

Answers to Self-Tests

Lesson 1

- 1 a) Mary borrowed a bicycle from her friend. Her friend asked her to be sure to keep it inside at night. Mary does so.
- 2 a) Exodus 19:5.
c) 1 Peter 2:9-10.
- 3 b) An owner can keep others from using what is his.
- 4 d) Hebrews 1:2.
- 5 Statement a) is NOT a possibility because the passages in Acts 2 and 4 don't tell us that this is what happened. So there is no way this particular conclusion would be drawn in the first place. The correct answer is b) *They make a false assumption: Because the disciples had all things in common, they considered the Christian community to be the owner.* The people who make this false assumption confuse what the disciples *did* with what they *thought*, as the lesson points out.
- 6 c) Psalm 100:3.
d) Titus 2:14.
- 7 d) God, because He didn't receive anything from anyone else.
- 8 b) Matthew 22:21.
c) 1 Thessalonians 5:18.
- 9 a) False.
b) True.
c) False.
d) True.
- 10 Statements a) and c) express things that you should understand or know. These are good. However, statement b) describes two things you will actually do if you apply the truth to your life. The correct answer is b). *I allow God to direct my life as He chooses, and I accept His will for me.*

Lesson 2

- 1 c) must follow the wishes of the owner.
- 2 a) True.
b) False.
c) False.
d) True.
- 3 b) His heavenly Father.
- 4 a) He manages the owner's goods so that they prosper.
- 5 c) 1 Corinthians 4:1-2.
- 6 a) 1) To follow instructions.
b) 4) To give account.
c) 3) To make investments.
d) 3) To make investments.
e) 2) To seek guidance.
- 7 a) Matthew 25:14-23.
- 8 Answer a) would NOT be a good thing to do. It is true that everyone will have to give account, but this fact is not directly related to the person's mistaken opinion. Answer b) is the best. If you did this, you would help the person to discover what the Bible teaches about what he has to invest. The right answer, then, is b) *Show him from the Bible that even his soul and his time are valuable possessions. Read to him the verses that say*

that every person has a gift from God that he can invest for him.

Lesson 3

- 1 a) God begins to make us like Jesus, sometimes allowing trials and suffering to prepare us to do His will. (Statement b) expresses better God's call as related to eternity and statement c) as related to our birth.)
- 2 b) Show him people in the Bible, such as David and Moses . . . (This answer would be the best because the Bible shows us that God used men who had human weaknesses and failings.)
- 3 b) Continue to wait on the Lord. (Answer a) would not be correct because the Bible gives us general suggestions, not specific personal directions. Answer c) would not be right either, because perhaps God does have another plan for you.)
- 4 c) needed to become a man God could use.

- 5 b) God plans for me to be like Jesus. So I in turn make plans to live the kind of life that will be a blessing to others.
- 6 a) 2) Priorities.
- b) 3) Plans.
- c) 2) Priorities.
- d) 1) Goals.
- 7 b) First Mary sees how much cloth she has or can afford to buy (The plan in answer a) does not follow the strategy given in the lesson. Mary should describe her actual situation first—that is, how much cloth she has or can afford to buy—before she decides how many clothes she will make or tells the family what she is going to do.)
- 8 b) Show him that from the beginning God planned for man to work (Statement a) would not be the best. Genesis 2:15 does NOT say that man has to work because he sinned.)
- 2 b) We need to avoid conversations that suggest evil ideas . . . would be the correct answer. If we allow ourselves to listen to evil conversations, we are feeding our minds with bad thoughts.
- 3 b) it makes him or her a better steward for the Lord.
- 4 a) George. Tom, on the other hand, is making no effort to really say something that has meaning.
- 5 c) Matthew 6:7.
- 6 a) False.
- b) True.
- c) False.
- 7 d) Hebrews 5:11-14. These Bible verses show the most clearly that a new Christian needs to develop in his ability to understand the truths of God.
- 8 a) 2) Avoid evil.
- b) 4) Do good.
- c) 1) Obey God.
- d) 3) Choose the right.
- e) 4) Do good.

Lesson 4

- 1 c) overcome evil thoughts.

- 9 a** False.
b False.
c True.

Your answers may be different from the ones I have given. That is all right. All of the examples, though, do show ways in which our wills can be used the way God wants.

- 10 b)** have a deep concern for the unsaved.

Lesson 5

- 1 a)** is no longer under the power of sin.
2 a) Exodus 15:26.
c) Isaiah 40:29, 31.
d) Matthew 6:31-33.
f) 1 Corinthians 6:13.
3 c) several different kinds of food.
4 a False.
b False.
c True.
5 b) pleasing God. (This is the principle we see shown in Genesis 3:7, 21).
6 a) Pleasing God: Genesis 3:7, 21
b) Distinction: Deuteronomy 22:5; 1 Corinthians 11:2-15.
c) Simplicity: Luke 16:19; 1 Timothy 2:9; 1 Peter 3:3; James 2:2.

- d)** Modesty: 1 Corinthians 6:13; 10:31-32; 1 Timothy 2:9.
e) Propriety: Exodus 3:5; 1 Corinthians 11:13.
 (The Bible verses on each line do not have to be in the same order as I have given. They should be listed beside the same principles, though.)

Lesson 6

- 1 a)** use all his time well so as to give a good account.
2 d) we cannot buy more nor sell ours.
3 a 2) Time for others.
b 1) Time for God.
c 2) Time for others.
d 1) Time for God.
e 2) Time for others.
f 3) Time for yourself.
g 3) Time for yourself.
h 2) Time for others.
4 a 2) Have a daily schedule.
b 1) Keep an appointment book.
c 3) Make a list of things to do.
d 3) Make a list of things to do.
e 1) Keep an appointment book.

- 5 a)** a person's talents are actually owned by God, and he must tell God how he has used them.
- 6 c)** learn about teaching and practice what she learns. Answer a) would not be correct because Jane already knows what ability she has. Answer b) would not be right either—it is really the opposite of investing.

Lesson 7

- 1 c)** The things we do for others add up to our riches in heaven.
- e)** A person who gathers and keeps riches for himself is acting in a senseless manner.
- 2 a** 1) Greed.
b 1) Greed.
c 2) Worry.
d 2) Worry.
- 3 b)** Susan.
- 4 a** Matthew 25:14-30.
b Luke 10:7;
 2 Thessalonians 3:12
c Exodus 20:15;
 Ephesians 4:28.
d 2 Thessalonians 3:10.
e Genesis 12:5; 26:12;
 Job 1:1-3; 41:42.

- 5 c)** buy only as many pieces at a time as they can pay cash for.
- 6 b)** avoiding debts.

Lesson 8

- 1 a** False.
b True.
c False.
d True.
- 2 a** 2) Husband.
b 4) Children.
c 1) Married couple.
d 3) Wife.
e 5) Parents.
f 1) Married couple.
g 2) Husband.
- 3 c)** husband and father.
- 4 a** 1) To give an example of hospitality.
b 1) To give an example of hospitality.
c 3) To show that Christians are asked to be hospitable.
d 3) To show that hospitality is listed as a characteristic of a Christian worker.
e 2) To show that hospitality is listed as a characteristic of a Christian worker.

Lesson 9

- 1 a** 2) We are stewards of the gospel.
- b** 4) We need to preach the gospel.
- c** 3) We have to know the gospel.
- d** 3) We have to know the gospel.
- e** 1) God is the owner of the gospel.
- f** 2) We are stewards of the gospel.
- g** 1) God is the owner of the gospel.

2 Your answer. Have you included activities related to those found in each of the four categories of the church's activities.

3 Your answer should include the six truths and the Bible verses that illustrate them given in study question 7.

4 Your answer should include the following major steps (they don't necessarily have to be in the same exact order): a) Teach the believers about God's financial plan; b) Have the believers choose a financial committee and

a treasurer; c) Explain to the financial committee and the treasurer what their responsibilities are; d) See that the necessary account books are used and the funds faithfully invested and accounted for; and e) Have the financial or budget committee design a budget and follow it when it is approved.

Lesson 10

1 b) Matthew 5:13-16.

2 Your answer. You might include such things as living godly lives, finding ways of advertising the church through campaigns and news stories that will be interesting to the community, and so forth.

3 Your answer should include the idea that it is possible for Christians to serve the Lord in positions of responsibility in their government as did Daniel (Daniel 1:1-6:28) and Erastus (Romans 16:23) even if the government is corrupt.

- 4** Your answer should include the five given in the lesson under **CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY** and the Scriptures that are explained for each one: 1) Obey those in authority (1 Samuel 24:6; 26:9-11; Romans 13:1-6); 2) Pay taxes (Matthew 17:24-27; 22:21; Romans 13:6-7); 3) Exercise the right to vote; 4) Participate in the government (if this is God's will—Daniel 1:1-6:28); and 5) pray for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- 12:30-31; Acts 4:34; Galatians 6:10; James 1:27; 2:15-16; 1 John 3:17).
- 5** Your answer should include ideas and Bible references such as the following: 1) A Christian can work to bring about changes for the better like the early Christians did, who influenced their society up to the point of being accused of having “caused trouble everywhere” (Acts 17:6); and 2) A Christian can express love to his neighbor in many practical ways, following the example of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) and other commands and examples given in the Bible (Matthew 22:37-39; 25:34-40; Mark