

## Study Guide “More Door to More” from 1-20-2019

**Key Scriptures:** “Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.” Proverbs 17:28

- Romans 14:16-18 “Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.
- Joshua 1:1-3 “After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: ‘Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them – the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.’”
- James 3:6 “And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body.”

### Start Talking:

- Have you ever wanted something very badly, even though you didn't really have room for it - more clothes, new vehicle, camper, etc.? Did you get it anyway? Share.
- Pastor Bobby said, “True deliverance has not taken place when we escape bondage (Egypt), but when we enter the promise land.” How many Christians are still in the wilderness? As God's ambassadors, how do we lead them to the Promised Land?
- After reading II Kings 4:1-6, Pastor Bobby said, “God can only fill empty vessels.” Is your life empty of the things of the world enough that God has some place to fill it with his Spirit?

### Start Thinking:

- Pastor Bobby said, “The world is the field, and the field will never yield what we're looking for.” Despite knowing about eternity and God, do many Christians still look for happiness from the things of the world? How would your life be changed if you had fewer physical things and more Spiritual encounters with God?

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- Do you know anyone who complains simply because life is not perfect? What do you think is wrong with this expectation?

### Start Sharing:

- Share a time when you made a judgment based on what someone said, only to find out later that the truth was the opposite of what you heard? How did you feel? What did you do? What did you learn?
- In describing words, James 3:6 reads, “And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body.” Proverbs 17:28 reads, “Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.” What can we learn from these verses? Share.
- Pastor Bobby said, “Way too many people void what they’re praying by what they’re saying.” Have you ever listened to someone pray, and observed them negating the prayer by doubt, fear, or worry? Have you ever considered being an example of really believing what you’re saying?

**Start Praying:** “Lord, help us take an inventory of what occupies our living space and our time. Convict us to remove the things and times that rob us of having more of You. Change our hearts so that our words do not contradict what we say we believe. We are ready to ‘give some things away and watch what we say.’”

### Start Doing:

- Pastor Bobby said, “A thermometer gauges environments. A thermostat changes environments.” Do you know someone who talks about conditions in the world (Facebook), and someone else who looks for ways to change things? What is one thing you can do to change things even if there seems to be no practical solution that you could actually do?
- Do you ever pray real hard, then moments or hours later fall into worry? Yet, Jesus said in Matthew 6:34, “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things.”

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Discuss how to win this battle within your mind in your everyday life.

- Pastor Bobby said, “So, we have two choices. We can keep agreeing with what we are seeing, or we can agree with God’s Word and keep saying what we are praying.” 2 Corinthians 5:7 reads, “For we walk by faith, not by sight.” Can you commit to believe in and follow the things not seen that are promised by God through His Word? Is the Spiritual world less of a reality than the carnal world? Share and discuss.