

Personal Growth

Training objectives

(grow in grace, grow in knowledge of Christ)

From spiritual milk to spiritual meat

Acts 14:21, 22 – encouraging new believers to remain true to the faith

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Assurance of Salvation

Training Objective:

The believer will be able to confidently express to another person his/her own assurance of salvation based on his/her personal faith in Christ and one or more promises from the Bible.

Activities:

Go over the Gospel message with him/her again.

Ask him/her to tell you how he/she knows he/she is a Christian.

Observe how he/she explains his/her conversion experience to another person.

Have a Bible study with him/her on the assurance of salvation.

Materials:

Beginning With Christ (NavPress) Section 1

Lessons on Assurance (NavPress) Chapter 1

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 1, Chapter 1

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 51 – 53

The Know-so Christian by Paul Hutchens (Back to the Bible)

Christian Assurance by M. C. Griffiths (InterVarsity Press)

Scripture:

Memory Verse: I John 5:13 – assurance

I John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

John 1:12, 13 – based on the work of Christ

I John 5:11, 12 – the promise of the Word of God

Romans 8:16 – the witness of the Spirit of God

The Quiet Time

Training Objective:

The believer will have a quiet time, consisting of reading the Bible and praying to God.

Activities:

Have a quiet time with the new believer.

Share with the new believer some blessings you have received from your own quiet time.

Tell the new believer why you have a quiet time and show him/her how to have one.

Pray together.

Encourage the new believer to share his/her quiet time with others.

Materials:

Seven Minutes With God by Robert D. Foster (NavPress)

Devotional Diary (NavPress)

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 2, Chapter 3

Streams in the Desert by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman (Zondervan)

Beginning the Day With God by Theodore Epp (Back to the Bible)

Secrets of Christian Growth by Theodore Epp (Back to the Bible)

This Morning With God (InterVarsity Press)

The Pursuit of God by A. W. Tozer (Christian Literature Crusade)

Scripture:

Mark 1:35 – The example of Jesus

Genesis 19:27 – The example of Abraham

Exodus 34:2, 3 – The example of Moses

Psalms 5:3 – The example of David

Daniel 6:10 – The example of Daniel

I Corinthians 1:9 – Called to fellowship with Jesus

Victory Over Sin

Training Objective:

The believer will know how to experience victory over temptation through reliance on the Holy Spirit and trusting in the promises from the Word of God. This is evidenced by his/her clear testimony of a recent triumph over a specific temptation.

Activities:

Share a recent victory over sin with him/her.
Go over I Corinthians 10:13 with him/her in detail.
Memorize Psalm 119:9, 11 with him/her.

Materials:

Beginning With Christ (NavPress) Section 3
Lessons on Assurance (NavPress) Chapter 3
Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 2, Chapter 1, Questions 12 – 21
Steps to Spiritual Victory by Theodore Epp (Back to the Bible)

Scripture:

I Corinthians 10:13 – a way of relief promised
I Corinthians 15:57 – victory through Jesus
Isaiah 41:13 – God’s help promised

Separation From Sin

Training Objective:

The believer is taking steps to separate from sin by avoiding it, memorizing passages of Scripture such as II Corinthians 6:17, 18, praying about it, and soliciting the prayers of other Christians.

Activities:

Pray with him/her about this activity.

Pray for him/her specifically.

Share a personal victory over besetting sin with him/her.

Get him/her to fellowship with victorious Christians.

Read and pray over II Corinthians 6:14 – 16 with him/her.

Materials:

Beginning With Christ (NavPress) Section 4

Lessons on Assurance (NavPress) Chapter 4

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 2, Chapter 1, Questions 22 - 25

Men Made New by John Stott (InterVarsity Press)

Scripture:

I John 1:5 – 2:2 – Walking in the light

James 1:12 – Persevering in trials

II Timothy 2:19 – 22 – Departing from iniquity

Romans 6:12 – 14 – Sin should not dominate us

I John 2:15, 16 – We should not love the world

Romans 12:2 – Don't be conformed to the world

Christian Fellowship

Training Objective:

The believer attends church, a Bible study group, and a prayer group.

Activities:

Find out his/her church background.

Take him/her to your church with you.

Invite him/her to dinner to meet other Christians.

Involve him/her in a Bible study group.

Share with him/her why you go to church.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 3, Chapter 1

Going On With Christ (NavPress) Section 6

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books)
p 57, 58, 158-160

Of God and Men by A. W. Tozer (Christian Publications)

Scripture:

Acts 2:42 – Example of the early church

I John 1:3 – Fellowship together

Hebrews 10:24, 25 – Not to forsake fellowship

Psalms 122:1 – Go to church with gladness

The Bible

Training Objective:

The believer is learning the books of the Bible and shares his belief in its inspiration openly.

Activities:

Help him/her obtain an accurate recent translation.

Show him/her how to use a concordance.

Show him/her how to use marginal notes, cross-references, and other helps in the Bible.

Materials:

Going on With Christ (NavPress) Section 2

Lessons on Christian Living (NavPress) Chapter 2

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 3, Chapter 2

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) Chapter 2

Understand: A Straightforward Approach to Interpreting the Bible by Walter A. Henrichsen
(NavPress)

Authority by D. M. Lloyd-Jones (InterVarsity Press)

Scripture:

II Timothy 3:16, 17 – Inspiration of the Bible

II Peter 1:21 – The Bible came by God's will

Matthew 22:29 – Danger of not know the Scriptures

Psalms 19:7 – 11 – Descriptions of God's Word

Psalms 119:160 – The Word is true and eternal

Psalms 119:105 – The Bible is a lamp and a light

Hearing the Word

Training Objective:

The believer will hear the Word preached and taught and will take notes on at least one message per week.

Activities:

Go to church together.

Teach him/her the value of notetaking.

Share with one another what you received out of the sermon.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 3, Chapter 3, Questions 13 – 15

Scripture:

Proverbs 28:9 – Hearing is a key to answered prayer

Jeremiah 22:29 – The call to hear the Word

Luke 19:48 – Hear attentively

Reading the Word

Training Objective:

The believer will systematically read his/her Bible.

Activities:

Share some personal blessings from your reading with him/her.

Read a section of the Bible together.

Get him/her started reading a New Testament book (Mark or John).

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 3, Chapter 3, Questions 1 – 12, 16 – 19

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 31

Bible reading plan (one year)

Scripture:

I Timothy 4:13 – Read carefully

Revelation 1:3 – The blessings of reading

Deuteronomy 17:19 – The need for daily reading

Bible Study

Training Objective:

The believer will regularly complete his/her Bible study on time.

Activities:

Share why you do Bible study with him/her.

Do an actual Bible study with him/her.

Show him/her the difference between Bible study and reading the Bible.

Get him/her started in personal Bible study.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 3, Chapter 3, Questions 18, 19

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 30

Scripture:

Acts 17:11 – Commendation for Bible study

Proverbs 2:1 – 5 – Study is like searching for treasure

Ezra 7:10 – The example of Ezra

Scripture Memory

Training Objective:

The believer is regularly memorizing Scripture and maintaining adequate review.

Activities:

Explain the personal blessings of Scripture memory.

Memorize a Bible verse together.

Review your verse together.

Check on his/her Bible memorization verse review plan.

Have him/her meet other Christians who are memorizing Scripture.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 3, Chapter 3, Questions 20 – 23

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 26

Beginning With Christ (NavPress)

Going On With Christ (NavPress)

The Topical Memory System (NavPress)

Coming to Christ Through Scripture Memory by Dawson Trotman (NavPress)

Scripture:

Colossians 3:16 – Memory enriches us

Deuteronomy 6:6, 7 – Moses urges Scripture memorization

Matthew 4:4 – The example of Christ

Psalms 37:31 – It gives stability

Proverbs 7:1 – 3 – Should be written on the heart

Meditation on the Word

Training Objective:

The believer will be able to explain the meaning of meditation and give a personal blessing from meditating on a recent memory verse.

Activities:

Share a blessing from your own meditation with him/her.

Go through a passage, visualize the context, and check with him/her regarding what the passage teaches (who, what, when, where, how, why questions).

Share with him/her a Bible meditation plan.

Materials:

A Primer on Meditation (NavPress)

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 3, Chapter 3, Questions 24-27

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 32

Winning Ways by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 123 – 124

Be the Leader You Were Meant to Be by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 19

Meditation, the Bible Tells You How by Jim Downing (NavPress)

Scripture:

Psalm 1 – Results of meditation

Joshua 1:8 – Promises to the one meditating

Jeremiah 15:16 – Meditation brings joy

Philippians 4:8 – Mental discipline of meditation

Application of the Word

Training Objective:

The believer demonstrates a desire to apply the Word of God by writing and completing one or more specific applications of the Word of God to his/her own life.

Activities:

Share an application of the Word of God you have written with him/her.

Have him/her share an application of the Word of God written by them.

Pray about your application and his/her application.

Materials:

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 56, 57

Christian Maturity – How? By Theodore Epp (Back to the Bible)

Scripture:

James 1:22 – 25 – We must do what the Word says

Psalm 119:56, 60 – Meditation leads to application

II Timothy 3:16, 17 – God's Word is profitable for life

Luke 6:46 – 49 – Obedience is a sure foundation

Prayer

Training Objective:

The believer demonstrates a consistent prayer life by praying daily for a minimum of ten minutes and confidently participates in group (public) prayer.

Activities:

Ask him/her to share some answers to their prayers.
Observe what he/she prays for in a group situation.
Share Scriptures with him/her that can be used in praying.
Pray with him/her in both planned and spontaneous situations.
Help him/her develop a prayer list.
Ask him/her to pray for one of your needs.
Pray regularly with him/her at set times as well as “on the run”.
Share your answers to prayer with him/her.
Take him/her to a prayer group.
Introduce him/her to people of prayer.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 6, Chapter 3
Beginning With Christ (NavPress) Section 2
Lessons on Assurance (NavPress) Chapter 2
Power Through Prayer by E. M. Bounds (Moody)
How to Get Results Through Prayer by Jerry Bridges (NavPress)
Effective Prayer by J. Oswald Sanders (Moody)
What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) Chapter 3
Winning Ways by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 134 – 135
Be the Leader You Were Meant to Be by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 21 – 23

Scripture:

I Thessalonians 5:17 – Pray without ceasing
Matthew 6:6 – Pray privately
John 17 – The example of Christ
James 5:17 – Prayer brings results
Philippians 4:6, 7 – Pray for personal concerns
Matthew 21:22 – Pray in faith
I John 3:22 – Obedience is a condition for answered prayer
Matthew 7:7 – Keep asking, seeking, and knocking
Ephesians 6:18 – Pray at all times for the saints

Personal Testimony

Training Objective:

The believer has prepared a three minute written testimony, including at least one Scripture, and has shared it with at least two Christians and two non-Christians within one month.

Activities:

Share your testimony with him/her.

Have him/her share his/her testimony with you.

Study Acts 26 together; point out Paul's approach, personal background and his meeting Jesus.

Take him/her witnessing with you.

While witnessing, draw out his/her testimony with questions.

Ask him/her to share his/her testimony with Christians (in a Bible study group, for example).

Review with him/her his/her testimony as to content and clarity.

Pray with him/her about relatives and friends with whom he/she can share his/her testimony.

Pray that God would build this desire into his/her life.

Introduce him/her to other Christians' testimonies.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 2, Chapter 4, Questions 12 - 21

Born to Reproduce by Dawson Trotman (NavPress)

Coming to Christ Through Scripture Memory by Dawson Trotman (NavPress)

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 104 – 106

Scripture:

Luke 8:38, 39 – Illustrating a changed life

Acts 26:1 – 23 – Paul's testimony

John 9:25 – The former blind man's testimony

I John 1:3 – Declare what you have experienced

Lordship of Christ

Training Objective:

The believer evidences a lordship commitment by having allowed Christ to control at least one uncommitted area of his/her life.

Activities:

Ask him/her to read, My Heart, Christ's Home by Robert Munger.

Check his follow-through on application from his/her Bible study.

Share a personal testimony with him/her on how you made Christ your Lord.

Study Colossians 1:18 and Hebrews 1 with him/her.

Listen to the tape: The Worthiness of Christ by George Sanchez (NavPress).

Counsel with him/her on the check chart on lordship found in: Studies in Christian Living, Book 2, page 14.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 2, Chapter 2

My Heart, Christ's Home by Robert Munger (NavPress)

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) Chapter 5

Scripture:

Luke 6:46 – Obedience to Christ is a necessity

Romans 12:1, 2 – Decisive commitment is needed

Colossians 1:18 – Christ must be preeminent

Hebrews 1:2 – Christ is heir of all things

Faith

Training Objective:

The believer evidences the fruit of trusting God for specific needs.

Activities:

Share a fresh personal testimony with him/her on what God has done for you in response to faith.
Read through Hebrews 11 together.

Materials:

Lessons on Christian Living (NavPress) Chapter 4

Going On With Christ (NavPress) Section 4

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 160-162.

God Can Make It Happen by Russ Johnston (Victor Books)

Scripture:

Hebrews 11:6 – Impossible to please God without faith

I John 5:4 – Faith overcomes the world

Romans 4:20 – 21 – Faith glorifies God

Love

Training Objective:

The believer shows love for others by having concern for them, acting in a loving manner, and doing something for a needy person (at least once during the week).

Activities:

Share with him/her a personal example.

Demonstrate love to him/her.

Share scriptural examples and principles with him/her.

Visit a hospital, rest home, and/or prison.

Do a study together on I Corinthians 13.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 4, Chapter 1

Going On With Christ (NavPress) Section 5

The Greatest Thing in the World by Henry Drummond (Revell)

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books), p 76-77

The Mark of the Christian by Francis Schaeffer (InterVarsity Press)

Scripture:

John 13:34 – 35 – The command to love.

I John 3:17 – 18 – Love meets other's needs.

John 15:13 – Love means total sacrifice.

I Corinthians 13:4 – 7 – How to love others.

I John 4:7 – 21 – We are to love one another.

The Tongue

Training Objective:

The believer demonstrates control over his/her tongue.

Activities:

Share with him/her how you have controlled your tongue.

Do a Bible study on James 3 together.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 4, Chapter 3, Questions 1 – 8

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 120-122.

Scripture:

Ephesians 4:29 – Speak only edifying words.

Proverbs 26:20 – Don't be a talebearer.

Proverbs 18:6, 7 – A fool's mouth is his/her ruin.

Psalms 71:15 – The mouth is to praise God.

Colossians 4:6 – Speak gracious words.

James 1:26 – Control negative speech.

James 3:1 – 12 – Danger of an uncontrolled tongue.

The Use of Time

Training Objective:

The believer demonstrates growth in the effective use of his/her time by forming and following a schedule.

Activities:

Work out a schedule with him/her.

Help him/her make the time effective through instruction.

Encourage him/her by praying with him/her for this area.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 4, Chapter 4, Questions 1 - 8

Tyranny of the Urgent (InterVarsity Press)

Your Job – Survival or Satisfaction? By Jerry and Mary White (Zondervan)

Scripture:

Ephesians 5:15 – 17 – Redeeming the time.

Psalm 90:10, 12 – Planning your time.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 – Priority of time.

James 4:14 – Brevity of life.

Romans 13:11 – Urgency of time.

Proverbs 31:27 – Not wasting time.

The Will of God

Training Objective:

The believer shares how he/she made one major decision, utilizing Biblical principles on knowing the will of God.

Activities:

Share a personal experience of finding God's will.

Have other Christians do the same.

Have him/her share with you how he/she makes major decisions.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 4, Chapter 4, Questions 17 - 28

Finding God's Will by Paul Little (InterVarsity Press)

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 54 –56

Beginning With Christ (NavPress) Section 5

Lessons on Assurance (NavPress) Chapter 5

How to Know the Will of God by G. C. Weiss (Back to the Bible)

How to Know the Will of God by Russ Johnston (NavPress)

Scripture:

Psalm 119:105 – Direction through God's word

Proverbs 15:22 – Obtaining godly counsel

John 16:13 – The Holy Spirit's ministry in our lives

Romans 12:1, 2 – God's will is good, pleasing, perfect

Obedience

Training Objective:

The believer is learning to be an obedient Christian as evidenced by his/her carrying out specific Bible study applications.

Activities:

Discuss with him/her how to make specific applications.

Check up on his/her previous applications.

Share illustrations from your own life.

Share the results of one of your own Bible study applications.

Materials:

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 70-71.

My Heart, Christ's Home (InterVarsity Press)

Being a Christian by John Stott (InterVarsity Press)

Scripture:

John 14:21 – Love is proved by obedience.

Job 17:9 – Strength results from continued obedience.

John 15:10, 14 – Obedience brings fruitfulness and pleases God.

I Samuel 15:22 – Obedience is better than sacrifice.

Psalms 119:59, 60 – God wants instant obedience.

James 4:17 – Disobedience is sin.

John 14:23 – Incentive for obedience.

The Holy Spirit

Training Objective:

The believer is able to express through Scripture who the Holy Spirit is and how He helps us in our daily walk. He/she can explain to another person how to walk in the Spirit.

Activities:

Teach him/her who the Holy Spirit is by explaining the concept of the Trinity.

Pray with him/her asking the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Observe and point out his/her areas of personal victory.

Set an example of praying for the Holy Spirit's control.

List items that grieve the Holy Spirit and quench Him.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 5, Chapter 2

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 149-151.

Going On With Christ (NavPress) Section 3

Lessons on Christian Living (NavPress) Chapter 3

Baptism and Fullness of the Holy Spirit by John Stott (InterVarsity Press)

Scripture:

John 14:16, 17 – He is the Comforter.

Romans 8:26 – He helps us pray.

John 16:7, 8 – The ministry of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22, 23 – The fruit of the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 – Be filled with the Spirit.

Romans 8:5, 6 – Spirit and flesh conflict.

Romans 12:3 – 8 – Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

I Corinthians 12:13, 14 – Ministry of the Spirit.

Zechariah 4:6 – The power of the Spirit.

Romans 8:16, 17 – Spirit bears us witness.

John 16:13 – 15 – Spirit glorifies Christ.

John 15:26, 27 – The witness of the Spirit.

Satan **(Know Your Enemy)**

Training Objective:

The believer expresses instances of personal victory over Satan by use of prayer and Scripture. He/she has shared how he/she has overcome an attack of Satan in his/her life by using the Word. He/she prays against Satan as a personal spiritual enemy.

Activities:

Ask about his/her biggest temptation.
Share some of your personal battles and victories.
Pray with him/her against Satan's attacks.
Review Bible passages on how Satan attacks.
Share your testimony on how you have overcome Satan's attack by using the Word.
Do a study together on Matthew 4:1 – 11.
Don't get him/her too fascinated with the subject.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 5, Chapter 3
What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 163-168.
How to Resist Satan by Theodore Epp (Back to the Bible)
Your Adversary the Devil by J. D. Pentecost (Zondervan)

Scripture:

Ephesians 6:10 – 18 – Spiritual weapons for warfare.
II Corinthians 10:3 – 5 – Ours are not fleshly weapons.
I John 4:4 – Satan's power is limited.
I Peter 5:8,9 – Satan's action as the enemy.
John 8:44 – Satan is a liar.
Isaiah 14:12 – 15 – The fall of Satan.
I John 3:8 – Satan's works destroyed.
II Corinthians 4:3,4 – Satan's wiles.
II Corinthians 2:11 – We can know the enemy.
Matthew 4:4 – Use of the Word to overcome the enemy.

Dealing With Sin

Training Objective:

The believer identified a moral area of sin in his/her life, having shared a plan for obtaining victory and is progressing positively.

Activities:

Share with him/her a means of victory.
Share some of your own problems and victories.
Pray with him/her about major areas of sin.
Share with him/her the danger of continuing in sin.

Materials:

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) Chapter 10.
My Heart, Christ's Home by Robert Munger (InterVarsity Press)

Scripture:

Colossians 3:9, 10 – Live a new life.
I Peter 1:14 – 16 – Holy behavior a must.
Ephesians 6:10 – 20 – The whole armor of God.
Romans 13:14 – Trusting Christ.
Mark 14:38 – Watch and pray.
I John 1:9 – Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Training Objective:

The believer will be able to confidently express to another person his/her own assurance of forgiveness based on one or more promises from the Bible.

Activities:

Ask him/her if he/she has experienced God's forgiveness for a sin.
Have him/her make restitution in a personal conflict with another person.
Share your own testimony of sin forgiven.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 5, Chapter 4, Questions 21 – 27.
Beginning With Christ (NavPress) Section 4.
Lessons on Assurance (NavPress) Chapter 4.
Tape: How to Experience God's Love and Forgiveness by Bill Bright (Campus Crusade).

Scripture:

I John 1:9 – Forgiveness through confession.
Psalm 32:1 – Blessing of forgiveness.
Matthew 5:23, 24 – Necessity of restitution.
Matthew 18:15 – Necessity of restitution.

Second Coming of Christ

Training Objective:

The believer has expressed a new awareness of Christ's return and can share Scripture passages relating to it.

Activities:

Ask him/her what he/she would do differently if Christ were to come today.
Share how the second coming of Christ motivates him/her.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 5, Chapter 5
What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 151-154.
Behold He Cometh by Ord L. Morrow (Back to the Bible)
Why Must Jesus Come Again? By Theodore Epp (Back to the Bible)
The Return of Jesus Christ by G. T. Manley (InterVarsity Press)
The Living End by Charles Ryrie (Revell)

Scripture:

I Thessalonians 4:16, 17 – Christ's promise to return.
John 14:2, 3 – He will receive us.
I John 3:2, 3 – Challenge to our lives.
Titus 2:11 – 14 – Live godly lives.
Revelation 19:11 – 16 – His coming in glory.

Witnessing

Training Objective:

The believer takes the initiative to share the Gospel clearly, using the Bible.

Activities:

Read Dawson Trotman's testimony in Born to Reproduce.

Read Dawson Trotman's testimony in Coming to Christ Through Scripture Memory.

Pray for conviction in witnessing.

Have him/her witness with another person.

Pray together for witness contacts.

Make and use a prayer list of non-Christian friends.

Allow him/her to observe you as you make contacts and witness.

Lead an evangelistic Bible study group.

Go witnessing together.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 6, Chapter 1

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) Chapter 1.

Tract: The Bridge to Life (NavPress).

The Art of Personal Witnessing by Lorne Sanny (Moody).

Tract: The Four Spiritual Laws (Campus Crusade)

How to Give Away Your Faith by Paul Little (InterVarsity Press).

Evangelism: Why and How by John Stott (InterVarsity Press).

Winning Ways by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books).

The Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert E. Coleman (Revell).

Scripture:

Colossians 1:28, 29 – Proclaim Christ naturally.

Romans 1:16 – Not ashamed of the Gospel.

II Timothy 4:1, 2 – Proclaim Christ at all times.

Proverbs 11:30 – The wise win souls.

Acts 8:35 – Use the Bible to present the Gospel.

Proverbs 28:1 – Boldness is necessary.

I Corinthians 15:3, 4 – The Gospel described.

John 4 – The example of Jesus and the woman of Samaria.

Luke 19:10 – Seek after sinners.

Follow-Up

Training Objective:

The believer has started praying that God would give him a person to follow up.

Activities:

Share your own follow-up plan with him/her.

Have him/her go with you when you follow up someone.

Have him/her present *Beginning With Christ* to you.

Pray with him/her over those with whom he/she is working.

Pray together on the follow-up of a new convert.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 6, Chapter 2

Follow-up by Dawson Trotman (NavPress)

Born to Reproduce by Dawson Trotman (NavPress)

Winning Ways by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) Chapter 12

Encouraging New Christians by Michael Griffiths (InterVarsity Press)

The Dynamics of Personal Follow-up by Gary W. Kuhne (Zondervan)

Scripture:

Colossians 1:28 – Present every man perfect in Christ.

III John 4 – The joy of seeing people walking with God.

II Timothy 2:2 – Teaching a faithful believer to reproduce.

II Timothy 1:3 – Prayer in follow-up.

Giving

Training Objective:

The believer is giving Biblically on a regular basis to the local church (storehouse tithing).

Activities:

Help him/her list Scriptural principles of giving from the Bible.

Check with him/her as to how his/her plan of giving is working.

Work with him/her on an overall budget (if necessary).

Help him/her establish a plan for giving.

Materials:

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 6, Chapter 4

What Every Christian Should Know About Growing by LeRoy Eims (Victor Books) p 84-86.

NavPress Booklet: Going On With Christ, Section 8

Lessons on Christian Living (NavPress), Chapter 8

Scripture:

Proverbs 3:9, 10 – Give to God first.

II Corinthians 9:6 – 8 – Give joyfully.

Luke 6:38 – The blessings of giving.

Proverbs 3:27 – Give when you can.

Galatians 6:6 – Share resources with spiritual teachers.

Malachi 3:10 – Give and receive God's blessing.

Proverbs 11:24, 25 – The generous man is blessed.

II Corinthians 8:9 – Though He was rich, Christ became poor for us.

Missions

Training Objective:

The believer demonstrates an interest and concern in world missions through weekly prayer for missionaries and people in foreign countries. He/she gives to the monthly support of an overseas missionary.

Activities:

Introduce him/her to visiting missionaries to other countries.

Pray with him/her, using missionary prayer letters or e-mails.

Use a world map and pray for specific countries around the world.

Correspond with missionaries by letter or by e-mail with him/her and learn about various mission fields and agencies.

Read and discuss missionary biographies and books on missions.

Materials:

World map, globe, or atlas

Missionary prayer letters, e-mails, or web sites

Missionary biographies

Studies in Christian Living (NavPress) Book 6, Chapter 5

Born to Reproduce by Dawson Trotman (NavPress)

You and God's Work Overseas by Michael Griffiths (InterVarsity Press)

Scripture:

Matthew 9:35 – 38 – Prayer for laborers in the fields of the world.

Matthew 28: 18 – 20 – Make disciples everywhere.

Acts 1:8 – Go to the ends of the earth.

Mark 16:15 – Preach the Gospel to all.

Luke 24:47 – Go to all nations.

John 20:21 – Jesus' commission to us, based on His successful mission.

Isaiah 6:8 – Willingness to go.