

Steps To Christ

Study Guides

Chapter 5

Consecration

Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize John 3:16, NJKV.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

2. Read *Steps to Christ*, Chapter 5.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 5, that best describes the theme of the chapter.



4. List several key points as you read the chapter.



Scriptures (NKJV)

1. What did Joshua urge the people to do?

Joshua 24:15, (Numbers 32:23, Psalm 90:8). “And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, [redacted] for yourselves this day whom you will serve, . . .”

2. What did Elijah urge the people to do?

1 Kings 18:21. “And Elijah came to all the people, and said, ‘How long will you [redacted] between [redacted] [redacted]? If the LORD is God, [redacted] [redacted]; but if Baal, follow him.’ But the people answered him not a word.”

3. What is God’s part in our choices?

Philippians 2:13. “for it is [redacted] who works in you both to [redacted] and to [redacted] for *His* good pleasure.”

4. What must we give up to follow Christ?

Luke 14:33. “So likewise, whoever of you does not [redacted] all that he has cannot be My disciple.”

5. What did Jesus say about divided loyalties?

Matthew 12:30. “He who is not with Me is [redacted] [redacted], and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.”

6. What person did Jesus say was not fit for the kingdom of God?

Luke 9:62. “But Jesus said to him, ‘No one, having put his hand to the plow, and [redacted] [redacted] is fit for the kingdom of God.’”

7. What is God’s promise if we seek Him?

Jeremiah 29:13. “And you will [redacted] Me and [redacted] Me, when you search for Me with all you heart.”

8. What promise does God make to those who seek after righteousness?

Matthew 5:6. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they [redacted] [redacted] [redacted].”

9. How do those who are fully on God’s side feel?

Romans 1:16. “For I am [redacted] [redacted] of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

10. How does God evaluate us?

1 Samuel 16:7. “. . . For *the LORD* does not see as man sees; for man looks at the [redacted] [redacted], but the LORD looks at the [redacted].”

11. What should direct our actions?

Colossians 3:23-24. “²³ And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the [] and not to [], ²⁴ knowing that [] [] [] you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

12. What new life do we live?

Galatians 2:20. “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but [] [] [] []; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

13. What is Christ’s invitation?

Revelation 3:20. “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and [] [] [], I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

14. What choice regarding our eternal life do we have?

Matthew 16:24-26. “²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him [] [], and take up his cross, and [] []. ²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and [] [] [] []? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?’”

15. How do we find or lose our life?

Matthew 10:39. “He who finds his life will [] it, and he who loses his life for My sake will [] it.”

16. What happened when the disciples were fully consecrated?

Acts 4:31. “And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they [] the [] of God with [].”

Study Questions

1. What must be yielded to God, before we can be restored to His likeness? (Paragraph 2).

2. What is the greatest battle that was ever fought? (3).

3. What must take place before we are renewed in holiness? (3).

4. What choice will God not force us to make? (4).

5. In giving ourselves to God, what must be given up? (5).

6. List some things that can separate us from God. (5).

7. What is the value of performing the duties of the Christian life as that which God requires in order to gain heaven? (6).

8. What will be your motive or spring of action? (6).

9. What question should you ask yourself when deciding to yield all to Christ? (7).

10. What does God not require us to give up? (10).

11. What does God require us to perform? (11).

12. Describe how those who desire to give themselves to God really are. (12).

13. What is the will? (12).

14. What will not be part of genuine confession? (10).

15. What should we do with our wills? (11).

16. When will God work n us to will and do of His good pleasure? (12).

17. What happens to our nature when we give God our will? (12).

18. Why will many be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians? (18).

19. What will result through the right exercise of the will? (14).

20. How will a person be enabled to live a life of faith? (14).

Thought Questions

1. What do I do when I discover the old motives are still there?

2. What is my part in changing my motives, and what is God's?

3. Can my will ever become strong enough to stop sinning?

4. Will I feel different after I make the right choice?

5. After I begin making the right choices, how long will it take before I don't feel the pull of this sin?

6. How can I tell if I have the right motives?

7. What do I do when I make the wrong choice over and over?

8. Does the person who has a strong will have an advantage over the person whose will is not strong?

9. Do I have to give away everything to be consecrated?

10. How can I give 100% of my effort to the Lord when I have opposition at home?

11. What do I need to make me willing to give my will to God?

12. Why is doing God's will always such a struggle?

13. Does understanding myself give me power to do the right?

14. How does guilt affect my ability to make choices?


15. How does trust affect the surrender of my will?



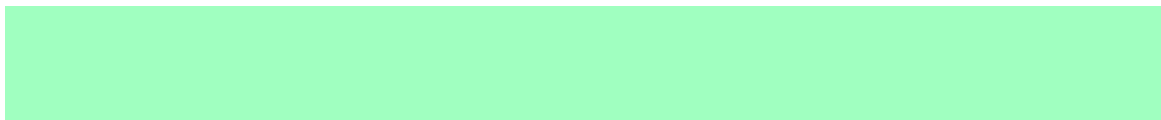
16. Should I make myself do something I know I should do, even though I know I am not motivated by the right reason?




17. Why am I able to choose to do some things and not others?



18. What role does the hope of heaven have in motivating us?



19. If I surrender my will to God, won't I be like a puppet or robot?



20. [Add your questions].



Problem Solving

This young person has repeatedly failed to overcome a powerful addictive behavior, and has finally quit trying. He is backsliding, but still attends church. He has a desire for victory, but lacks hope that it can be achieved, at least for him. Each time he starts to change, the Devil brings so many other problems into his life that he gets overwhelmed and discouraged, and goes back to the addiction. How can the Gospel help him to change not only his desire, but the actual sin itself?

Notes: (You might work with the following information: causes, options, solutions, decisions, scriptures that apply).



QUIZ – 5

Select True or False according to the reference:

1. T F Constant surrender to God enables us to live the new life of faith. (SC 5:14).
2. T F It is God that works in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure. (Philippians 2:13).
3. T F God requires us to perform only those duties that give test and trial. (SC 5:11).
4. T F Those who profess to serve God, while relying upon their own efforts to obey His law, to form a right character, and secure salvation, have a religion worth nothing. (SC 5.6).
5. T F The battle with Satan is the greatest battle that we ever fight. (SC 5.3).

Use one or more words to answer the following:

6. How much depends upon the right action of the will? (SC 5.12).

7. List one thing that can separate us from God. (SC 5.5).

8. What should be our motive of action? (SC 5.6).

9. What is the will? (SC 5.12).

10. What did Joshua urge the people to do? (Joshua 24:15).

Select the option button of the best answer according to the text.

11. How should we feel about the gospel of Christ? (Romans 1:16).

- Indifferent
- Not ashamed
- Stressed
- Encouraged

12. What question should you ask yourself when deciding to yield all to Christ? (SC 5.7).

- Can I make it
- Is the reward worth it?
- What has Christ giving for me
- What will others think

13. What is the proper exercise of the will? (SC 5.12).
- Repeating the words “I choose.”
 - Choosing only the right.
 - Attempting goals that can be achieved.
 - Giving your will to God.
14. When does God work in us to will and to do according to His good pleasure? (SC 5.12).
- After we give Him our will.
 - After we begin to to overcome.
 - After we love Him enough.
 - After suffering the results of our sin.
15. Complete the following passage:
- “Through the right exercise of the , an may be made in your life” (SC 5.14).