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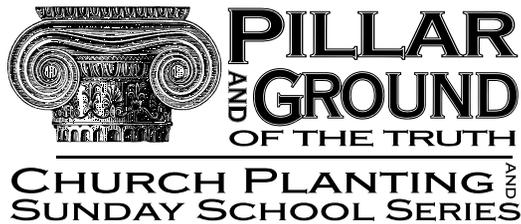
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INTRODUCTION TO THE TEACHER'S GUIDE

This Teacher's Guide is designed to assist those who will be leading in the study of these Bible lessons. You will find helpful information in the front of this book that will be of great value as you prepare to teach each lesson.

- ◆ Preparing to Teach the Lesson
- ◆ Ten Laws for the Sunday School Teacher
- ◆ Tips for Teaching the Bible
- ◆ Goals for This Series

After the introductory material, you will find preparation instructions and Class Teaching Notes for all thirteen lessons in this series. At the conclusion of this book, information is given for those who are interested in additional materials. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will give you divine enabling as you faithfully teach the Word of God.

PREPARING TO TEACH THE LESSON

As we study to teach God's Word, we must realize that thorough preparation is extremely important. The teacher should teach from an overflow. The truths of each lesson should make an impact in the teacher's life before being communicated to others. Here are some suggestions for preparing to teach the lessons in this series.

Begin Preparation Early

For many teachers, preparation is something that begins and ends in the same evening. Usually, that evening is the one before the lesson is to be given. If you begin to prepare early, you will have the opportunity to "live" with the lesson throughout the week. Many times we do not get the full impact of Bible truths because we do not give the Lord the opportunity to develop these truths in our own lives.

Look to Christ

In our Bible study and teaching, our goal is not to know information; our goal is to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known. Begin your preparation time by "*looking unto Jesus.*" We need to come to God's Word in faith believing that He is going to speak to us. Take time to commune with the Lord Jesus and get your heart in tune with Him.

Read the Bible Background Reading

Read the background Bible passages that are given for each lesson. Be sure to read each passage twice.

1. Read the first time for general understanding. Look up any unfamiliar words or phrases.
2. Read the second time to mark key words and key expressions that speak to your heart.

Read the Bible Lesson

After reading and marking the Scripture passages which correspond to the lesson, read the Bible lesson from *The Glory Due His Name* that corresponds with the lesson you are studying. As you read, mark key statements or paragraphs so that you can review them later.

Answer the Questions

In the Class Teaching Notes, you will find preparation questions for each lesson. After reading the lesson, answer these questions to reinforce the things you have read. These are identical to the questions that the students are given in the *Study Guide*.

Teacher's Preparation

Notice the Lesson Aims

In each lesson, you should not try to teach many things, but rather teach a *few* things well. Give careful attention to the “lesson aims” which help to identify the key truths that are to be taught in each lesson. Keep these aims before you during your preparation time. They will help you to communicate the key truths in the lesson.

Write Out Ideas for Application

A good Bible teacher will always strive to apply the truths of God’s Word to his audience. Before teaching, write out specific ideas for applying this lesson to your particular audience. We can teach people of all ages and stages in life to bring their burdens to Christ. Make your application especially strong in the conclusion of the lesson.

Use Illustrations

The Lord Jesus often taught great truths through the use of practical illustrations. Perhaps the best illustrations are those that come directly from the Bible. Take time to reflect upon the lesson and make note of biblical illustrations that could help you teach more effectively. You may also think of some experiences from your life or the lives of other Christians that would help to illustrate a truth in the lesson.

Teacher's Preparation

Personal illustrations should always be truthful and practical; at times, they may be thought-provoking or humorous as well.

Use the Class Teaching Notes

Class Teaching Notes have been prepared for each lesson in this series. These notes are identical in format to the *Study Guide*. The page numbers on the Class Teaching Notes correspond to the page numbers in the *Study Guide*.

Be sure to make any handwritten notes on the Class Teaching Notes that you feel will assist you in teaching the lesson. You may wish to mark down personal illustrations, application ideas, or quotes and key expressions from the book *The Glory Due His Name*.

The Class Teaching Notes will be your aid as you teach the Bible lesson. The Class Teaching Notes are designed to be removed from the *Teacher's Guide* and placed neatly in your Bible. When teaching these lessons, do not carry the entire *Teacher's Guide* or the book *The Glory Due His Name* to class; only carry your Bible and the Class Teaching Notes.

Teacher's Preparation

Review

When you walk into class, you should know thoroughly what you are going to teach. Plan a time to review the Class Teaching Notes and Scripture reading. If you take the time to review the lesson, the things you have studied will be more firmly planted in your heart.

Conclude With a Time of Prayer

- ◆ Pray for the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Pray for a spiritual understanding of God's Word.
- ◆ Pray for your pastor and church to be strengthened.
- ◆ Pray for lost souls to be saved.

Ten Laws for the Sunday School Teacher

1. Prepare early for Sunday School.
2. Recognize the authority of God's Word.
3. Enter into study with prayer.
4. Know the material comprehensively before teaching in parts.
5. Use proper teaching methods.
6. Take your class to the Scripture often.
7. Help your class think biblically and use biblical language.
8. Make strong application in the conclusion of the lesson.
9. Encourage Bible memory.
10. Find a way to encourage daily preparation for next week's lesson.

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TIPS FOR TEACHING THE BIBLE

As teachers of God's Word, we have a desire to be as effective as possible because we know that people need to hear and understand the Bible. You do not have to obtain a formal education to be a good teacher. Here are several suggestions that will help you to become a more effective teacher.

Always Begin and End on Time

This shows great respect and consideration for others. The teacher should arrive to class early and should be prepared to teach before he arrives.

Do Not Be Afraid to Ask Questions

You may ask questions to the entire class or to individuals. Some questions may take time for people to answer. You may need to reword a question to lead people to the correct answer.

Get Every Member of the Class Involved

This can be done in a variety of ways including the following:

- ◆ Allowing the class or class members to read Scripture
- ◆ Asking questions that call for a response
- ◆ Encouraging class members to write in the *Study Guide*

Maintain Eye Contact With Your Class

Many teachers fail in this matter because they are bound to their notes or to a book they have carried to class. When teaching, carry only your Bible with the Class Teaching Notes neatly placed in it. Use the notes to help you stay on track and teach in a logical order, but do not give your notes more attention than your students.

Use Variety in Your Teaching

No one wants to be part of a Sunday School class that is cold and dead. You can make a class much more lively and interesting by varying your teaching methods and styles. This can be done in many ways including the following:

- ◆ Using object lessons or visual aids when teaching
- ◆ Allowing students to answer or discuss questions
- ◆ Using an illustration to grab the students' attention at the beginning of the lesson
- ◆ Varying your tone of voice (Do not speak in a monotone voice.)

Tips for Teaching the Bible

Make Specific Applications to Your Students

As you are teaching, work diligently to apply the truths you are teaching to the students in your class. They will find joy in *obeying* God's Word. Be clear and specific as you seek to show the students how the lesson applies to them. At the conclusion of the lesson, call for definite decisions; encourage each student to write these decisions in the *Study Guide* or in his Bible.

Keep the Bible Central

As Baptists we believe that our sole authority for faith and practice is God's Word. When you teach, your students should know that you have taught them God's Word. Take people to the Scriptures often and read the passages given in each lesson. You should teach in such a way that every student feels as if he needs a Bible in order to participate. Keep the Bible central in every question, in every discussion, and in every lecture.

Be Filled With the Holy Spirit of God

God can enable all of His children to do the work He has called them to do. For the Christian, the filling of the Spirit is not an option; it is a command (Ephesians 5:18). The Lord Jesus said in John 15:5, "*Without me ye can do nothing.*" We often try to

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do for ourselves what we are not capable of doing. God can speak to the hearts of men, and He will speak through us as we are yielded to Him and filled with His Spirit.

GOALS FOR THIS SERIES

- ◆ *TO LEARN TO WAIT ON GOD AND FIND DIRECTION FROM HIM*
- ◆ *TO FIND REST BY TRUSTING IN THE LORD DAILY AND KNOWING THAT HE WILL NEVER FORSAKE HIS OWN*
- ◆ *TO SEE THAT WE MUST PLACE OUR ENEMIES IN GOD'S HANDS AND KNOW THAT HE WILL DEAL WITH THEM*
- ◆ *TO SHOW THAT GOD'S CHILDREN SHOULD PRAISE HIM CONTINUALLY AND EXALT HIS HOLY NAME*
- ◆ *TO UNDERSTAND MORE FULLY THE MERCY OF GOD IN PROVIDING SALVATION FOR SINNERS THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST*

Preparation Questions for Lesson 1

THERE IS NO SHAME IN WAITING

Background Reading

Psalm 25; Psalm 37:7; John 9:4; Psalm 40:1; Psalm 69:6; Exodus 14:10-14; Isaiah 40:31; Proverbs 3:1-6

MONDAY

Compare Psalm 25:3, 5, and 21. What truth is emphasized in this psalm?

TUESDAY

Read Psalm 37:7. When we fret, we give evidence that we are not doing what?

WEDNESDAY

In Psalm 25:4-5, what does the psalmist pray for God to do?

THURSDAY

Read the story given in Exodus 14:10-14. What did God's people have to do in order to experience His deliverance?

FRIDAY

In Isaiah 40:31, what promises does God give to those who wait on Him?

SATURDAY

According to Proverbs 3:5-6, what must we do in order for the Lord to direct our paths?

THERE IS NO SHAME IN WAITING

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Teacher's Preparation

The decisions we make are more important than the days we live. You could live a long life, but if you make the wrong decisions, your life can be ruined. You could live a short life and make right decisions, and your life would be a grand victory. Decisions are more important than days, and the greatest act of our will concerns what we do with Jesus Christ.

Bible Background Reading

Psalm 25; Psalm 37:7; John 9:4; Psalm 40:1; Psalm 69:6; Exodus 14:10-14; Isaiah 40:31; Proverbs 3:1-6

Bible Lesson Reading

Read chapter one in *The Glory Due His Name* by Clarence Sexton.

Lesson Aims

To understand that the Christian life is a life of waiting on God and trusting Him to act in His timing

To learn not to react to circumstances in our own strength, but to wait on the Lord for deliverance

To see that when we run ahead of God, our strength will fail and we will realize that we should have waited on Him

To know that God has promised to give us direction in life if we will trust in Him and wait for His guidance

THERE IS NO SHAME IN WAITING

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Teacher's Notes

Scripture Memory

"Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day."

Psalm 25:4-5

Notes



he decisions we make are more important than the days we live. You could live a long life, but if you make the wrong decisions, your life can be ruined. You could live a short life and make right decisions, and your life would be a grand victory.

The Twenty-fifth Psalm speaks to us concerning our personal walk with God. Read Psalm 25. In this psalm, we learn that we are to wait on the Lord. Notice this truth repeated in verse three, verse five, and verse twenty-one.

There are so many times in life when we need to wait. God is able, but He knows that we are not ready. Someone may find you in a time of waiting, and expect you to be running hard, pressing forward. He may ask, "What are you doing?" Say to him, "I am waiting on God." There is no shame in waiting on the Lord.



*Our delays
become God's
opportunities
to bring
across our
path His
appointments.*

Waiting on God Brings Deliverance

In Exodus chapter fourteen, we find the famous story of Moses leading the children of Israel out of Egypt. God sent Moses on a path that took him to the Red Sea. God placed Moses where it was humanly impossible for him to deliver himself and those following him. Read Exodus 14:10-14. Moses said, *“Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD.”*



“The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.”

When we are tempted to take matters into our own hands and to live the Christian life by force, God wants to teach us that He desires to work. When we wait on Him to work, He will bring deliverance.

Waiting on God Brings Strength

It is against our nature to pray and to wait on God. The old nature says, “I can handle this.” God says, “If you trust Me and wait on Me, I will strengthen you.”

In Isaiah 40:31 the Bible says, *“But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength...”* How many times have we run ahead of God and then fallen on our faces? We discovered that we were not nearly as strong or as wise as we thought. When we learn to wait on the Lord, we find that waiting on God brings strength. *“They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength.”*

Waiting on God Brings Endurance

Many people start, but few finish. Think of the kind of churches we would have, what kind of spiritual leadership we would have, if everyone who started out for God was still in the race.

The way to stay in the race is to learn to wait on God. Again, the Bible says in Isaiah 40:31, *“They shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.”* Waiting on God brings endurance.



Many people start, but few finish the race.

Waiting on God Brings Direction

Waiting can be like allowing dirt to settle in a glass of water. Once the dirt settles, the matter will be clarified. We can see more clearly what we should do if we wait.

In Proverbs 3:1-6, God repeatedly gives us a precept then a promise. Notice the precept given in verse five, *“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him...”* When we acknowledge the Lord and wait on Him, the Bible gives this promise, *“...he shall direct thy paths.”* When we learn to wait on God, God will give us direction.

“Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed.”

Preparation Questions for Lesson 2

INTEGRITY

Background Reading

Psalm 26; Colossians 2:10; Colossians 4:12; Job 2:3; Job 31:1-6; I John 1:9; Romans 2:4; Matthew 6:13

MONDAY

In Psalm 26:1-3, why is David bold enough to invite the Lord to examine his heart?

TUESDAY

According to Colossians 2:10, how are we made complete?

WEDNESDAY

In Job 2:3, what does the Lord say that Job is holding fast? How is he doing this?

THURSDAY

Read Psalm 26:4-5. Using the words of Scripture, list the kinds of people from which David had separated himself.

FRIDAY

In Psalm 26:9-10, David prays for God to keep him from whom?

SATURDAY

According to Psalm 26:11-12, what did David resolve to do?