

# The Warrior's Way





## **Kingdom Warrior Ministries**

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Kingdom Warrior's primary purpose is to equip local churches in ministry to men and through men. We accomplish this mission by providing the church with men's ministry conferences, workshops, seminars, coaching, training services and ministry tools. After each ministry event, Kingdom Warrior supplies resources, consulting, coaching, and training to help churches implement an ongoing disciple making ministry to and through men.

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Our vision is to:

- Deepen a man's relationship with God – Matthew 22:37-38
- Develop a man's brotherhood with men – Matthew 22:39-40
- Disciple a man's life for service – Matthew 9:36-38; 28:18-20

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The Lord is a warrior (Exodus 15:3) who is fully equipped and trained to do expert warfare against His enemies in heaven and on earth. Consequently, His men are expected to be warriors equipped for similar warfare (Ephesians 6:11). If you are a Christian, you know there is a raging war for the souls of men and the welfare of their families.

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Making disciples incorporates visioning, harvesting, and building in men after conversion. This is not an easy task. Fortunately, Christ provided an example for the church by training His men. At the end of His earthly ministry, He commanded them to go make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). The need was great then; the need is great today.

There are three sections in this series: *The Warrior's Way*, *The Warrior's Character*, and *The Warrior's Mission*. Properly taught they develop spiritual growth, godly character, and ministry skills.

*The Warrior's Way* provides an overview of the basics in the Christian life. It is designed for men to learn how to live as true believers who face life as good soldiers of Christ Jesus.

*The Warriors Character* focuses on the qualities of a man's walk with God. This section provides an examination of character issues like bearing spiritual fruit, pursuing holiness, and practicing godliness.

*The Warrior's Mission* gives an overview of how the early church grew through evangelism and witnessing. It challenges men to find their ministry calling and continue in ministry throughout their life.

Developing depth in spiritual growth, godly character, and ministry service are the foundation issues of discipleship. Mature disciples work the ministry to fulfill the Great Commission: "To make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). This series is

designed to equip men with the know-how required to obey Christ's command given to all disciples as well as equip them as soldiers of the cross.

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# The Warrior's Way

The Warrior's Way is not a program or a onetime course for you to complete. It is a set of tools designed to help you grow into a man of God who lives out his life as an intentional follower of Christ. Discipleship is not a program it is a life time process. As you learn the principles and put them into practice you will grow in your walk with God, serve in His kingdom, and defeat the enemy on the field of battle.

The Warrior's Way provides an overview of the basics in the Christian life. It is designed to help you start living as a true warrior for the King. The Bible says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). To become a new creation in Christ you need to understand the disciplines of a Kingdom Warrior. Someone who knows what God expects from His men and works with a band-of-brothers in a war torn world.

This study is organized by topics. Each topic contains a set of questions to facilitate examination of a Scripture text surrounding a biblical theme. Additionally, you are provided with a Scripture memory card based on the module topic and encouraged to memorize the verse word perfect. At the end of each study you create an application from the lesson. Application is putting into effect the lessons God teaches you through His word.

The Warrior's Way covers twelve essential areas:

1. Enlist Your Service – 1 John 5:1-13
2. Pray to the Commander in Chief – Matthew 6:5-15
3. Ask for Forgiveness – 1 John 1:1-10
4. Achieve Spiritual Victory – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
5. Abide in the King's Presence – John 15:1-17
6. Obey God's Marching Orders – Psalm 19:1-14
7. Fellowship with the King's Men – Acts 2:42-47
8. Seek God's Kingdom – Matthew 6:19-34
9. Contribute to the Spoils of War – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
10. Share Your War Story – Acts 26:1-29
11. Count the Cost – Luke 9:23-27, 57-62, 14:25-35
12. Worship the King – John 19:17-42; Matthew 28:1-20

Included with several studies are supplemental materials. These materials are located in the back of the manual within an appendix. Use these tools to help drive home the topics. They are written to be a help to you as you grow in your walk with God.

Growing in the true knowledge of Jesus will help you develop as a disciple of Christ. As a committed disciple you will learn to model life as a godly man. A godly man is disciplined in the basics of the Christian life. The more you learn and apply, the more your life will reflect a Christ-like character.



# 1. Enlist Your Service



Becoming a Christian is the most significant decision you will make in your entire life. It begins a continuing relationship with God that is real and personal. God wants you to know He cares for you and that you will be in His army for eternity. The purpose of this study is to show you who will spend eternity in the presence of the Lord and behold the glory of His power.

### **Bible Study: 1 John 5:1-13**

Answer the following questions from the Bible study text.

1. What happens to the person who believes that Jesus is the Christ? (v 1).
2. How should a Christian behave? (vv 2-3).
3. Why is it important to obey what God's commands? (v 4).
4. Who can overcome the world's influence? (v 5).
5. What three elements are involved in God's testimony? (vv 6-8).



**Scripture Memory: 1 John 5:11-12**

*Assess Your Salvation*

*And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

You can sense assurance of eternal life when you believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. Eternal life is available only through Jesus Christ because it is only God's to give. If you do not know Jesus, you have no hope for eternal life.

**Application:** How will this Bible study and Scripture memory verse make a difference in your life? Be specific.

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**Optional:** Go to [www.discipleshiplibrary.com](http://www.discipleshiplibrary.com). Search for, download, and listen to *How to Know You are a Child of God* by Leroy Eims (available by MP3 download or play using streaming audio). What did you learn?

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## 2. Pray To the Commander in Chief



As a man of God, you need to learn how to communicate with your heavenly Commander in Chief so you can experience His presence. Developing a consistent prayer life is foundational to growing as a Disciple of Jesus Christ. This Bible study shows you a pattern for prayer and a system to practice. Like any relationship, the more time you spend with someone the better you get to know them.

### **Bible Study: Mathew 6: 5-15**

Answer the following questions from the Bible study text.

1. What kind of praying does a hypocrite like to demonstrate? (v 5).
2. Where should a Kingdom Warrior pray? (v 6).
3. How does God react to private prayer? (v 6).
4. What is the difference between repeating a prayer to God or babbling like a pagan? (vv 7-8).
5. Why is it important to acknowledge God's name as holy? (v 9).



## Scripture Memory: John 16:24

*Pray to the Lord*

*Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive that your joy may be full.*

Through prayer you have direct communication with your heavenly Father and receive provision for your needs. As you pray, you show dependence and trust in God. God's answers will teach you who He is and what He wants you to do.

**Application:** Use the following check list for your application to this Bible study.

- Locate Appendix A – Pray the Lords Kingdom Prayer
- Set a time aside each day this week to pray
- Read through Appendix A as a guide for your prayer session
- Record any insights or thoughts God reveals to you

**Optional:** Go to [www.discipleshiplibrary.com](http://www.discipleshiplibrary.com). Search for, download, and listen to *Assurance of Answered Prayer* by Leroy Eims (available by MP3 download or play using streaming audio). What did you learn?

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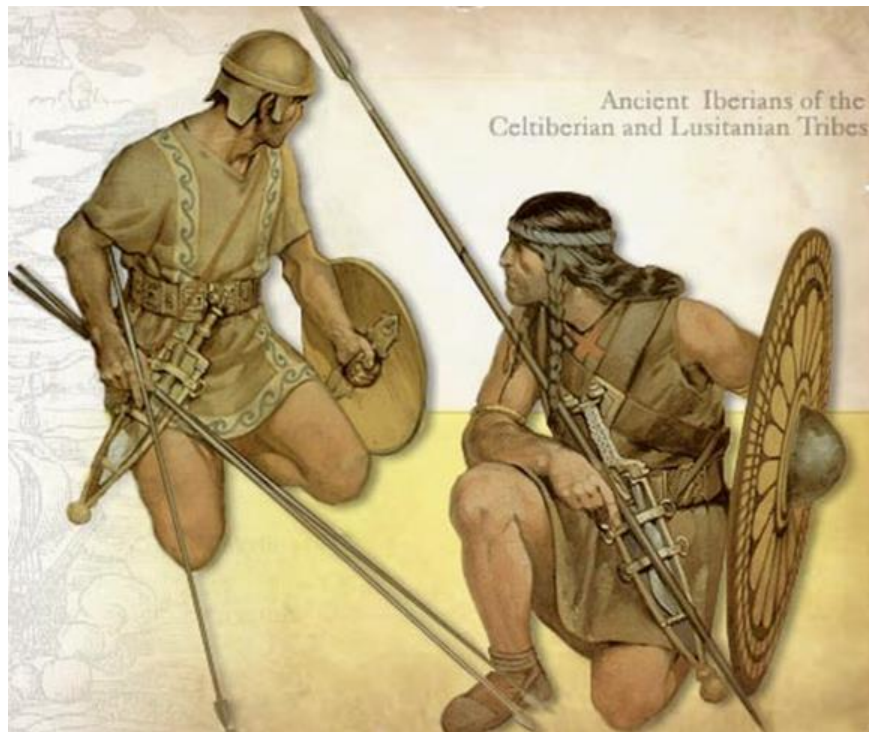
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### 3. Ask for Forgiveness



Sin is an unfortunate part of your human nature that you inherited from Adam and Eve after they disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. Fortunately, when you are faithful to confess to your sins, God is faithful to forgive them. God promises to forgive your sin and let you share in His righteousness.

**Bible Study: 1 John 1:1-10**

Answer the following questions from the Bible study text.

1. What kind of experience did John have with Jesus? (v 1).
2. How did John's life reflect this relationship? (vv 1-2).
3. Why is it important to share the truth of Christ with other people? (v 3).
4. How can you experience fellowship with God? (vv 3-4).
5. What is the key message the author shares with his reader? (v 5).



**Scripture Memory: 1 John 1:9**

*Ask God's Forgiveness*

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

God wants you to confess your sin. He promises to save you by forgiving your sin and letting you share in His righteousness. Confession of your sin is essential to living a godly life as kingdom warrior.

**Application:** Are there sins in your life that need to be confessed to God? Use the space below to write out your confession and pray it back to the Lord.

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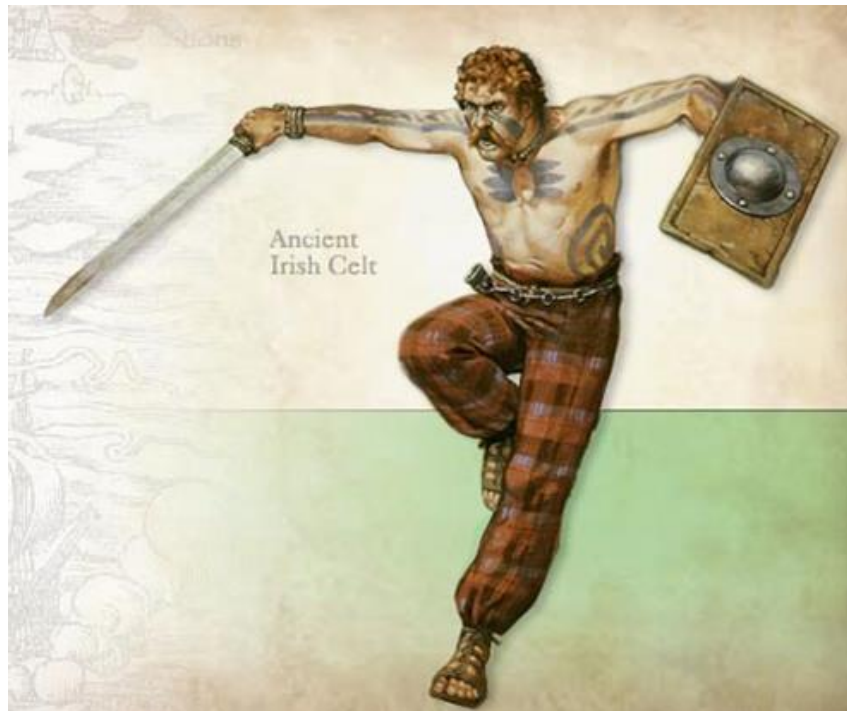
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## 4. Achieve Spiritual Victory



The world offers many temptations. Giving in to temptation is sin. Saying no to temptation is victory. The apostle Paul in his letter to the Corinthians provides several warnings from Israel's history to help you gain victory when facing temptations. No matter what you face as a Christian, God is faithful to help you. It is important to your spiritual life to know how to recognize and react to temptations.

### **Bible Study: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

Answer the following questions from the Bible study text.

1. What was the great redemptive act in the Old Testament? (vv 1-2; Exodus 14:1-15:8).
2. What kind of food and drink did God provide for the Israelites? (vv 3-4; Exodus 16:1-17:7).
3. How did God react to their disobedience? (vv 5; Numbers 14:29).
4. Why should we consider the examples of Israel as a nation? (v 6).

5. Verses 7-10 provide clear examples of Israel's sin and God's reaction. Describe them in the space provided.

v 7 Sin - Exodus 32:4-19

God's Reaction – Exodus 32:33-35

v 8 Sin – Numbers 25:1-6

God's Reaction – Numbers 25:4, 7-9

v 9 Sin - Numbers 21:4-5

God's Reaction – Numbers 21:6-7

v 10 Sin – Numbers 16:41

God's Reaction – Numbers 16:46-50; 1 Cor.10:10

6. Why did God record Israel's history as part of His word? (v 11).

7. How should a Christian react when tempted to sin? (vv 12-13).

**Scripture Memory: 1 Corinthians 10:13**

*Achieve Spiritual Victory*

*No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

**Application:**

As a Christian, you will face temptations. If you look to the wrong source of help you will succumb. If you look to God, He will help you through the temptation and lead you to victory.

Which one temptation do you struggle with the most? How can the knowledge from this study help you gain victory the next time you are tempted?

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## 5. Abide in the King's Presence



Maintaining your relationship with Christ is essential to knowing God. Without Him as Lord, your life will be like a dry and withered branch. With Him you will grow and bear fruit. The purpose of this study is to point out how important it is for you to abide in Christ and obey His Word. The more you learn to submit to Him, the greater you will experience His presence. The more you experience His presence, the greater you will understand your purpose in life.

### **Bible Study: John 15:1-17**

Answer the following questions from the Bible study text.

1. What is the role of Christ? (v 1).
2. How does Jesus describe the role of His Father? (v 1).
3. Who are the branches? (vv 2-5).
4. What happens to people who do not make Christ Lord of their lives? (v 6).
5. Why does God prune branches that bear fruit? (vv 2, 7-8).



**Scripture Memory: John 15:7-8**

*Abide in Christ*

*If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.*

Commit this to God in prayer. Ask for His power to enable you to obey. The more you learn to submit to Him, the greater you will experience His presence in your life.

**Application:** List one or two areas in your life that are not fully under the control of Christ.

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## 6. Fellowship with the King's Men



When Christ set the example of breaking bread with His disciples He set in motion a practice that is designed to worship and build relationships. From this we find depth of camaraderie among the first Christians strong and growing in the early chapters of Acts. The believers met together in homes for teaching, fellowship, the Lord's Supper, and prayer. So profound was their sense of brotherhood that men and women pooled their possessions and distributed them to those brothers and sisters in need. The dominant characteristic of this early Christian fellowship was the willingness to care for one another.

**Bible Study: Luke: 22:7-30; Acts 2:42-46; 4:32-37**

Answer the following questions from the Bible Study text.

**Luke: 22:7-30**

1. Describe the situation for Christ and His men. (vv 7-13).
2. What does Christ speak about just before they break bread and drink wine? (vv 14-16).
3. What does it mean to eat the body and drink the blood of Christ?. (vv 17-22).
4. How did the disciples initially react? (vv 23-24).
5. What is Christ's response to this incident? (vv 25-30).

6. Why is this incident a unique situation for Peter? (vv 31-34).

**Acts 2:42-46**

7. What did the early disciple devote themselves too? (v 42).

8. How did it impact the community of believers? (vv 43-47).

**Acts 4:32-35**

9. Describe the attributes of the early Christian church? (vv 32-35).

10. Why was it important for them to share with one another?

**Scripture Memory: Acts 2:42**

*Fellowship with the King's Men*

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

**Application:** Who do you know that could use some help with living either with physical, emotional, or spiritual assistance? Make a plan to help that person during this next week.

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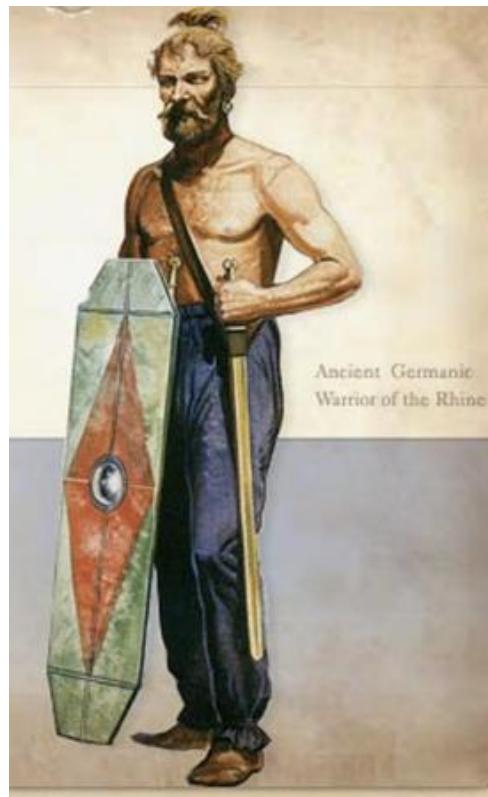
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## 7. Seek God's Kingdom



God cares for you as a father cares for his children. He provides for your needs so you can serve Him without anxiety. This is contrary to the world's influence, which seeks to mold you into a false sense of security through the lure of materialism. Seeking security in possessions naturally leads to increased worry and fear. It is important for you to seek God's perspective on life and experience a godly peace of mind. Only God provides true security. Seeking security in the wrong things will cause you enormous frustration.

**Bible Study: Mathew 6: 19-34**

Answer the following questions from the Bible Study text.

1. What does it mean to lay up treasures in heaven? (v 20).
2. How does materialism enslave the heart of a person? (vv 19-21).
3. What kind of effect does materialism have on the mind and will of a person? (vv 22-24).
4. Why does the world think money will solve problems?

5. In what way, does nature reflect God's concern and care for His creation? (vv 25-26).
  
6. How do flowers illustrate God's provision? (vv 28-29).
  
7. What does Christ say about worrying? (vv 27-28, 31, 34).
  
8. What does Christ specify as a Christians first priority? (v 33).
  
9. How will God respond to a Christian who seeks and finds His will? (vv 33-34).
  
10. How does Psalm 34:3-4 relate to Matthew 6:33?

## Scripture Memory Matthew 6:33

*Seek God's Kingdom*

*But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

Jesus prescribes a remedy for worry by making the kingdom of God and His righteousness the center of your priorities. The more you learn to seek His kingdom, the more you will sense His care and concern for your life.

**Application:** What is one area of anxiety in your life?

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## 8. Support the War



One of the best ways you can glorify God with your life is to generously give your time, talents, and treasures. Giving in the Christian life is an opportunity to give back to God what He has already given to you. This module focuses on the need for you to cheerfully give financial support to the needs of God's people and His work of ministry.

### **Bible Study: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

Answer the following questions from the Bible Study text.

1. What kind of example does Paul use to show different blessings in the way people give? (v 6).
2. How important is it to give with a right attitude? (v 7).
3. What is God's view of a person who cheerfully gives? (v 7).
4. What does God promise to those who give with a cheerful heart? (vv 8-9).
5. How does a Christian gain a harvest of righteousness? (vv 10).



## Scripture Memory: 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

### *Give Generously*

*The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

The world will be a changed place when you cheerfully provide for the needs of others and live your life under the grace of God.

**Application:** Take time to pray and examine what God has given you in terms of your wealth and materialism. Ask Him to show you an area where you can invest your time, talents, and treasures. If you need assistance, ask your mentor or a member of your men's small group Bible study. God is honored when you give with a cheerful heart.

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**Optional Application:** Go to [www.discipleshiplibrary.com](http://www.discipleshiplibrary.com). Search for, download, and listen to *Giving* by Rod Sargent (available by MP3 download or play using streaming audio). What did you learn?

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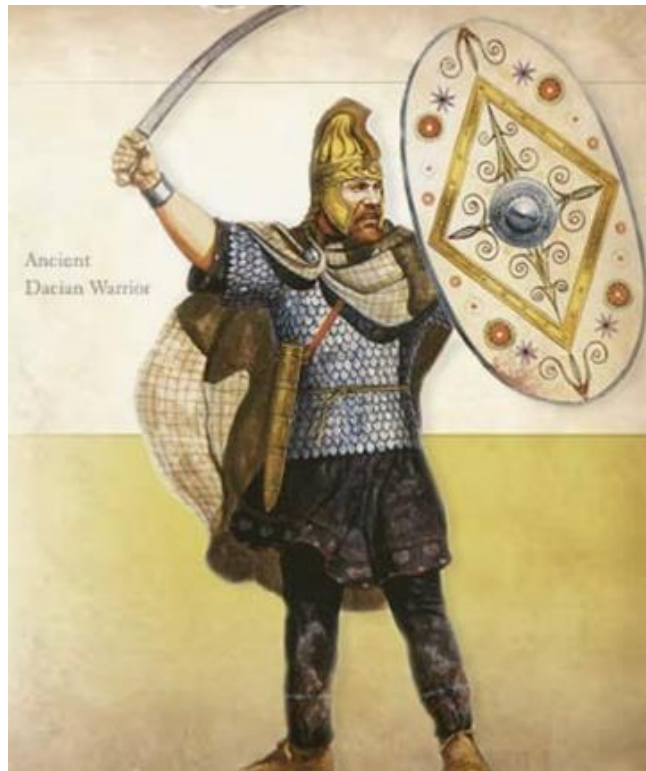
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## 9. Share Your War Story



One of the most exciting things you can do is to share your personal testimony. In Acts 26, Paul provides you with an excellent model by sharing his conversion story. Your testimony is an exciting war story that should be shared with others whenever you have an opportunity. Sharing your personal testimony is an important part of telling others how Christ changed your life from a captive of darkness into a warrior of light.

### **Bible Study: Acts 26:1-29**

Answer the following questions from the Bible study text.

1. How did Paul address those who were about to hear his testimony? (vv 1-4).
2. What was Paul's lifestyle like as a child and young man? (vv 4-8).
3. As a Pharisee, how did he react to Christianity? (vv 9-11).
4. What happened to change his life? (vv 12-15).
5. Why did Christ appear to Paul? (vv 15-18).



## Scripture Memory: Revelation 12:11

*Share your War Story*

*And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.*

**Application:** Just like Paul, you can face a difficult situation and use your circumstances to witness what God has done in your life through Jesus Christ. By having a prepared testimony, you have the ability to witness anytime and anywhere.

Locate Appendix B – Develop a Battle Testimony. Read through the entire handout before putting something on paper. With the second reading, follow the instructions and work through all three sections: before, how, and after. Write down your story. Once you have completed your assignment, memorize the content and pray for an opportunity to share it with a non-Christian. Ask God to open a door with someone who needs to hear your war story.

**Optional Application:** Go to [www.discipleshiplibrary.com](http://www.discipleshiplibrary.com). Search for, download, and listen to *How to Give Your Personal Testimony* by Leroy Eims (available by MP3 download or play using streaming audio). What did you learn?

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## 10. Count the Cost



As a Christian man, you are required to evaluate the cost of being His disciple. He paid the ultimate price for your salvation. Your obedience to Him is pale in comparison to His obedience to the Father. Learning to be obedient and putting Christ first is not an option.

**Bible Study: Luke 9:23-27, 57-62, 14:25-35**

Answer the following questions from the Bible study text.

**Luke 9:23-27**

1. What does it mean to take up your cross daily? (vv 23-25).
2. How should a Christian identify with Christ? (vv 26-27).

**Luke 9:57-62**

3. Christ addresses three types of people who did not fully count the cost in following Him. Read the following sections of Scripture and record examples as they relate to our world today.

vv 57-58

vv 59-60

vv 61-62

4. How does Deuteronomy 20:4-9 relate to Luke 9:57-62?

**Luke 14: 25-35**

5. Who should be the number one priority in all of your personal relationships? (vv 25-27).

6. What does a building project illustrate as it relates to counting the cost in following Christ? (vv 28-30).

7. How does a king at war show the importance of evaluating the cost of discipleship? (vv 31-33).

8. Why does Christ use salt as an example of discipleship? (vv 34-35).

9. How does Philippians 3:7-8 relate to Luke 14:33?

## Scripture Memory: Luke 9:23-24

### *Count the Cost*

*And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."*

**Application:** Unfortunately, too many men in the 21s century have little idea what it means to deny themselves on a daily basis. Our world is filled with a constant barrage of messages that promote selfish and indulgent behavior. Take some time to pray and ask God if there is an area in your life where you need to deny yourself and take up the cross of Christ then record below. If this is an area of struggle for you ask someone to hold you accountable.

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**Optional Application:** Go to [www.discipleshiplibrary.com](http://www.discipleshiplibrary.com). Search for, download, and listen to *The Cost of Discipleship* by Jimmy Draper (available by MP3 download or play using streaming audio). What did you learn? \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Obey God's Marching Orders



The word of God is one of the most significant gifts the Lord has given to you. David, a man after God's own heart, knew the value of God's Word. In Psalm 19 he describes the glory of God, the Law of God, and the grace of God. The purpose of this study is to teach you the value of God's Word. It is essential to living as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

### **Bible Study: Psalm 19:1-14**

Answer the following questions from the Bible Study text.

1. What elements of our physical world communicate the existence of God? (vv 1-2).
2. Who can hear God's message concerning His presence? (vv 2-4).
3. How does the Psalmist picture the Lord? (vv 4-6).
4. List the results that come from knowing God's word. (vv 7-8).
5. Why is it important to fear God? (v 9).



## Scripture Memory Psalm 19:11

*Obey God's Marching Orders*

*Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.*

**Application:** Psalm 119:9-11 says, “How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” Locate Appendix C - Apply God's Marching Orders. Read the handout and learn the principles for applying God's Word. Use the principles to write out an application based on the Scripture text you studied in this lesson.

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## 12. Worship the Victorious King



At the time of the crucifixion the disciples were scattered and stunned. Like so many men they were slow to understand what it meant for Him to be King that dies on a cross. After His resurrection the men meet on a mountain where they worship. There on the mountain Christ gives them his final set of marching orders. In worship they listen and for their rest of their lives they live in service to the victorious King.

**Bible Study: Matthew 28:1-20; Acts 1:6-8; Matthew 24:14**

**Matthew 28:1-20**

1. Who were the first disciples to visit the Christ's tomb (v 1).
2. What exchange takes place between the women and the angel of God (vv 2-7).
3. How do the women react after meeting Christ on the way to deliver the angels message? (vv 8-10).
4. Why was it important for the guards to have a cover up story? (vv 11-15)?
5. Where do they meet with together? (v 16).

6. What type of reaction do the disciples have when they see Christ after His resurrection? (v 17)
  
7. What instructions are given the disciples? (vv 18-20).
  
8. Why is this important to all of God's people?

**Acts 1:6-8**

9. Why were the disciples interested in a kingdom restoration? (v 6)
  
10. How does Christ respond? (v 7)
  
11. What should be a primary focus for a serving man of God? (v 8)

**Mathew 24:14**

12. According to Christ, when will the end of the world take place?

**Scripture Memory: Matthew 28:17**

*Worship the Victorious King*

*When they saw Him they worshipped Him; but some doubted.*

**Application:** The church today does a great job of helping the people practice the Lords supper while neglecting the great commission. His final words should be our first concern. What are you doing to worship and live in service to the great King?

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**Optional:** Go to [www.discipleshiplibrary.com](http://www.discipleshiplibrary.com). Search for, download, and listen to *What is Worship* by Stuart Briscoe (available by MP3 download or play using streaming audio). What did you learn?

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## **Congratulations on completing The Warrior's Way**

In completing this workbook, you acquired a foundation knowledge and experience of the basics for living the Christian warrior's life. You should be able to:

- Enlist your service into the kingdom
- Pray to God on a regular basis using a biblical pattern
- Ask God's forgiveness for your sins
- Achieve spiritual victory in your daily life
- Abide with Christ through experiencing His presence
- Seek God's kingdom and put Him first
- Apply God's Word as He speaks to you
- Fellowship as part of a band-of-brothers
- Share in God's work by cheerfully giving to kingdom ministries
- Express your faith in Christ by sharing a personal testimony
- Live as a Disciple of Christ through routine time in God's Word and prayer
- Worship the King and live out a lifetime of service

Growing in the true knowledge of Jesus will help you develop as a disciple of Christ. As a committed disciple you will learn to model life as a godly man. A godly man is disciplined in the basics of the Christian life. The more you learn and apply, the more your life will reflect a Christ-like character. Living as a warrior for Christ is the ultimate expression of a committed disciple.

God bless you as you march through life.

## Appendix A - Pray the Lord's Kingdom Prayer

Our Father in Heaven

Heavenly Father, I now come boldly before your throne of grace so that I may obtain mercy and find grace to help in my time of need (Hebrews 4:16).

By virtue of the blood of Jesus Christ, which was shed on Calvary's Cross, I can call you my Father (John 1:12). Your Holy Spirit bears witness with my spirit that I am your child. You really have replaced my spirit of fear with the Spirit of adoption, whereby I cry, "Abba" which means "My Father" (Romans 8:15-16).

Hallowed Be Your Name

Lord God, let your name be set apart from every other name. Some of your names are: Jehovah-Rophe (God is my healer). Glorify your name by healing

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Jehovah-Shalom (God is my peace). Glorify your name by quieting the storm of anxiety in my heart and give me peace.

Jehovah-Jireh (God is my provider). Glorify your name for so graciously providing for me in the past and I thank you in advance because you will continue to do so in the future.

Jehovah-Nissi (God is my banner of victory). Glorify your name for being my shield of security and strength. Your banner over me is love.

Jehovah-M'Kaddesh (God is my sanctifier). Glorify your name by setting me free from my sins.

Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done

Father, I pray that I would know your will for my life today (Romans 12:1-2).

I pray that you would give me the desires that you want me to have (Psalm 37:4).

I pray for my family, our Church and our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

I pray for the spreading of your Kingdom as you open doors for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Jesus Christ, and that we may proclaim this message clearly (Colossians 4:3-4).

Give Us Today Our Daily Bread

Help me focus on today's needs, not tomorrow's (Matthew 6:34).

Give me the strength to be tenacious and not lose heart! To be like Jacob who literally wrestled with You and would not let go until he got a blessing (Genesis 32:25-26).

Father I pray that the Holy Spirit would fill my life with power and purpose today (Acts 4:31).

Father, guide me to pray for needful necessities and not needless luxuries (James 1:5, 4:2).

Forgive Us Our Sins As We Forgive Others

Your word says that the Blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7). Father, I confess my sins of \_\_\_\_\_, you are faithful and just to forgive my sins, and to cleanse me from all my unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Father, help me to forgive and release others (Matthew 6:12-15).

Father, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ who has mistreated me. Set my will to forgive that person.

And Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From the Evil One

Father, protect me and my family this morning. Help us to resist the devil and force him to flee from us by drawing closer to You (James 4:7).

Father, should any temptation grip me this day, you are faithful and will not allow me to be tempted beyond what I can stand. You have promised that with each temptation you will provide a *way of escape* (1 Corinthians 10:13). Please show me your way out, Lord.

For Yours Is the Kingdom, and the Power and Glory Forever

O Lord, yours is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours O Lord is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Now, my God I give you thanks and praise your glorious name (1 Chronicles 29:11-12).

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians. 2:10-11).

## Appendix B – Develop a Battle Testimony

Testimonies can be prepared on many subjects and tailored for various audiences. The testimony you prepare during this course:

- Will be designed to give to a non-Christian.
- Will be best suited for sharing one on one or in a small group.
- Will serve as a "door opener" not a "convincing" tool.

Many people are not ready to be *convinced* that they need Christ but can often be led to talk about the Gospel after a non-offensive presentation of a personal testimony.

### The General Outline of a Personal Testimony

*Before* - A short sketch of what your life was like before you became a Christian.

*How* - Specifically, how you took the step of becoming a Christian.

*After* - Relating the changes which took place in your life.

Avoid religious words, phrases, and jargons.

Religious Words	Possible Substitutes
Believe	Invited Christ into my life through prayer
Sin	Disobedience, break God's laws, turned my back on God
Went forward	Decided to turn my life over to God
Under the Blood	God forgave me of my failure
Accepted Christ	(same as believe)
Saved	Became a Christian. Delivered from consequences of disobedience.
Prayed through	Sincerely prayed
Christian	Committed or obedient

Make it sound conversational; prepare it to be spoken. Avoid literary statements like, "I viewed the crimson sunset and pondered..." Use your informal vocabulary.

Say, "I" and "Me", not "You." Share, don't preach. This helps to keep it warm. People like to hear experiences of others told in the first person.

Generalize so more people can identify with your story.

Don't name specific churches, denominations, or organizations.

Avoid using dates and ages.

A poor example, "I was seven years old when I became a Christian. We moved to the city in 1956."

Include some humor and or human interest.

When a person smiles or laughs it reduces tension. It is disarms and increases attention.

One or two word pictures increases interest.

Don't just say, "I grew up on my folk's farm." Instead briefly describe the farm so that a person listening can visualize what it was like.

In the Before include both good and bad aspects of your life. Have a cushion on interesting spiritual material at the beginning.

Good aspects: wanted to excel, desire for education, concern for others, hard working...

Bad aspects: Selfish, inferiority complex, get ahead at any cost, temper, greed for finances...

### ***In the Before***

Try to make your introduction in general terms so as many people as possible can identify with your story. For example, "I grew up in a middle class home where my father was over extended outside the house and my mom worked to help support the family. After graduating high school I decided to join the navy and see the world"

### ***In the How***

Communicate the gospel clearly and briefly.

You need to include:

- the fact of sin
- penalty of sin
- Christ paid penalty
- Must receive Christ

Make the Bible the authority

Poor: "Bill shared with me that I had failed and needed forgiveness."

Good: "Bill shared with me that the Bible said "..."

Use the word *pray* when referring to receiving Christ. The word *pray* communicates what a person needs to do.

Good: "I prayed and asked Christ to come into my life and He gave me the gift of eternal life.

In the After section, rapidly conclude with two or three personal benefits of becoming a Christian (these may be current or from the past). The last sentence in your testimony should be something like, "But the greatest benefit is that I know that I have eternal life." The listener often comments on the last thing you say in your testimony. If the listener's comment is on eternal life, the door is open for presenting the gospel to him. Avoid dogmatic statements which skeptics can question

Poor: "I prayed and I know that Christ came in."

Good: "I prayed and asked Christ into my life. Since then I have experienced peace..."

Poor: “God has given me a wonderful wife. God has given us three children.” Sound adult, not juvenile

Reflect an adult point of view even if you were converted at an early age.

Poor: “My dad helped me understand about Jesus”

Good: “I had great talks with my parents. One day dad and I discussed in some detail about who Jesus Christ really is.”

Simplify, reduce clutter

Talk about the people, cities, moves, meetings, and jobs you had. Use only first names whenever possible.

Poor: “Brad Stewart, Jay Huffington, and Dan Anderson came by my office at ACME Building Supply.”

Good: “Brad and two other men talked to me at work one day”

### ***In the After***

Relate how God has worked in your life to guide you along the way. A verse is very helpful in this section. For example, “Since giving Christ Lordship over my life, I have gained numerous godly friends who have helped me grow to be a godly man. My journey is not over but one thing is for sure, “forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus” (Phil 3:13-14).

### ***The Sequence of your Preparation***

Before you begin writing, pray for God’s help. Look to Him for wisdom and insight as you work on your testimony.

Accumulate brief notes on three separate sheets of paper. Label them

- Before
- How
- After

Write out your first draft using your notes from the three sheets of paper (It will usually take about five minutes to read it). Apply the 12 guidelines listed in section B above.

Make improvements on the long draft. Use the above guidelines.

Reduce your draft so it reads between two and half to three minutes.

Outline your presentation on a 3x5 card. Learn to give the testimony using your outline. Learn to give your testimony in three to four minutes without the outline.

## Common Pitfalls In Initial Testimony Preparation

Too cautious on the first draft. Many people writing their testimony tend to be too particular on the rough drafts. You are not attempting to make a perfect presentation the first time. Get something on paper. It is easier to cut something down than to expand it. Your mentor will help you make improvements on your work.

Too much reminiscing

Some become sad because of too much introspection. Don't go too deep in explaining past unhappy experiences.

Some have the tendency to *relive* past events so much that the actual written work gets left undone.

Some become too pre-occupied with trying to reconcile old conflicts.

Introducing spiritual material too soon – Starting out with the spiritual and Christian material too early in the testimony is not good. Let them get acquainted with you as a person. Also the content may be too spiritually oriented all the way through. Let them get to know you as another person, a fellow human being.

Worrying too much about when you were converted – Often there are several possible times when an individual may have been converted. Your mentor can help you sort this out from your own experience. As you ponder the matter, you will often come up with new insights about yourself. If your situation is particularly complicated, your mentor or another ministry leader can help you analyze your experience in more detail. In the meantime, put in writing the things that are clear to you.

Procrastinating because it is a hard assignment - It will definitely take you several intense hours of work to complete this project. Putting it off will not make it easier! The sooner you jump into the work, the sooner you will be enjoying the finished product.

## Appendix C – Apply God’s Marching Orders

One of the most important reasons for spending time in God’s Word is to transform your life. In Romans 12:2, Paul gives you this exhortation, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." As you renew your mind through the study and application of Scripture, the Holy Spirit gradually transforms you into the image of Christ.

One of the greatest benefits to reading and studying the Bible is getting to know the author of your faith. As God speaks truth to you, the Holy Spirit brings to mind areas of your life that do not match up to what God’s word teaches. Each opportunity you have in the Word is an opportunity to hear God’s voice through the Scriptures. Once you hear a word from the Lord, you need to determine what actions you should take in order to bring this area of your life into sync with God’s truth. Write it down. Be specific. Whenever possible, put things in measurable terms.

Here are some questions to help guide you through the text:

- Is there a command for me to obey?
- Is there a promise to claim in prayer?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a sin to avoid or confess?
- Is there a reason for thanksgiving or praise?
- What does the passage teach about the Father, the Son or the Holy Spirit?
- What does the passage teach about the church or the people in the world?
- What does the passage teach about Satan, demons or spiritual enemies?

Here are a couple of examples:

After reading Mark 1:35, "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place where He prayed", God convicts you that your prayer life is inconsistent. Your application could be: Monday through Friday I will spend 15 minutes in prayer starting at 06:00 AM.

You read Ephesians 4:26, "In your anger do not sin" for your morning study time. God reminds you about an argument where you lost your temper. Your application could be, "I will visit or call \_\_\_\_\_, share this truth from God’s word and ask his/her for forgiveness for losing my temper."

Like any discipline, this takes consistent effort. The more you practice this, the easier it becomes. The more time you spend in the Word, the more the Holy Spirit begins to speak to you. In the end, you will discover numerous ways in which God's Word applies to your life.

Developing a consistent devotional life involves some basic concepts, requirements, necessary attitudes, steps of action, and application of what God shows you.



## Basic Concepts

- Worship – Recognize who God is and what He has done.
- Prayer – How man communicates with God
- God's Word – The Bible is His written revelation to man.
- Meditation – Pondering and reviewing various Scriptures in your mind.
- Application – Putting the truth God has revealed to you into practice.
- Physical Requirements
- Have a plan. Set a time, place, and course of action.
- Locate a good sized Bible. Some men benefit from a Bible without any special marks or references.
- Purchase a notebook or journal for recording observations and revelations from God.

## Necessary Attitudes

- Stillness
- A spirit of expectancy.
- Worship, come into the presence of God.
- Willingness to obey.
- What to Do

Find a quiet lonely place (Mark 1:35)

Pray for God to reveal Himself and to open your eyes so you can see wonderful insights from His word (Psalm 119:18)

Some men find listening to music a stimulating way to enter into God's presence. Listen or sing a few of your favorite Christian songs.

Read a portion of Scripture (a section or chapter should be enough to start). Use the following questions to help you think about the passage:

- Is there a command for me to obey?
- Is there a promise to claim in prayer?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a sin to avoid or confess?
- Is there a reason for thanksgiving or praise?
- What does the passage teach about God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit?
- What does the passage teach about the church, people in the world, or about me?
- What does the passage teach about Satan, demons, or spiritual enemies?