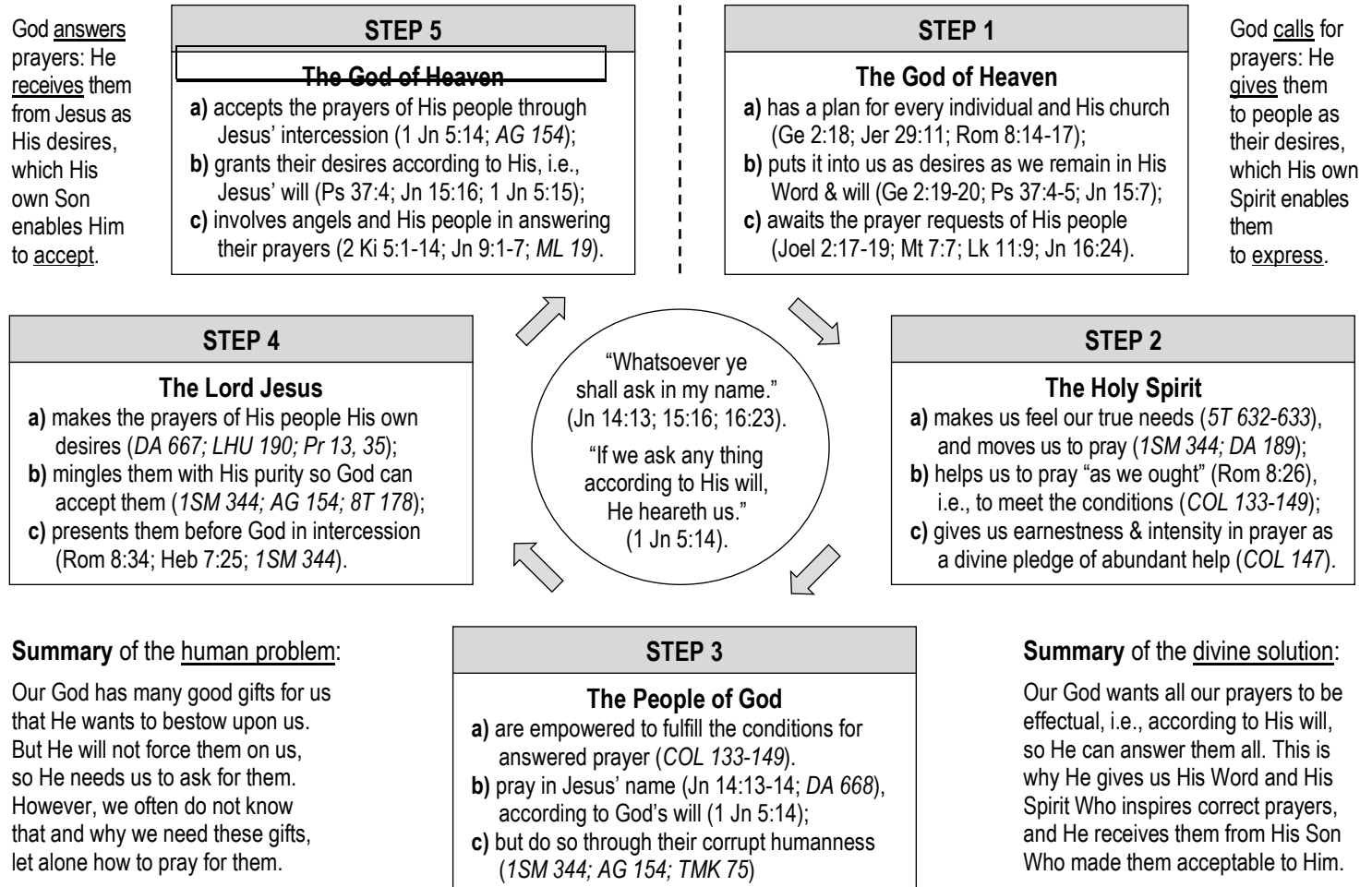
**SUMMARY:** You will be the more **constant** and **confident** in prayer, the deeper you appreciate the **power** and **privilege** of petition and intercession.

"The glory that rested upon Christ [after His baptism] is a pledge of the love of God for us. It tells us of the power of prayer, -- how the human voice may reach the ear of God, and our petitions find acceptance in the courts of heaven." (DA 113). "It is a wonderful thing that we can pray effectually, that unworthy, erring mortals possess the power of offering their requests to God. What higher power can man desire than this, -- to be linked with the infinite God? Feeble, sinful man has the privilege of speaking to his Maker. We may utter words that reach the throne of the Monarch of the universe. We may speak with Jesus as we walk by the way, and He says, I am at thy right hand." (MYP 250). What a God!

The Lord has always been calling, encouraging, and even waiting for people to speak with Him (Ge 3:9; 4:9-10; 1 Ki 19:9; Eze 22:30; Joel 2:17-19; Mt 7:7; Jn 14:13; 15:7,16; 16:23-24; Heb 4:16; Jas 5:15; DA 667). However, we realize that even as believers, we do not know how or what to pray according to His will, and that for our prayers to be effectual, we totally depend on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:26; 1SM 344). As we remain in God's Word and will (Ge 2:19-20; Jn 15:7) and walk in His Spirit (Rom 8:1, 14), He impresses us about our true needs (Jn 16:8-11; 5T 632-633) and how to pray (Rom 8:26), and enables us to fulfill every one of the conditions for effectual prayer (COL 133-149).

Therefore, the key to the power of prayer lies in the believers' full reliance on God's Spirit. The Holy Spirit always inspires us according to God's will since He knows it (Rom 8:27; 1 Co 2:10). As He is also the Spirit of Christ (Rom 8:9), the prayers He inspires us to offer are in Christ's name (Jn 14:13; 15:16; 16:23). The secret of their power or success is that Jesus will now make such prayers His own and purify them so they become acceptable to God (AG 154; DA 667-668; 8T 178). As Jesus' disciples pray in His name, or according to God's will, they can have confidence that "God will hear the earnest entreaties of His people. The prayer of faith will move the arm of God." (ST 09-04-1879; 1 Jn 5:14-15).

Are God's remnant people ready and eager to engage in such powerful, effectual, Spirit-led intercession for each other and others (1 Ti 2:1)? Are they willing and committed to be involved, together with holy angels, in God's answer to their prayers in Jesus' name (ML 19; AG 154)? Do we long and are we receptive for the spirit of intercession within our great reformatory movement (8T 251; 9T 126)?





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### E. Grow in Grace – 3. Pray According to God's Will – 303. The Provisions and Promises for Effectual Prayer

**SUMMARY:** Your desire to **abide** in Jesus, to **grow** in grace, increases the closer you follow the divine **science** in prayer and see more **answers**.

Just as our Heavenly Father always heard the prayers of His own Son (Jn 11:41-42; Heb 5:7), so is He committed to answer all our prayers (Mt 21:22; Jn 14:13; 15:16; 16:23; 1 Jn 5:14). He wants us to be confident that He will do so (1 Jn 5:15), if we pray in such a way that He can. These provisions are not arbitrary burdens, but rather conditions which themselves are promises we claim by faith (Eze 36:26-27; COL 333; Ed 126; MB 76). They are not necessary to persuade God to act, but to make us ready to receive what God already has in store for us (Isa 65:24; Mt 6:7-8; 7:7-11). They also justify Him to give to others what we ask of Him on their behalf (1 Ti 2:1).

Once we pray according to God's will we can expect surprises and miracles. He delights to do much more than we can ask or imagine (Eph 3:20). Our God promises and loves to answer all our prayers, when we, "as we ought",...

	Provisions and Promises The “Divine Science in Prayer” (COL 152)	Scriptures OT and NT	I do this hardly → daily	Personal Notes and Comments
1	1. Before We Pray			
2	...in contrition repent of and renounce all evil, and seek reconciliation (SC 95; COL 143-144, 148).	2 Ch 7:14; Ps 34:14-18;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3		Joel 2:12-19; Mt 5:22-24		
4	...forgive those who wronged us (SC 97), in order to pray without wrath and doubting [quarreling].	Mt 5:43-45; 6:12-15;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5		Mk 11:25; 1 Ti 2:8		
6	...walk in (Christ’s) righteousness without any iniquity in our hearts or actions (SC 95).	Ps 66:18; Pr 15:8;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7		Isa 1:15; 59:2; 1 Pe 3:7		
8	...fear the Lord and put our trust in Him, delight in Him and commit our ways to Him.	Ps 34:6-9; 37:3-5;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9		145:19; Mal 3:16-17		
10	...keep or obey all of God’s commandments, please Him out of love for Jesus (COL 143-145).	Ps 34:15; 145:18;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11		Jn 9:31; 1 Jn 3:22		
12	...abide in Christ and His word in us (COL 144), so we bring fruit [character & works] that remains.	Jn 15:4-7, 16;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13		Gal 5:22-23		
14	...fulfill any additional condition(s) given in the context of the respective promise. Examples:	Isa 26:3; Mt 6:33;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15		Php 4:4-7; 1 Jn 1:9		
16	2. As We Pray			
17	...ask anything according to God’s will or Word, with the Spirit’s help (COL 145-148; Ed 257-258).	1 Jn 5:14-15;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
18		Rom 8:26-27		
19	...pray in the name of Jesus, in His character and spirit, doing His works (SC 100-105; DA 668).	Jn 14:13-14;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20		15:7, 16; 16:23-24		
21	...call upon God with our whole heart and soul, an earnest heart (ML 19; 1SM 121; COL 145).	Dt 4:29-31;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22		Jer 29:12-14		
23	...call upon Him to find help in times of felt need, with longing and boldness (SC 95).	Ex 22:23, 27; Isa 44:3;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24		Heb 4:16; Jas 1:5		
25	...ask the Lord for what we need (SC 95; GC 525) [not just state it] as of a friend (ML 19).	1 Ki 3:5; Mt 7:7-11;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26		Eph 3:20; Jas 1:5; 4:2		
27	...pray with unselfish motives, ready to give (COL 142), and fervently in [Christ’s] righteousness.	Lk 18:9-14;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28		Jas 4:3-6; 5:16		
29	...believe that we shall have what we asked for (SC 96). This is not presumption (SC 97). <sup>1)</sup>	Mt 8:13; 21:22; Mk 11:24;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30		Jas 1:6-7; Heb 11:6		
31	...thank and praise God that we have received [before we see it] (SC 51, 97; Ed 258; DA 200).	Php 4:6; Col 4:2;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32		Eph 5:19-20		
33	...persevere/persist in prayer (COL 145-146, 149) diligently, letting nothing hinder us (SC 97-98).	Lk 11:5-9; 18:1; Rom 12:	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34		12; Eph 6:18; 1 Th 5:17		
35	3. After We Prayed			
36	...do our part in answering our own prayers before we expect God to do His part (ML 19).	2 Ki 5:1-14;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
37		Lk 17:12-14; Jn 9:1-7		

<sup>1)</sup> To guard against presumption, we **first** fulfill all conditions to answered prayer; **secondly**, we trust God to answer as He sees fit:

1. "It is not faith that claims the favor of heaven without complying with the conditions on which mercy is to be granted" (DA 126).

2. "To claim that prayer will always be answered in the very way and for the particular thing that we desire, is presumption" (SC 97).



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

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### **E. Grow in Grace – 401. Commitment**

**Summary:** Knowing now **how** you acquire the 3<sup>rd</sup> mark of discipleship, **perpetual abiding** in Jesus, you commit to **implementing** it in your daily life.

Upon working and praying through this theme I commit and pledge allegiance to the following, by the grace of God and according to His will:

<b>My Commitment – Pledge of Allegiance</b>		hesitantly → decidedly
<b>E1. Let Jesus Form Within</b>		
I commit to daily be more restored into Jesus' image by allowing Him to develop His character traits in me through His Spirit.		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to daily practicing all three parts of sanctification typified by the lampstand, the showbread, and the altar of incense.		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>E2. Study the Word of God</b>		
I commit to daily beholding Jesus' life, character, and calling by studying, contemplating, and implementing His written Word.		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to taking the four steps of Bible study, regarding its authority, a right attitude, method of interpretation, and response.		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>E3. Pray According to God's Will</b>		
I commit to daily taking my proper place as a human intercessor in the divine 5-step process of effectual Spirit-led prayer.		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to daily following the divine provisions made for effectual prayer before, during, and after making my intercessions.		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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