

# Steps To Christ

## Study Guides

## Instructions & Paragraphs

New American Standard Bible

Welcome to this set of study guides on the plan of salvation. You will be using the book *Steps to Christ* by Ellen G. White as your textbook.

Paragraph Designations: The numbers enclosed in parentheses following each reference from *Steps to Christ* refer to chapter.paragraph. For example (SC 11.2) refers to Chapter 11 paragraph 2. This was necessary because of the many different versions in print. The paragraphs are the same as the paragraphs on the *Ellen G. White Writings, Comprehensive Research Edition CD* published by The Ellen G. White Estate, Inc.

Scriptures: You will start with a variety of scriptures that relate to the theme of the chapter.

Study Questions: The questions in this section focus your study on the chapter in *Steps to Christ*.

Thought Questions: These are additional questions that might arise from a study of the chapter. Add your own questions as you study the chapter.

Problem Solving: This is practice in applying the principles of the plan of salvation to actual real-life situations.

Additional Exercises: Additional exercises are provided for those who want to do more than the regular lesson provides. Included are a list of things to be thankful about, additional selections to read and topics to research.

Ellen G. White quotes: Selections from the writings of Ellen White supply additional clarification to the topics of this chapter.

Quizzes: The quizzes are designed to be open *Bible/Steps*, and if desired you may take it with others as a group activity.

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### Introduction

#### Scriptures (NASB)

- 1. Where was God's promise of a Savior first made?**  
Genesis 3:15. "And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the \_\_\_\_\_, And you shall bruise him on the \_\_\_\_\_."
- 2. When was the plan of redemption made?**  
1 Peter 1:20, 21. "<sup>20</sup>For He was foreknown \_\_\_\_\_ the foundation of the \_\_\_\_\_, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup>who through Him are believers in God, ..."
- 3. Does God have a time-table for the events of salvation?**  
Galatians 4:4, 5. "<sup>4</sup>But when the \_\_\_\_\_, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, <sup>5</sup>so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."
- 4. Has God's plan been written down for us to read?**  
Luke 24:27. "Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the \_\_\_\_\_."
- 5. Who is watching the unfolding of this plan of salvation?**  
1 Corinthians 4:9. "For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, both to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_."
- 6. How did God carry out the plan of salvation?**  
Matthew 1:23. "'BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,' which is translated means, ' \_\_\_\_\_ .'"
- 7. What did God provide for mankind's salvation?**  
John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten \_\_\_\_\_, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have \_\_\_\_\_."
- 8. How does God describe eternal life?**  
John 17:3. "This is eternal life, that they may \_\_\_\_\_, the only \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ whom You have sent."

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### Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize Genesis 1:27.

“God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” (NASB)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 1.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 1, that best describes the theme of the chapter.
  
4. List several key points as you read the chapter.
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## Lesson 1

### God's Love for Man

**Scriptures** (NASB)

1. **How did God show His love for all people?**  
John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten \_\_\_\_\_, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have \_\_\_\_\_."
2. **How did God bestow His love upon us?**  
1 John 3:1. "See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called \_\_\_\_\_; and such we are. ..."
3. **How is God described?**  
1 John 4:7, 8. "<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>The one who does not love does not know God, for \_\_\_\_\_."
4. **How has God described Himself?**  
Exodus 34:6, 7. "<sup>6</sup>Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, The LORD God, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, and abounding in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; <sup>7</sup>who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who \_\_\_\_\_ iniquity, transgression and sin; ...'"
5. **How was God's love manifested?**  
1 John 4:9. "By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has \_\_\_\_\_ His only begotten Son into the \_\_\_\_\_ so that we might live through Him."
6. **How is love described?**  
1 Corinthians 13:4-8. "<sup>4</sup>Love is \_\_\_\_\_, love is \_\_\_\_\_ and is not \_\_\_\_\_; love does not \_\_\_\_\_ and is not \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>5</sup>does not \_\_\_\_\_; it does not \_\_\_\_\_, is not \_\_\_\_\_, does not take into account a \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>6</sup>does not rejoice in \_\_\_\_\_, but rejoices with the \_\_\_\_\_; <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ all things, \_\_\_\_\_ all things, \_\_\_\_\_ all things, \_\_\_\_\_ all things. <sup>8</sup>Love \_\_\_\_\_; ..."
7. **What was our condition when God loved us?**  
Romans 5:8. "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet \_\_\_\_\_, Christ died for us."

8. **How do we develop God's type of love?**  
1 John 2:5. "but whoever \_\_\_\_\_, in him the love of God has truly been perfected."
9. **How is God's love perfected in us?**  
1 John 4:12. "No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, \_\_\_\_\_, and His love is perfected in us."
10. **What cannot exist where perfect love is?**  
1 John 4:18. "There is no \_\_\_\_\_ in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love."
11. **What type of love does God have?**  
Jeremiah 31:3. "The LORD appeared to him from afar, *saying*, 'I have loved you with an \_\_\_\_\_; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.'"
12. **Why do we love God?**  
1 John 4:19. "We love, because \_\_\_\_\_."
13. **Who loves like Jesus?**  
John 15:9. "Just as the \_\_\_\_\_ has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love."
14. **What do we comprehend when Christ dwells in our hearts?**  
Ephesians 3:17-19. "<sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God."
15. **What cannot the true Christian be separated from?**  
Romans 8:38, 39. "<sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the \_\_\_\_\_, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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### Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize Romans 5:12.

“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—” (NASB)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 2.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 2, that best describes the theme of the chapter.
4. List several key points as you read the chapter.
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## Lesson 2

### The Sinner's Need of Christ

**Scriptures** (NASB)

1. **What condition entered our world?**  
Romans 5:12. "Therefore, just as through one man \_\_\_\_\_ entered into the world, and \_\_\_\_\_ through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—"
2. **How many of the human race have sinned?**  
Romans 3:23. "for \_\_\_\_\_ have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ..."
3. **How is man's natural goodness described?**  
Isaiah 64:6. "For all of us have become like one who is \_\_\_\_\_, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away."
4. **What is the condition of the human heart?**  
Jeremiah 17:9. "The heart is more \_\_\_\_\_ than all else And is \_\_\_\_\_; Who can understand it?"
5. **What is wrong with people who don't have God?**  
Ephesians 2:3. "Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were \_\_\_\_\_ children of wrath, even as the rest."
6. **What is the condition of the carnal mind?**  
Romans 8:7. "because the mind set on the flesh is \_\_\_\_\_ toward God; for it \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, for it is not even able *to do so*,"
7. **What battle is waged by the Christian?**  
Romans 7:18. "For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the \_\_\_\_\_ is present in me, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of the good \_\_\_\_\_."
8. **What relationship exists between God and mankind?**  
Isaiah 59:2. "But your iniquities have made a \_\_\_\_\_ between you and your God, And your sins have \_\_\_\_\_ *His* face from you so that He does \_\_\_\_\_."

9. **How can mankind again approach unto God?**  
John 14:6. "Jesus said to him, 'I am the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_; no one comes to the Father but through \_\_\_\_\_.'"
  10. **What is provided by the death of Christ?**  
Ephesians 1:7, 8. "<sup>7</sup>In Him we have \_\_\_\_\_ through His blood, the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, according to the riches of His grace <sup>8</sup>which He lavished on us. ..."
  11. **Is there more than one way to be saved?**  
Acts 4:12. "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is \_\_\_\_\_ under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."
  12. **What is required to be saved?**  
John 3:5. "Jesus answered, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.'"
    13. **What is God's desire for all?**  
1 Timothy 2:4. "who desires \_\_\_\_\_ to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."
    14. **Who bridged the gulf between God and mankind?**  
1 Timothy 2:5. "For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man \_\_\_\_\_,"
    15. **What gift do we receive through Jesus?**  
Romans 6:23. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus our Lord."
    16. **What can we know regarding eternal life?**  
1 John 5:11-13. "<sup>11</sup>And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup>He who has the Son \_\_\_\_\_; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. <sup>13</sup>These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you \_\_\_\_\_ eternal life."

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1. Memorize Isaiah 59:2.

“But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden *His* face from you so that He does not hear.” (NASB)

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

## Repentance

**Scriptures** (NASB)

1. **What should precede the blotting out of our sins?**  
Acts 3:19. "Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;"
2. **What else is related to repentance?**  
Acts 2:38. "Peter *said* to them, 'Repent, and each of you be \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
3. **What type of repentance did the Corinthians have?**  
2 Corinthians 7:9. "I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to *the point of* \_\_\_\_\_; for you were made sorrowful according to *the will of* God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us."
4. **How are godly sorrow and worldly sorrow different?**  
2 Corinthians 7:10. "For the sorrow that is according to *the will of* God produces a repentance without \_\_\_\_\_, *leading to* salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces \_\_\_\_\_."
5. **What reaction did godly repentance produce?**  
2 Corinthians 7:11. "For behold what \_\_\_\_\_ this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what \_\_\_\_\_ of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter."
6. **How do the inhabitants of heaven feel about genuine sorrow for sin?**  
Luke 15:10. "In the same way, I tell you, there is \_\_\_\_\_ in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
7. **How does God define genuine repentance?**  
Psalm 51:17. "The sacrifices of God are a broken \_\_\_\_\_; A broken and a contrite \_\_\_\_\_, O God, You will not despise."

8. **What does God require once we have the light?**  
Acts 17:30. "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all *people* everywhere should \_\_\_\_\_,"
9. **What is the correct response to a message of repentance?**  
Mark 1:4, 5. "<sup>4</sup>John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being \_\_\_\_\_ by him in the Jordan River, \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_."
10. **What leads the sinner to repent?**  
Romans 2:4. "Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ leads you to repentance?"
11. **To whom is the message of repentance given?**  
Luke 5:32. "I have not come to call the righteous but \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_."
12. **What is God's desire for all?**  
2 Peter 3:9. "The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to \_\_\_\_\_ but for \_\_\_\_\_ to come to repentance."
13. **How does God approach the problem of our sins?**  
Isaiah 1:18. "'Come now, and let us \_\_\_\_\_,' Says the LORD, 'Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool.'"
14. **What should our prayer be?**  
Psalm 139:23, 24. "<sup>23</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, O God, and know my \_\_\_\_\_; Try me and know my \_\_\_\_\_; <sup>24</sup>And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way."
15. **What is God's promise regarding that prayer?**  
Philippians 3:15. "Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, \_\_\_\_\_ to you;"



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1. Memorize 1 John 3:4.

“Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.” (NASB)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 4.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 4, that best describes the theme of the chapter.
  
4. List several key points as you read the chapter.
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## Lesson 4

## Confession

**Scriptures** (NASB)

1. **How much does God know about what we do?**  
Hebrews 4:13, (Numbers 32:23, Psalm 90:8). "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but \_\_\_\_\_ are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do."
2. **To whom are we responsible for our actions and their correction?**  
Psalm 32:5. "I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the \_\_\_\_\_;' And You forgave the guilt of my sin."
3. **How may our sins be forgiven?**  
1 John 1:9. "If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
4. **What is the contrast between those who confess and those who don't?**  
Proverbs 28:13. "He who conceals his transgressions will \_\_\_\_\_, But he who confesses and forsakes *them* will find \_\_\_\_\_."
5. **How fully will God pardon the sin?**  
Isaiah 55:7. "Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have \_\_\_\_\_ on him, And to our God, For He will \_\_\_\_\_."
6. **How specific should our confession be?**  
Leviticus 5:5. "So it shall be when he becomes guilty in one of these, that he shall \_\_\_\_\_ that in which he has sinned."
7. **Is there a place for confession among believers?**  
James 5:16. "Therefore, confess your \_\_\_\_\_ to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. ..."
8. **Is there an appropriate time for public confession?**  
Acts 19:18. "Many also of those who had believed kept coming, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_."

9. **What must accompany the forgiveness of sins?**  
Ezekiel 33:15, 16. "<sup>15</sup>If a wicked man \_\_\_\_\_ a pledge, \_\_\_\_\_ what he has taken by robbery, walks by the statutes which ensure life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of his sins that he has committed will be remembered against him. He has practiced justice and righteousness; he shall surely live."
10. **What direction is given regarding confession of sin?**  
Numbers 5:5-7. "<sup>5</sup>Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>6</sup>Speak to the sons of Israel, "When a man or woman commits any of the sins of mankind, acting unfaithfully against the LORD, and that person is guilty, <sup>7</sup>then he shall confess his sins which he has committed, and he shall make \_\_\_\_\_ in full for his wrong and add to it one-fifth of it, and give *it* to him whom he has wronged.""
11. **Should we pray for others who sin?**  
Daniel 9:20. "Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing \_\_\_\_\_ sin and the sin of \_\_\_\_\_, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God,"
12. **What attitude must we have for God to forgive our sins?**  
Matthew 6:14, 15. "<sup>14</sup>For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>15</sup>But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions."
13. **What was David's attitude regarding forgiveness?**  
Psalm 51:1-4, 10, 11. "<sup>1</sup>Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion \_\_\_\_\_ my transgressions. <sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup>For \_\_\_\_\_, And my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup>Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge. ..."  
"<sup>10</sup>Create in me a \_\_\_\_\_, O God, And renew a \_\_\_\_\_ within me. <sup>11</sup>Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me."

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1. Memorize John 3:16.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” (NASB)

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.
  
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## Lesson 5

## Consecration

**Scriptures** (NASB)

1. **What did Joshua urge the people to do?**  
Joshua 24:15. "If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, \_\_\_\_\_ for yourselves today whom you will serve: ..."
2. **What did Elijah urge the people to do?**  
1 Kings 18:21. "Elijah came near to all the people and said, 'How long *will* you \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_? If the LORD is God, \_\_\_\_\_; but if Baal, follow him.' But the people did not answer him a word."
3. **What is God's part in our choices?**  
Philippians 2:13. "for it is \_\_\_\_\_ who is at work in you, both to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ for *His* good pleasure."
4. **What must we give up to follow Christ?**  
Luke 14:33. "So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not \_\_\_\_\_ all his own possessions."
5. **What did Jesus say about divided loyalties?**  
Matthew 12:30. "He who is not with Me is \_\_\_\_\_; and he who does not gather with Me scatters."
6. **What person did Jesus say was not fit for the kingdom of God?**  
Luke 9:62. "But Jesus said to him, 'No one, after putting his hand to the plow and \_\_\_\_\_, is fit for the kingdom of God.'"
7. **What is God's promise if we seek Him?**  
Jeremiah 29:13. "You will \_\_\_\_\_ Me and \_\_\_\_\_ Me when you search for Me with all your 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 \_\_\_\_\_."
9. **How do those who are fully on God's side feel?**  
Romans 1:16. "For I am \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

10. **How does God evaluate us?**  
1 Samuel 16:7. "... For God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the \_\_\_\_\_, but the LORD looks at the \_\_\_\_\_."
11. **What should direct our actions?**  
Colossians 3:23, 24. "<sup>23</sup>Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than for \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>24</sup>knowing that \_\_\_\_\_ you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve."
12. **What new life do we live?**  
Galatians 2:20. "I have been crucified with Christ; and 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 up 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 will dine with him, and he with Me."
14. **What choice regarding our eternal life do we have?**  
Matthew 16:24-26. "<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must \_\_\_\_\_, and take up his cross and \_\_\_\_\_.  
<sup>25</sup>For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit 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 has found his life will \_\_\_\_\_ it, and he who has lost 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 gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and *began* to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God with \_\_\_\_\_."

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1. Memorize 1 John 1:9.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (NASB)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 6
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 6, that best describes the theme of the chapter.
  
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## Lesson 6

### Faith and Acceptance

**Scriptures** (NASB)

1. **How is faith defined in the Scriptures?**  
Hebrews 11:1. "Now faith is the \_\_\_\_\_ of *things* hoped for, the \_\_\_\_\_ of things not seen."
2. **How does God feel when we lack faith?**  
Hebrews 11:6. "And without faith it is \_\_\_\_\_ to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that \_\_\_\_\_ and *that* He is a \_\_\_\_\_ of those who seek him."
3. **How do we get faith?**  
Romans 10:17. "So faith *comes* from \_\_\_\_\_, and hearing by the \_\_\_\_\_."
4. **What is the condition of faith without corresponding works?**  
James 2:17. "Even so faith, if it has no works, is \_\_\_\_\_, *being* by itself."
5. **What is the contrast between faith and works?**  
James 2:18. "But someone may *well* say, 'You have faith and I have works; show me your faith \_\_\_\_\_ the works, and I will show you my faith \_\_\_\_\_ my works.'"
6. **How does Abraham show that faith and obedience go together?**  
Hebrews 11:8. "By \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham, when he was called, \_\_\_\_\_ by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going."
7. **How does God live His life in us?**  
Ephesians 3:17. "so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through \_\_\_\_\_; ..."
8. **What does Paul urge Timothy to do regarding faith?**  
1 Timothy 6:12. "Fight the good \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; take hold of eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."
9. **How does a follower of God live?**  
Habakkuk 2:4. ". . . but the righteous will live by his \_\_\_\_\_."

10. **What accompanies the exercise of faith?**  
James 1:5-7. "<sup>5</sup>But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup>But he must ask in faith without any \_\_\_\_\_, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup>For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,"
11. **How should the Christian walk?**  
2 Corinthians 5:7. "For we walk by \_\_\_\_\_, not by sight—"
12. **How is the righteousness of the believer described?**  
Philippians 3:9. "and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ which *comes* from God on the basis of \_\_\_\_\_,"
13. **How is a person justified?**  
Romans 5:1, 2. "<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having been justified \_\_\_\_\_, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom also we have obtained our introduction \_\_\_\_\_ into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God."
14. **How do we obtain victory over sin?**  
1 John 5:4. "For whatever is \_\_\_\_\_ overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our \_\_\_\_\_."
15. **What is the goal of faith?**  
1 Peter 1:9. "obtaining as the outcome of your \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of your souls."
17. **To whom does our faith look?**  
Hebrews 12:2. "fixing our eyes on \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

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## Study Guides

### Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize Romans Ephesians 2:8, 9.

“<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.” (NASB)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 7.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 7, that best describes the theme of the chapter.
4. List several key points as you read the chapter.
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## Lesson 7

### The Test of Discipleship

**Scriptures** (NASB)

1. **What two elements are necessary for the plan of salvation?**  
Ephesians 2:8, 9. <sup>8</sup>“For by \_\_\_\_\_ you have been saved through \_\_\_\_\_; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; <sup>9</sup>not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”
2. **What should we do if we love Jesus?**  
John 14:15. “If you love Me, you will keep My \_\_\_\_\_.”
3. **What is the purpose for the law of God?**  
Romans 3:20. “because by the works of the Law no flesh will be \_\_\_\_\_ in His sight; for through the Law *comes* the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”
4. **What did the Apostle John desire?**  
1 John 2:1. “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may \_\_\_\_\_. And if anyone sins, we have an \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;”
5. **What steps did Jesus take in order to save us?**  
Philippians 2:5-8. <sup>5</sup>“Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, although He existed in the form of \_\_\_\_\_, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied Himself, taking the form of a \_\_\_\_\_, and being made in the likeness of \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>8</sup>Being found in appearance as a man, He \_\_\_\_\_ by becoming obedient to the point of \_\_\_\_\_, even the death on a \_\_\_\_\_.”
6. **What is the response of salvation?**  
Romans 10:9. “that if you \_\_\_\_\_ with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and \_\_\_\_\_ in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;”
7. **What does Christ’s righteousness provide?**  
Romans 3:24-26. <sup>24</sup>“being \_\_\_\_\_ as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; <sup>25</sup>whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in his blood through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance God He passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

8. **What is the source of our obedience?**  
Romans 6:17. “But thanks be to God that though *you* were slaves of sin, you became \_\_\_\_\_ to that form of teaching to which you were committed.”
9. **How does one purify the soul?**  
1 Peter 1:22. “Since you have in \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,”
10. **Through whom are we reconciled to God?**  
2 Corinthians 5:18, 19. <sup>18</sup>“Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through \_\_\_\_\_ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup>namely, that \_\_\_\_\_ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”
11. **What did Christ become for us?**  
2 Corinthians 5:21. “He made Him who knew no sin *to be* \_\_\_\_\_ on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”
12. **How has God saved us?**  
Titus 3:5. “He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_,”
13. **To whom is the Holy Spirit given?**  
Acts 5:32. “And we are His witnesses of these things; and so *is* the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who \_\_\_\_\_ him.”
14. **How does God value obedience?**  
1 Samuel 15:22. “Samuel said, ‘Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in \_\_\_\_\_ the voice of the LORD? Behold, to \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ than sacrifice, *And* to \_\_\_\_\_ than the fat of rams.’”



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## Study Guides

### Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:17.

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.” (NASB)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 8.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 8, that best describes the theme of the chapter.

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

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## Lesson 8

### Growing Up into Christ



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### Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize Ephesians 1:7.

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, for forgiveness or our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.” (NASB)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 9.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 9, that best describes the theme of the chapter.
  
4. List several key points as you read the chapter.
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## Lesson 9

### The Work and the Life



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## Study Guides

### Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize Hebrews 4:15.

“For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.” (NASB)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 10.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 10, that best describes the theme of the chapter.
  
4. List several key points as you read the chapter.
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## Lesson 10

### A Knowledge of God

**Scriptures** (NASB)

1. **What should the Christian glory in?**  
Jeremiah 9:24. "but let him who boasts boast of this, that he \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,' declares the LORD."
2. **How do people learn about God?**  
Matthew 11:27. "All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the \_\_\_\_\_ wills to \_\_\_\_\_."
3. **Who did Philip want Jesus to reveal?**  
John 14:8, 9. "Philip said to Him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen \_\_\_\_\_ has seen the \_\_\_\_\_; how can you say, "Show us the Father?"'"
4. **What do God's created works reveal?**  
Psalm 19:1. "The heavens are telling of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; And their expanse is declaring the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."
5. **What reaction do those have who can see God?**  
Revelation 4:10, 11. "the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will \_\_\_\_\_ Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."
6. **Where do we begin?**  
Proverbs 9:10. "The \_\_\_\_\_ is the beginning of wisdom, And the \_\_\_\_\_ is understanding."
7. **How can we understand the invisible things of God?**  
Romans 1:20. "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being \_\_\_\_\_ through what has been \_\_\_\_\_, so that they are without excuse."

8. **What happens to those who see these things but refuse the accept them?**  
Romans 1:22-25. "Professing to be wise, they became \_\_\_\_\_, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. Therefore God \_\_\_\_\_ in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."
9. **What description is given of Jesus?**  
Colossians 2:9. "For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in \_\_\_\_\_;"
10. **Where can one find eternal life?**  
John 17:3. "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ whom You have sent."
11. **What knowledge did the Apostle Paul value most of all?**  
Philippians 3:8. "More than that, I count all things to be \_\_\_\_\_ in view of the surpassing value of \_\_\_\_\_ my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,"
12. **What do those who know God receive?**  
Job 22:21. "Yield now and be at peace with Him; Thereby \_\_\_\_\_ will come to you."
13. **How are some people in the last days described?**  
2 Timothy 3:7. "\_\_\_\_\_ and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."
14. **What principle insures that we will gain a knowledge of the truth?**  
John 7:17. "If anyone is willing to do \_\_\_\_\_, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from myself."

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### Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize Acts 4:12.

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” (NASB)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 11.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 11 that best describes the theme of the chapter.
  
4. List several key points as you read the chapter.
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## Lesson 11

### The Privilege of Prayer

**Scriptures** (NASB)

1. **What should be done before praying for our needs?**  
Matthew 6:33. "But seek first His \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_, and all these things will be added to you."
2. **Our prayers should be asked according to what?**  
1 John 5:14, 15. "<sup>14</sup>This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything \_\_\_\_\_, He hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from him."
3. **What helps God answer our prayers?**  
1 John 3:22. "and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we \_\_\_\_\_ and do the things that are pleasing in His sight."
4. **What were David's times for prayer?**  
Psalm 55:17. "\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and at \_\_\_\_\_, I will complain and murmur, And He will hear my voice."
5. **In whose name should we pray?**  
John 14:13, 14. "<sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in \_\_\_\_\_, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*."
6. **What should our attitude be when we pray?**  
Mark 11:24. "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, \_\_\_\_\_ that you have received them, and they will be *granted* you."
7. **With what steadfastness should we pray?**  
James 1:6, 7. "<sup>6</sup>But he must ask in \_\_\_\_\_ without any \_\_\_\_\_, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup>For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,"
8. **How is praying described, and what are its results?**  
Matthew 7:7, 8. "<sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, and it will be given to you; \_\_\_\_\_, and you will find; \_\_\_\_\_, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks \_\_\_\_\_, and he who seeks \_\_\_\_\_, and to him who knocks it will be \_\_\_\_\_."

9. **What habit did Jesus have regarding prayer?**  
Mark 1:35. "In the early \_\_\_\_\_, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left *the house*, and went away to a \_\_\_\_\_, and was praying there."
10. **What prevents God from hearing our prayers?**  
Psalm 66:18. "If I \_\_\_\_\_ in my heart, The Lord will not hear;"
11. **In most circumstances, what is the proper posture for prayer?**  
Psalm 95:6. "Come, let us worship and \_\_\_\_\_, Let us \_\_\_\_\_ before the LORD our Maker."
12. **What should accompany our prayers?**  
Philippians 4:6. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with \_\_\_\_\_ let your requests be made known to God."
13. **What is included in the prayer for the sick?**  
James 5:14, 15. "<sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? *Then* he must call for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord; <sup>15</sup>and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has \_\_\_\_\_, they will be forgiven him."
14. **What diligence should we show with our prayers?**  
1 Thessalonians 5:17. "pray without \_\_\_\_\_;"
15. **Who should we pray for?**  
1 Timothy 2:1, 2. "<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>2</sup>for \_\_\_\_\_ and all who are in \_\_\_\_\_, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity."
16. **What promise does God make regarding our need?**  
Philippians 4:19. "And my God will supply \_\_\_\_\_ according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."



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### Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize Matthew 16:26.

“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (NASB)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 12.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 12, that best describes the theme of the chapter.
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## Lesson 12

### What to Do with Doubt

**Scriptures** (NASB)

1. **What two types of people come to and go from the truth?**  
John 3:20, 21. “<sup>20</sup>For everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But he who \_\_\_\_\_ comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”
2. **What counsel did Jesus give regarding the light?**  
John 12:35, 36. “<sup>35</sup>So Jesus said to them, ‘For a little while longer the Light is among you. \_\_\_\_\_ while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. <sup>36</sup>While you have the Light, \_\_\_\_\_ in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light.’ These things Jesus spoke, and He went away and hid Himself from them.”
3. **What results from love or hate?**  
1 John 2:10, 11. “<sup>10</sup>The one who \_\_\_\_\_ his brother abides in the \_\_\_\_\_ and there is no cause for stumbling in him. <sup>11</sup>But the one who \_\_\_\_\_ his brother is in the \_\_\_\_\_ and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.”
4. **What warning is given?**  
Hebrews 3:12. “\_\_\_\_\_ , brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, \_\_\_\_\_ heart that falls away from the living God.”
5. **What gives fellowship with other believers?**  
1 John 1:7. “But if we \_\_\_\_\_ as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”
6. **What change to our present condition will be made?**  
1 Corinthians 13:12. “For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as \_\_\_\_\_ have been fully \_\_\_\_\_.”
7. **In whom does the Lord have no pleasure?**  
Hebrews 10:38. “BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; AND IF HE \_\_\_\_\_ , MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.”

8. **What eventually happens to those who doubt the truth?**  
1 John 2:19. “They \_\_\_\_\_ , but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.”
9. **What condition makes understanding truth possible?**  
John 7:17. “If anyone is willing \_\_\_\_\_ , he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or *whether* I speak from myself.”
10. **What is the reason the unrighteous will perish?**  
2 Thessalonians 2:10. “and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the \_\_\_\_\_ so as to be saved.”
11. **What happens to those who choose not to receive the truth?**  
2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12. “<sup>11</sup>For this reason God will send upon them a \_\_\_\_\_ so that they will \_\_\_\_\_ what is \_\_\_\_\_ , <sup>12</sup>in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.”
12. **What restrains our desire to speculate?**  
Deuteronomy 29:29. “The \_\_\_\_\_ belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.”
13. **Why do some have trouble with Paul’s writings?**  
2 Peter 3:16. “as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ distort, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.”
14. **Why will some believers leave the truth?**  
1 Timothy 4:1. “But the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

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### Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize Revelation 3:20.

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with me.” (NASB)

2. *Read Steps to Christ*, Chapter 13.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 13, that best describes the theme of the chapter.
  
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## Lesson 13

### Rejoicing in the Lord

**Scriptures** (NASB)

1. **What accompanies us on the true path of life?**  
Psalm 16:11. "You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is \_\_\_\_\_; In Your right hand there are \_\_\_\_\_ forever."
2. **Why did Jesus share the truth with his disciples?**  
John 15:11. "These things I have spoken to you so that \_\_\_\_\_ may be in you, and *that* \_\_\_\_\_ may be made \_\_\_\_\_."
3. **What should we do when trouble comes?**  
1 Peter 4:12, 13. "<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; <sup>13</sup>but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on \_\_\_\_\_, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_."
4. **How often should we be thankful?**  
Ephesians 5:20. "\_\_\_\_\_ giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to God, even the Father;"
5. **How much should we be thankful for?**  
1 Thessalonians 5:18. "in \_\_\_\_\_ give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
6. **What is the outcome of all our problems?**  
Romans 8:28. "And we know that God causes \_\_\_\_\_ to work together for \_\_\_\_\_ to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose."
7. **What should fill our lives?**  
Romans 15:13. "Now may the God of hope fill you with all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in believing, so that you will abound in \_\_\_\_\_ by the power of the Holy Spirit."
8. **What promise of help do we have with our trials?**  
1 Corinthians 10:13. "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the \_\_\_\_\_, so that you will be able to \_\_\_\_\_."

9. **How is the second coming referred to?**  
Titus 2:13. "looking for the \_\_\_\_\_ and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,"
10. **What should we not cast away?**  
Hebrews 10:35. "Therefore, do not throw away \_\_\_\_\_, which has a great reward."
11. **What responsibility did the Apostles feel?**  
1 Corinthians 4:9. "For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, both to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_."
12. **What confidence did Job have in God's leading?**  
Job 23:10. "But He knows the way I take; *When* He has tried me, I shall \_\_\_\_\_."
13. **What are those who offer praise to God doing?**  
Psalm 50:23. "He who offers a sacrifice of \_\_\_\_\_ honors Me; And to him who orders *his* way *aright* I shall show the salvation of God."
14. **What should we combine with prayer?**  
Colossians 4:2. "Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of* \_\_\_\_\_;"
15. **What is the strength of the Christian?**  
Nehemiah 8:10. "Then he said to them, 'Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the \_\_\_\_\_ is your strength.'"
16. **What is God's secret for perfect peace?**  
Isaiah 26:3. "You will keep *him* in \_\_\_\_\_, *Whose* mind *is* stayed on You, Because he trusts in You."
17. **What is the fruit of the Spirit?**  
Galatians 5:22, 23. "<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."