

# TO HELP YOU LEARN

## A N S W E R S

The correct answers for the *To Help You Learn* pages at the end of each lesson are provided here. Please compare the answer you wrote with these correct answers.

### LESSON 1

#### PART A

1. wealth
2. destructive
3. desperate
4. horrors
5. free

#### PART B

1. They help us find meaning in a chaos-filled world. We look to a higher power or force to give us a sense of purpose and explain our existence. We develop these traditions to give structure to our beliefs and have a more orderly existence
2. They are commodities. Relationships are formed only with those who can provide wealth, power, and fame. The poor and disenfranchised are devalued, ignored, and even abused.
3. The Holocaust and abortion, to name a couple, but you may add other examples from history.
4. Because of an unhealthy fixation on possessing more and being more. The materialist is never satisfied, never content, always seeking something “better.” Thus, the stress of a materialistic life is tremendous, and relationships are based entirely on superficial matters.
5. The Lord Jesus Christ

## LESSON 2

### PART A

1. self-destruction
2. biblical history
3. state of mind
4. limit, standard
5. less

### PART B

1. Scripture says men become “lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God” (2 Timothy 3:2–4). It also tells us we pierce ourselves through with “many sorrows” (1 Timothy 6:10). It leads to self-destruction and ugliness.
2. Lucifer was banished from heaven. Adam and Eve were banished from the Garden of Eden.
3. It is a state of mind, not a matter of what is in our bank account. Even the poor can be overtaken by greed and covetousness, especially when there is a great divide between the haves and the have-nots. When people are overtaken by envy, no matter their social or financial status, they are consumed by the urge to attain more than they have.
4. It could be in the ways we try to compete with our neighbors—the perfectly manicured lawn, the nice car, the way we dress, the size of our homes. It could also be in the way we treat others as we seek to be the best and have the most.
5. It is vain and unprofitable.

## LESSON 3

### PART A

1. gain, bribes
2. worship
3. character
4. equal
5. poor, needy, unfulfilled

### PART B

1. They are the work of our hands, with all the right features, but they do not function. They are empty and lifeless, and we become like them.
2. A treasure that will not wither away like our earthly treasures—everlasting life, oneness with God, peace and contentment in this life that surpasses all understanding, the fulfillment we have searched for our whole lives.
3. Even though he was a rich and powerful man, his enemies and trouble were too great and numerous for him to handle through worldly means. He wisely looked to the Creator to protect him and give him strength rather than relying on his own power.
4. Basically, every “good thing.” Satisfaction. Getting to drink from the “river of your delights” (Psalm 36:8). When we delight in God’s commandments, our descendants will be “mighty.” Davis says, “Wealth and riches will be in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.”
5. It leaves us feeling unfulfilled and empty, “grasping for the wind.” We cannot take it with us. As we entered this world, so we leave it, naked and penniless.

## LESSON 4

### PART A

1. God
2. important
3. treasure
4. stewards
5. evil

### PART B

1. Sell all we have, take up our cross, and follow Him.
2. He provides in abundance for the birds and the flowers.  
We are vastly more important to Him, so we can trust that whatever God does for them, He will do all the more for us.
3. Treasures in heaven, the blessings of God's kingdom in our lives on earth.
4. We can end up in debt, thus incurring a host of new money problems.
5. We will go to measures as desperate as those we use to maintain and attain wealth, often using illegal means to make overdrafts and pay creditors. Thus, we are just as fixated on money as the rich and powerful.

## LESSON 5

### PART A

1. please
2. blessed
3. obedience
4. sacrificial
5. faith

**PART B**

1. We are blessed abundantly in return, as if receiving returns on investing in His kingdom. We also experience holiness and peace in our lives.
2. No. God looks at the heart. The value of the gift depends on the motivations of our heart, on whether we give sacrificially and cheerfully or whether we just go through the motions of giving.
3. Think about people you have observed giving sacrificially of themselves or their money. Perhaps you have given in this way, or maybe you have been the recipient of such a gift. Examples could also come from news stories.
4. We live in a fallen, sinful world, so the poor, lowly, and broken-hearted will always be among us. Only the Lord can heal the sickness that resides at the heart of the world's problems. We reveal His true loving nature through our own giving, which is why we are to do it joyfully and without ceasing.
5. We must first give our lives to Him and trust Him to provide for our cares and needs. He will bless our faith and we can turn away from dependence on material things, focus on Him, and give joyfully from sacrificial hearts.

**LESSON 6**

**PART A**

1. inheritance
2. sins
3. pressing
4. promises
5. forsake, abandon

**PART B**

1. It is a life of peace, of freedom from attachment to wealth and material prosperity, a life of fellowship with God, the Creator of the universe.
2. We should be comforted by this knowledge. He knows our fears and can sympathize with our pain. Not only does He know exactly what we are up against in this world, He has the power to conquer all our foes.
3. We must only call on Him and believe He will hear and answer our concerns.
4. Power, authority, and a steady guide through the wilderness of our lives.
5. Answer this question from your own experience. Do not be afraid to call on God and request others to pray for you.

**LESSON 7**

**PART A**

1. people, people
2. actions
3. evangelical
4. money
5. false, misdirected

**PART B**

1. It usually arises when we compare ourselves to others. Perhaps some wear fancy jewelry and clothing and make an elaborate show of their wealth while ignoring people in need. Or perhaps we see some in the congregation looking at the visibly well-off with bitterness and jealousy. People often demonstrate their greed and envy in the way they treat others.

2. The merciful, compassionate love of Jesus Christ, as He first loved us
3. Often we bring our love of money into the worship setting with us. The world tempts us with materialism, and we give in to it in subtle ways that manifest themselves even in the Lord's house.
4. Not always. Looks can be deceiving.
5. Answer this question in light of all we have discussed so far and what you know about Jesus from personal experience.

## **LESSON 8**

### **PART A**

1. perfect, sinless
2. Word
3. nothing
4. community
5. calm

### **PART B**

1. Yes. Some good places to look in Scripture are the Gospels and Paul's letters to the Romans and Corinthians. David also attested to these truths in his psalms.
2. Review Psalm 33:10 and 16:1–17:10 to answer this question. You may also provide other examples. The Old Testament records many instances when God rebuked and punished His people to turn them back to Him. We may also attest to the fear and disillusionment we experience when we turn from Him.
3. No. Most of the broken and hurting people who need Christ's love already know they are lost. Rebuking them brings them no closer to Him. Instead, we are to love them

unconditionally, as Christ loves us, and in so doing bring them closer to Him.

4. Answer this question honestly from your own experience.
5. Answer this question based on your personal experience. Read some of the encouraging Scripture we have discussed to remind yourself of God's blessings.