

## Purpose Driven Life Lesson 5: Be Conformed (Part 2)



Last week we reviewed Lesson 5: Be conformed (Part 1) with an in class test. This test was in the form of a popular television show, Jeopardy. The class was split into three teams and the final scores were Team A 200 points, Team B - 90 points, and - 20 points. The participants of the teams will remain nameless, but everyone left a winner. It is our intent to incorporate bible jeopardy into our curriculum for the adult bible study classes atleast once every other month. So it will be very important in the future that you keep your class notes and corrected lessons from week to week.

In our study today we will pick up where we left of on the "Day 22 Purpose Driven Life" category from the Bible Jeopardy game. To answer the following questions you will need to have read Pages 171 to 178 in the Purpose Driven Life Book by Rick Warren.

### How We Grow Review Questions

In all of Creation only \_\_\_\_\_ are made "in God's image". What does this mean?

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What does the full "\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_" of God look like? \_\_\_\_\_

What does this mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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God's ultimate goal for your life on earth is not \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ .  
He wants you to grow up \_\_\_\_\_ and become like \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is all about transforming your \_\_\_\_\_, not your \_\_\_\_\_.

What kind of character is described in the.....

- Beatitudes? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Fruit of the Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Peter's list of Characteristics of an effective and productive life? \_\_\_\_\_  
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We often get frustrated in life and wonder, "Why is this happening to me? Why am I having such a difficult time?". What is one answer you can offered based of Day 22 of the Purpose Driven Life Book?

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We must always remember that earth is not heaven. How do some people in this religious world misinterpret the Jesus' promise of the "Abundant life" to mean?

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We exist for God's \_\_\_\_\_ and not vice versa. Why would God provide \_\_\_\_\_ when he's planned the real thing for you in eternity? God gives us time on earth to do what?

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What is the Holy Spirit's job according to the author (Rick Warren)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do we have any bible for this? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain the process of changing us to be more like Christ: \_\_\_\_\_

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Explain how the Holy Spirit's power is released into our lives most of the time: \_\_\_\_\_

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What unlocks God's power? \_\_\_\_\_

What three things does the bible compare SPIRITUAL growth to?

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

What does effort have to do with our salvation? \_\_\_\_\_

What does effort have to do with our SPIRITUAL growth? \_\_\_\_\_

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Paul explains in Ephesians 4:22-24 our three responsibilities in becoming like Christ, they are:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

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God's \_\_\_\_\_ provides the \_\_\_\_\_ we need to grow. God's \_\_\_\_\_ provide the \_\_\_\_\_ we need to grow, and \_\_\_\_\_ provide the \_\_\_\_\_ we need to practice \_\_\_\_\_. If you study and \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word, \_\_\_\_\_ regularly with other believers, and learn to \_\_\_\_\_ in difficult \_\_\_\_\_, you are guarantee'd to become more like \_\_\_\_\_.

Is Bible Study and Prayer the only thing needed for SPIRITUAL growth? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Next week we will have a guest (Robert Webster) from Jamaica who will be doing a special power point presentation on the work he is doing in that country. For or next regular class (June 13, 2007) please complete the following review questions.

*character, not comfort*

objectives

1. To examine what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.
2. To explore the goals of our lives and actions and compare them to the call to discipleship issued by Jesus.
3. To focus on some ways used by the Spirit to mold us into the image of Jesus Christ.
4. To challenge everyone to re-evaluate their commitment to the process of transformation in a world that is constantly demanding all to conform.

getting started

1. What is your idea of a disciple?
  - a. A mindless zombie
  - b. A scholar
  - c. An admirer
  - d. An imitator
  - e. A follower
2. If given a choice between character development or comfort, which would most people choose? Why?
3. Can you give some examples, from your life or observations, of choosing comfort over character? Is one decision always obviously the "right" decision?

study

**READ ROMANS 8:28-29**

1. *The Purpose Driven Life* begins with these words, "It's not about you." How does that relate to the subject of discipleship?
2. Some see God as a "Genie" in a bottle whose blessings bring prosperity and comfort. From your knowledge of scripture, what objections might you raise to this position?
3. Is God more concerned with our character or our comfort? Whose purpose are we to fulfill?
4. 1 Peter 2:2 and Ephesians 4:15 suggest God wants us to do what?

We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next.

Romans 5:3-4, The Message

## LESSON TWO: DOES MY LIFE MATTER?

significance and purpose

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### WHAT GOOD IS TROUBLE?

1. Take note of Jesus' response to the troubles he faced (Mark 14:32-34). What do you think Peter thought we'd learn from this (1 Peter 2:18-24)?
2. Henry Ward Beecher stated, "Troubles are often the tools God uses to fashion us for better things." Do you agree or disagree? Look at Romans 5:3-4. In what way is our character developed during difficult times?
3. It is not that God causes troubles but they can be a vehicle for learning important lessons about what it means to be his disciple (2 Corinthians 4:17; Hebrews 5:8; Genesis 50:20)

### FROM TEMPTATION TO OBEDIENCE

1. Temptation is found where there is an opportunity to do what is wrong. With each of these comes the possibility to do what is right. (See Matthew 4, the temptation of Jesus by the Devil)
2. Two ways to guard against falling when tempted.
  - Pay attention to God and his word (Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 4:8; 2 Timothy 2:15; James 1:12)
  - Spend time with others who have committed their lives to Christ (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10; Hebrews 10:24-25; Galatians 6:1-2)
3. The devil knows where we are weak—and will exploit those (James 4:1; James 1:13-15). How does studying God's word, prayer and spending time with other believers help us in the midst of these attacks (James 4:7)?

### TRESPASSES TEACH FORGIVENESS

1. "Father forgive them..." may be the most unexpected words uttered on the cross—unless you really know Jesus (Luke 23:34). What had Jesus said previously in his ministry about forgiveness?
2. Why is it so hard to forgive others? How does a relationship with Jesus change the way we look at the trespasses of others (Matthew 6:5-15)?
3. How can suffering wrongs help us understand forgiveness? Consider what Paul said about going through difficulties and our attitude about Christ (Romans 8:17; Philippians 2:5)

### APPLICATION TO LIFE

1. What can you do this week to improve your life as a disciple of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20)?
2. Consider the troubles, temptations and temptations you have suffered in the past week/month/year. How will you approach them in the coming week?
3. Pray for/with a group member. Can you work with someone to help encourage one another to study, pray and live for Christ?

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#### preparing

1. Read chapters 29 - 35 in preparation for our next meeting.
2. Pray for every member of our group, that they will realize God's purpose in their lives.