

ANSWERS: *Disciple of Christ Study: Lesson 8 Holy is the Lord*

Purpose of study: *Live life as a disciple of Christ and intentionally make disciples for the glory of the triune God. A disciple is a “student” or “follower” who learns, studies, and acts in accordance to the teachings of Christ, the Master.*

Lesson 8: Holy is the Lord (Day One) *God is Holy*

1. How would it affect your trust in God if He did not mind telling a few “white” lies or bending the truth sometimes?

Personal Answer, but along these lines: It would be difficult to trust God if He were not absolutely honest at all times. A person would not know what to believe about God or the Bible.

2. Would you like to fall down and worship God if He were selfish, cynical or bitter?
Yes No (Circle One) Explain your answer:

Personal Answer, but obviously no. He would cease being a good and perfect God and become a being that no one could rely on to do the right things. We would question if He cared about His creation and if He had our best interests at heart. These are not the characteristics or attributes that illicit worship.

From the Lesson 8: God is truthful, perfectly good, merciful and compassionate. He is gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. Therefore we can trust God and rest in His word.

Definition: Holiness is a divine attribute of God. It means that He is set apart from all that is impure or morally wrong. He is perfect and deserves adoration and reverence. Holiness is also used to describe persons, places and things which have been set apart by God and used for His purposes.

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5

3. Read 1 John 1:5. Why should the fact that God is light (holy) and in Him there is no darkness (sin), cause your mouth to open in praise and thanksgiving?

Personal Answer, but simply we can trust God and His word. The Bible tells us that God is perfectly good and all that He does is right. There is not even a hint of wrongdoing or sin (darkness) in God. The Bible also tells us that He loves us and has our best interests at heart.

4. Suppose you owned a successful business. It provided a useful service for customers and jobs for many employees. Customers were happy and so were the employees who earned a good wage. You had designed your business to be a good and peaceful place to work. You set up rules to assure the workplace would remain that way. One day, you discovered that one of the employees was breaking your rules, stealing from the business, harassing (troubling) other workers and speaking badly about you and others. What would you do?

Personal Answer, but you would quickly get him or her out of your company so as not to harm the others and their livelihood. Truly it would be disastrous to keep someone of that nature in your employ. CLI Discipler: Your disciple's answer might include his desire to first try to help that employee to see the error of his ways and turn to God. That is fine, although it is not the point of the illustration.

CLI Discipler: These are Scriptures and notes from Lesson 8 for your reference.

“Later development in Israel’s history gave an expanded meaning to *torah*. By New Testament times *torah* meant not only the Old Testament Scriptures (the written Law), but also the oral law (unwritten law) of Israel as well. The religious leaders developed in applying the written Law to new life situations. This oral law is sometimes referred to as “the tradition of the elders” in the New Testament (compare Matthew 15:2; Mark 7:5; Galatians 1:14).”¹

"Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!" Matthew 15:2

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?" Mark 7:5

I was advancing in Judaism beyond many Jews of my own age and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. Galatians 1:14

Read Deuteronomy 11:26-28 and answer questions 5-8:

See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse--²⁷ the blessing if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today;²⁸ the curse if you disobey the commands of the LORD your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known. Deuteronomy 11:26-28

5. What did God say would happen if the Israelites obeyed His commands (v. 27)?

They would be blessed.

¹ Butler, Trent C., Holman Bible Dictionary, p.866.

6. How would you define a blessing (v. 27)?

Answer from Lesson 8: God's blessing on humankind begins with His felt presence. A blessing from God means that He is near and has not withdrawn His presence. We may know God is close when He meets our physical and emotional needs. Through His blessing, we experience God's goodness. (This can be summarized for your Disciple's answer.)

Also from Lesson 8: As a believer and disciple of Christ, we are assured of God's continual blessing as His Spirit, Christ's Spirit, lives within us. We have faith, no matter the circumstance, He with us. God works out all things for our good, molding us into the image of His Son (Romans 8:28-29). And that is truly a blessed life!

7. What did God say would happen if the Israelites disobeyed His commands (v. 28)?

They would be cursed.

8. How would you define a curse (v. 28)?

Answer from Lesson 8: Humans curse others by asking God or false gods to send injury or catastrophe to them. When God pronounces a curse, it is a condemnation of sin. He is judging sin. He might also state the consequences and suffering that one might suffer as a result of a particular sin or sin in general. (This can be summarized for your Disciple's answer.)

Also from Lesson 8: Our sins are a direct assault on God's holiness. If we do not grasp the importance of holiness, we might miss the gravity of our wrongful actions. We need to understand God's holiness in order to understand why Jesus had to die for our sins and the incredible beauty of being "in Christ."

Read Leviticus, chapters 17-26 and answer questions 9-13:

9. Why do you think biblical scholars have named these chapters the holiness codes?

The simple answer is that the word holy is repeated so many times and Leviticus was a law (code) book for the Israelites.

Moses, who wrote the book of Leviticus, was careful to show and reiterate that God is holy and that the Israelites must obey God's law in all parts of life in order to be holy.

10. Choose and list the key verse in these chapters that summarize the main thought.

"Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.'" Leviticus 19:2

We are to be holy, sanctified and set apart because God, our creator and Father, is holy. We are made in His image and are to emulate (copy, follow) God. (CLI Discipler: You may consider other verses and other thoughts)

11. What did God say or impress upon you as you were reading the holiness codes?

Personal Answer. CLI Discipler: Please make appropriate and encouraging comments to their answer.

12. Mediate on Leviticus 17:11 and memorize it. Write it from memory;

For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life. Leviticus 17:11

“Atonement, meaning reconciliation, was associated with sacrificial offerings to remove the effects of sin and in the New Testament, refers specifically to the reconciliation between God and humanity effected by the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.”²

13. Whose blood made atonement for your life and makes you holy?

Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Lesson 8: Holy is the Lord (Day Two) *Righteous is the LORD*

Righteous are you, O LORD, and your laws are right. Psalm 119:137

14. Read Psalm 119:137. Whose laws are right (correct and true)?

The Lord's

Definition: The Hebrew word that we translate righteous in English is *tsaddiyq* (צַדִּיק). It is the standard for what is correct and just. *Tsaddiyq* also means doing what is ethically right and administering justice and punishment.³ The Bible tells us that it is not right for the guilty to go unpunished (Nahum 1:3).

Read Psalm 145:17. Answer questions 15–18:

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made. Psalm 145:17

15. Who is righteous?

The Lord

16. In what ways is the LORD righteous?

At all times and in all ways.

² Holman Bible Dictionary

³ Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew & English Lexicon, p. 841

17. Who is the LORD righteous and loving toward?

Toward all he has made.

18. Write a definition of righteous in your own words:

Personal Answer. But something in the way of not doing wrong, but doing what is correct and just. It is being morally perfect and separate from all defilement (corruption).

There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins.
Ecclesiastes 7:20

19. Read Ecclesiastes 7:20. Is there or has there ever been a righteous human being on earth who has never sinned? Yes **No** Maybe (Circle One)

From Lesson 8: Remember: Jesus was not *just* a human being. He was fully man *and* fully God. Therefore Ecclesiastes is not referring to Jesus but to mankind. Although Jesus was tempted and could have sinned in His human nature, He never did (Matthew 4:1-11 and Hebrews 4:15).

Read 1 Corinthians 1:30-31 and answer questions 20-24:

It is because of him (God) that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God-- that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.³¹ Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:30-31 (Parenthesis by author for clarification)

20. How do we get our right and holy standing before God (v. 30)?

Being in Christ Jesus. That is trusting in Him for our salvation and living in Him.

21. Can you take credit for your own salvation or anyone else's (v. 30a)? Yes **No** (Circle One)

22. Who should get credit for a person's being in Christ Jesus (v. 30a)?

God

Definition: To boast is to take pride in something impressive that someone has or has done.

23. What is the only proper way to boast?

In the Lord. We should only take pride in the Lord and what He has done for us.

From Lesson 8: We cannot brag on anyone or anything, including ourselves. Everything good comes from God and it is He who deserves the credit. He has given us the most precious gift in the universe: His Son, Jesus Christ.

24. Write your own boast in the Lord:

Personal Answer. CLI Discipuler: Please make appropriate and encouraging comments to their answer.

Lesson 8: Holy is the Lord (Day Three) *Unrighteousness*

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. Romans 1:18-19

25. According to Romans 1:18-19 what is plain to all men and women, even those who suppress the truth (v. 19a)? Why is knowledge about God plain(v. 19b)?

(a.) What may be known about God is plain to them

(b.) Because God has made it plain to them.

Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.
Romans 1:32

26. Read Romans 1:32. What do people who do not follow God's righteous decree deserve?

They deserve death.

Definition: Wrath is the emotional response to perceived wrong and injustice. It includes adjectives such as anger, fury, rage, irritation and indignation. The wrath of God is the righteous response to sin and injustice and it should be viewed with fear and dread.

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Ephesians 5:6

27. Read Ephesians 5:6. What is God's righteous response to those who are disobedient?

Wrath

Read Romans 5:8-10 and answer questions 28-29:

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
⁹ *Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!* Romans 5:8-9

28. How does God demonstrate His love for us (v. 8)?

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

29. How are we saved from God's wrath (v. 9)?

Through the blood of Jesus Christ.

"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." Matthew 25:46

30. Read Matthew 25:46. Where will the unrighteous go? But where will the righteous go?

The unrighteous will go away to eternal punishment; the righteous to eternal life.

Read John 16:8-11 and answer questions 31-33:

*When he (Counselor, Holy Spirit) comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:⁹ in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me;¹⁰ in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;¹¹ and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. John 16:8-11
(Parenthesis by author for clarification)*

31. Who convicts the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment (v. 8)?

The Holy Spirit.

32. Who is the prince of this world that now stands condemned (v. 11)?

Satan or the devil.

33. What people will be judged in regard to their sin (v. 9)?

Men (humans) who do not believe in Jesus.

CLI Discipled, additional notes if needed:

All people will be judged for their sin. All of us are law breakers. We enter this world, indeed we are conceived in sin (Psalm 51:5). We inherited sin and our sin nature from Adam and Eve who disobeyed God and broke His law by eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:16-17, Romans 3:23, 5:12-21). This was man's first betrayal but it was not his last.

Psalm 51:5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 5:12-21 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned--¹³ for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law.¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!¹⁶ Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.¹⁸ Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.²⁰ The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power¹⁰ on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you. 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10

34. Review this day's lesson and read 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10. Why must God punish sin?

Personal Answer but here are some thoughts to help your Learner, if he or she struggles with this question:

God is holy, honorable, fair and impartial in all of his dealings and actions towards mankind. He is consistently righteous and His laws are perfect. For justice to prevail, men and women must be made to conform to His moral rightness in conduct and attitude. If we fail to live up to God's standards, God must judge us and hold us accountable. If He let the guilty go unpunished, He would not live up to His just and honorable character. He would be weak and ineffective in ruling and ordering the universe. (And of course, God gave us His Son to pay for our sins so we would not have to be punished with everlasting destruction)

35. How would you answer someone who said they did not think God was good or fair?

Personal Answer but here are some thoughts to help your Learner, if he or she struggles with this question:

God is good all the time even though bad things happen. We live in a fallen world because of Adam and Eve's sin. Satan causes a lot of harm and so do sinful humans. When Jesus returns, all sinners and those who have caused death and pain will be judged (if living outside of Christ)

and punished eternally. We do not totally understand how God works, as His ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8-9).

However, Christ, the Son of God, suffered greatly for us and will help all who seek Him through their suffering. The time of suffering on earth is short compared to an eternity of glorification and bliss. Also I do not think it is fair to God that Jesus had to die for our sins. He did exponentially more for us than we deserve!

36. Have you ever been betrayed by a family member or close friend? How did it feel?

Personal Answer

Question 35 might have reminded you of a person that has or is still sinning against you. You might be thinking about the nasty betrayal; the lies, deceit, rejection and misery. That is just a tiny glimpse of our unfaithfulness to our Maker. We are guilty of ultimate betrayal. Yet, God in the flesh, was willing to die for us. He accepted our treason into His body on a cross. He made atonement for our life (Leviticus 17:11) and died for the wretched and the unworthy. He died for you and me.

The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.
Genesis 6:6

37. Read Genesis 6:6. What does the LORD experience when man betrays or sins against Him?

Grief; His heart is filled with pain.

38. How might God be using an earthly experience of betrayal to impress upon you a spiritual truth or lesson?

Personal Answer

39. How has your own sin and betrayal towards God caused Him grief and pain?

Personal Answer

40. How has God forgiven you and restored you to a holy and joyful relationship?

Personal Answer but all based and centered on Christ and His work on the cross.

Lesson 8: Holy is the Lord (Day Four) Holy Power

Definition: Power is defined in three ways. *First*, it is the ability or capacity to do something or act in a particular way; *second*, it means to direct or influence the behavior of others or events; and *third*, power is the ability to exert physical strength or force by something or someone.

The Greek word *dunamis* (δύναμις,) is translated power in most English translations. In addition to meaning power, it also means strength; miracle, miracle worker, supernatural power(s), the power of God; ability, capacity, means and significance.

and sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb: "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. ⁴ Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed." Revelation 15:3-4

41. Read Revelation 15:3-4. Join God's holy angels in praising Him through this song and write out one sentence of praise:

Personal sentence of praise. CLI Discipler, if appropriate, join your Disciple in praise and comment that you have praised God with him or her.

Read Luke 1:35 and answer questions 42-44:

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you (Mary), and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." Luke 1:35 (Parenthesis by author for clarification)

Definition: Overshadow means to cast a shadow over or fall upon.

42. Who is the angel Gabriel talking to?

Mary

43. How was Jesus, the Son of God, conceived in Mary's womb?

The Holy Spirit came upon Mary, and the power of the Most High overshadowed her.

44. Why do you think Gabriel referred to Jesus as the holy one?

Jesus is the Son of God, set apart and holy. He is holy like God, the Father.

Read Acts 10:38 and answer questions 45-48:

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. Acts 10:38 (anoint - set apart and empowered)

45. In what way did God anoint Jesus?

With the Holy Spirit and power.

46. What did Jesus do with His anointing of the Holy Spirit and power?

He went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil.

47. Who was with Jesus?

God was with him.

48. Who is with you and what will you do with your anointing of the Holy Spirit and power (Reference: Acts 1:5, 8 and 2 Corinthians 1:20-22)?

Personal Answer. CLI Discippler, please make encouraging comments.

Reference verses:

Acts 1:5 "For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

2 Corinthians 1:20 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.²¹ Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us,²² set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Read Ephesians 3:16-19 and answer questions 49-52:

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:16-19

49. The apostle Paul is praying for the saints at Ephesus. How does he ask God the Father to strengthen them (v. 16)?

With power through God's Spirit in their inner being.

50. What is the reason Paul is praying for the Ephesians to be strengthened with power through God's Spirit in their inner being (mind and will) (v. 17)?

So that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith.

51. What does Paul pray in vs. 18-19?

They may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-- that they may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

52. Your CLI discipler will pray Ephesians 3:16-19 for you. Please pray it for the men or women that you are discipling. How is this an effective prayer for power?

Personal prayer and answer. It is an effective prayer for power because we are asking God for the source of our power (Jesus Christ) to live in our hearts through faith. Also asking to be filled with the fullness of God.

Lesson 8: Holy is the Lord (Day Five) *Be Holy*

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:15-16

53. Read 1 Peter 1:15-16. What does it mean for *you* to be holy?

Personal Answer but should include Jesus in their answer or example.

God is separated and set apart from the common sphere. He is pure and perfect. He gave us His Son as a perfect example, and we should strive to be like Him.

Read Hebrews 2:9-11 and answer questions 54-57:

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. Hebrews 2:9-11

54. Who is crowned with glory and honor because He suffered death so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone (v. 9)?

Jesus

55. Who is the author of our salvation (v. 10)?

Jesus

56. Who makes men and women holy (v. 11)?

Jesus

57. Is Jesus ashamed to call you brother or sister (v. 11)? Yes No Maybe (Circle One) Explain your answer:

Hopefully the answer is No because they trust and follow Jesus in holiness.

CLI Disciple, if another answer is given, you may need to explore where your Disciple is spiritually. Such as need assurance of salvation, need to be saved, is living in a known sin or being disobedient in some way. Pray for discernment and the right words. Goal is always loving restoration.

Read Colossians 1:22-23 and answer questions 58-60:

But now he (God) has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation--²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. Colossians 1:22-23 (Parenthesis by author for clarification)

Definition: Reconcile means to restore friendship or harmony between two parties.

Definition: Free from accusation means without fault or wrongdoing.

58. How are you presented holy, pure and free from accusation in God's sight?

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Or as the verse states: *God has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation*

59. What is the condition for being presented before God holy, pure and without fault (v. 23a)?

If you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel

60. How does one continue in his or her faith? (References Hebrews 12:1-3 and 2 Peter 1:3-11)

Fix our eyes on Jesus, throw off anything that hinders our walk, cling to God's promises and persevere. Also can look to other holy saints for encouragement. May be other answers like praying and reading the Bible.

References:

Hebrews 12:1-3 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.² Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

2 Peter 1:3-11 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;⁷ and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁹ But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.¹⁰ Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall,¹¹ and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

61. What are you doing to become a servant of the gospel like the apostle Paul (v. 23c)

Personal Answer

Read 2 Corinthians 7:1 and answer questions 62-63:

Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

2 Corinthians 7:1 (Contaminate - make impure; corrupt)

62. Examine your own heart. Are there things that you are doing or thinking that are contaminating your body and spirit? How can your CLI Discipler pray for you in this regard?

Personal Answer. CLI Discipler, please comment and pray for your Disciple per his or her request as the Lord leads.

63. Why do we want to perfect holiness?

Out of reverence (respect, fear) for God.

Read Esther 4:12-14 and answer questions 64-68:

When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai,¹³ he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape.¹⁴ For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" Esther 4:12-14

64. Can anyone ever attain a position of power, wealth or social standing that insulates (protects) them from world or disastrous events (v. 13)? Yes **No** (Circle One)

65. What does Mordecai believe about God's ability to save (v. 14a)?

He believes God's plans and ability to save will not be thwarted. God is sovereign with full power and authority to save and deliver.

66. What might happen if Esther does not risk her life and go before the king (v.14b)?

She and her father's family will perish.

67. Write Mordecai's words that encourage Esther in her unique calling (v. 14c):

"And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

68. How is God uniquely calling you?

Personal Answer

Read Esther 4:15-17 and answer questions 69-71:

Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai:¹⁶ "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."¹⁷ So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther's instructions. Esther 4:15-17

69. How does Esther rely or depend on God (v.16)?

She calls for a fast that includes herself and the Jews. Fasting was always accompanied by prayer and seeking God even if the reason for fasting varied.

70. As Esther accepts her holy calling, how is her attitude and character transformed?

First, she becomes a bold leader. Instead of taking direction from Mordecai, she now commands him and the Jews. Second, she is willing to die for God's call on her life. She says, *And if I perish, I perish.*

71. What has to change in you as you accept your holy calling?

Personal Answer

Read 2 Timothy 2:20 and answer questions 72-73:

In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble.²¹ If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work. 2 Timothy 2:20-21 (Noble - righteous and good; ignoble - unrighteous and immoral)

72. How can you prepare yourself to be an instrument for noble purposes (v. 21)?

Personal Answer, but having to do with cleansing oneself (confessing and repenting) of one's sin.

73. How can you prepare yourself for good works (v. 21)?

Personal Answer, but having to do with cleansing oneself (confessing and repenting) of one's sin.

The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp.¹² And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.¹³ Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. Hebrews 13:11-13 (Disgrace - shame, abuse and insult)

74. Read Hebrews 13:11-13. Now that you have been made holy through Christ's blood, how are you bearing the disgrace He bore?

First part of the answer is by trusting Jesus as Savior and Lord we have been made holy. The Second part is a personal answer, but having to do with one's willingness to be disgraced by turning unambiguously from the world to Christ. (Paul was saying that the readers would be willing to be disgraced by turning from Judaism to Christ)

75. How are your disciples (learners) progressing in their relationship with Christ?

This should be a status report of your Disciple's Learners (disciples). Give directions and comments as needed. Encourage!

****End Lesson 8 Answers****

CLI Discipler,

We praise God for you and how you are helping His saints! Be strong and encouraged for God is using you to increase His kingdom in the name of Jesus Christ. Your work and the love you have shown will be remembered. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, Kathleen and The CLI Staff

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. Hebrews 6:10

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