

New Members Book



The Final Harvest Ministries

Membership Book

Overview of Membership Class: WELCOME

Welcome to The Final Harvest Ministries! This class is presented to create an understanding of what we believe and to develop opportunities to serve the Kingdom of God through the ministry. We are glad to enlighten you about our vision and framework within TFHM. Our goal in this class is to guide, empower, and enhance members as they embrace the vision and framework within this ministry.

Objectives

- Understanding TFHM Framework
- Understanding and recognizing the 4 Pillars of the Church
- Understanding what we believe (Tenets of Faith)

Prep for & understand your spiritual S.H.A.P.E

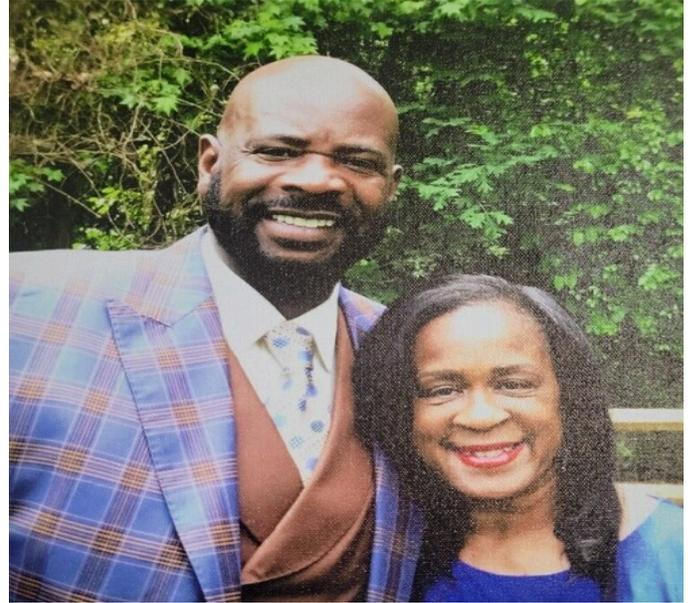
Outline

- The vision and the visionary (The Pastor & his family)
- The structure and framework of the ministry.
- Tenets of Faith– What we believe at this ministry
- A True Faith Walk (Faith, Prayer, the Holy Spirit & Discipleship)
- We will assess where you fit in the ministry by understanding your S.H.A.P.E

Meet Our Leaders

Apostle Jonathan Richardson

A Los Angeles native called by God to minister restoration and hope, Apostle Jonathan Richardson has walked a remarkable journey of obedience and divine purpose. After graduating from Pomona High School, he entered a seventeen-year career in criminal justice as a correctional officer at the California Institution for Men in Chino, where God positioned him to be a light in dark places.



Rising through various leadership positions across all security levels, Apostle Richardson never viewed his role as merely maintaining order—he understood it as a divine assignment. Working directly with inmates, he seized opportunities to plant seeds of transformation, allowing the Holy Spirit to work through him to touch lives that society had forgotten.

A New Season of Ministry

As the Lord began stirring his heart toward pastoral ministry, Apostle Richardson faithfully stewarded the entrepreneurial gifts God had given him. In 1992, he and his wife Lisa opened Alpha Christian Community Care, their first residential facility for individuals with developmental disabilities. Through this ministry of compassion, they partnered with healthcare professionals and demonstrated Christ's love to the vulnerable.

In 2005, in a bold step of faith, the Richardsons closed their thriving businesses and followed God's clear directive to relocate to Charlotte, North Carolina, with their two children. There, they birthed The Final Harvest Ministries—a vision God had placed on their hearts to gather souls for the Kingdom in these last days.

A Man After God's Heart

Apostle Richardson is admired for his unwavering obedience to the Word of God and his gift of teaching, which has brought many into fellowship with Christ and deeper revelation of biblical truth. He walks in the spirit of humility, love, and honesty, exemplifying what it means to be a servant leader. With meekness and longsuffering, he pours into those God places in his path, demonstrating that true spiritual authority flows from a surrendered heart.

Servant Lisa Richardson

Mrs. Lisa Richardson is a devoted disciple of Jesus Christ, the beloved wife of Apostle Jonathan Richardson, and co-founder of The Final Harvest Ministries Inc. Known affectionately as "Servant Lisa," she embodies a heart fully surrendered to serving God's people with genuine love and unwavering commitment.

A Woman of Grace and Wisdom

As a spiritual mother, confidant, teacher, and visionary, Servant Lisa has touched countless lives through her gentle spirit. Though soft-spoken, her impact is profound. She carries a divine mandate to inspire believers to live purpose-filled, progressive lives that honor God and advance His Kingdom. Her counseling ministry flows from heaven-sent wisdom, bringing healing and restoration to individuals, marriages, and families.

Servant Lisa & Apostle Richardson have been married for over 40 years. Their union is a testament to God's faithfulness, blessed with five children: Christina, Breanna, Vanessa, Lauren, and Jonathan Richardson. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Behavioral Science with a minor in Criminal Justice from California Polytechnic University-Pomona.

A Heart for the Impossible

When the Richardsons moved to Charlotte in 2005, Servant Lisa embraced her calling as a helpmate, standing alongside her husband as they birthed Final Harvest Ministries according to God's blueprint. She firmly believes that when we fully surrender to God, He performs the impossible in our lives. Her favorite scripture, Ephesians 3:20, declares this truth: "Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

Servant Lisa teaches and demonstrates that through Christ, every believer can experience wholeness—physically, mentally, and spiritually—living in the freedom and abundance that God intended. Her life is a living testimony that God is faithful to complete the work He begins in those who trust Him.

Together in Ministry

For over 20 years, Apostle Richardson and Servant Lisa Richardson have faithfully shepherded The Final Harvest Ministries, watching God expand the congregation and deepen the spiritual impact of their ministry. Their partnership reflects the beauty of two lives wholly surrendered to God's purposes, united in their passion to see souls saved, lives transformed, and God's Kingdom advanced in these final hours.

The Final Harvest Ministries

A Divine Revelation

*"Where there is no vision, the people perish:
but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."*

[Proverbs 29:18]

The Final Harvest Ministries was born from a vision that God deposited into the heart of Apostle Richardson—a divine revelation to restore lost humanity back to God. This is not merely a dream or human ambition, but a holy mandate burning with urgency for these last days. The very name "Final Harvest" speaks to the biblical reality that we are living in the end times, and there is a great gathering of souls before Christ's return.



This God-given vision ignited an unquenchable passion within Apostle Richardson to win souls and make disciples, fulfilling the Great Commission with intensity and purpose.

The Foundation: Authentic Community

Since opening its doors in June 2006, The Final Harvest Ministries has been committed to building a community of authentic believers—disciples who don't just attend church, but who are truly transformed by the life-changing reality of the gospel. Our mission is to witness an entire city transformed as people surrender their lives to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

TFHM serves as an opportunity to lay up treasures in heaven [Matthew 6:19], recognizing that our work on earth has eternal significance. Through faithful community outreach on the West side of Charlotte, we provide families with hot meals, clothing, and essential services, meeting both physical and spiritual needs. We gratefully partner with local businesses, including Panera Bread, Second Harvest

Food Bank, Food Lion, and Trader Joe's, who support our mission through donations and grants.

The Expansion: Yoke Breaker Crusades

As TFHM has matured in ministry and spiritual authority, God has expanded Apostle Richardson's vision beyond Charlotte. The Lord has commissioned us to spread the gospel and break spiritual yokes across the United States through powerful tent revivals—anointed gatherings we call "Yoke Breaker Crusades."

These Spirit-filled crusades fulfill the mandate of Luke 4:18: to heal the brokenhearted, deliver the captives, restore sight to the blind, and set at liberty those who are bruised. Sinners are called to repentance, turning from their wicked ways, and the power of God moves mightily. By God's grace, we have witnessed hearts touched and minds renewed in Pennsylvania, Louisiana, and Michigan. TFHM is ablaze with Holy Ghost fire, committed to spreading the Good News wherever God opens doors.

Touching Our Community

Christmas Eve Celebration

Each year, our annual Christmas Eve outreach continues to grow as the community witnesses God's abundant provision. Families receive toys, clothing, food, bicycles, household necessities, appliances, and gift cards—but most importantly, they hear the Word of God. Like the woman at the well who encountered Jesus and brought her entire city to Him, we believe our community outreach creates opportunities for divine encounters that transform lives.

Prayer & Plates Ministry

Twice monthly, TFHM hosts Prayer & Plates in our parking lot, offering hot meals, groceries, and prayer to anyone God brings our way. This ministry serves a dual purpose: meeting the tangible needs of our community while providing opportunities for believers to grow spiritually through active service. As we put our hands to the

plow for the Kingdom of God, we strengthen one another and experience the blessing that comes from serving others.

We understand the truth of Matthew 25:40: *"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."* When we serve those in need, we serve Jesus Himself.

Our Vision Moving Forward

The Final Harvest Ministries remains steadfast in our calling to gather souls for God's Kingdom in these final hours. We are committed to:

- **Soul Winning** — Preaching the unadulterated gospel and calling sinners to repentance
- **Disciple Making** — Raising up authentic believers who walk in spiritual maturity and power
- **Community Transformation** — Demonstrating Christ's love through practical service and spiritual ministry
- **Kingdom Expansion** — Taking the gospel beyond our walls through Yoke Breaker Crusades and wherever God leads

The harvest truly is plentiful, and we are honored to be laborers in God's field during this critical time in human history. Every soul won, every yoke broken, and every life transformed is a testament to God's faithfulness and the power of the gospel.

The fields are white unto harvest. The time is now. The call is urgent. This is the Final

Harvest.

FRAMEWORK

[Matthew 25: 35-36 KJV] 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

The 5 components of our framework:

Kingdom Kitchen	Providing food and drink Monday - Friday From 12-1 pm
Harvest House	Transitional home for men Providing shelter to those in need.
The Convalescent Home	Praying for the sick and shut-in
My Brothers and Sisters Clothing Closet	Providing new clothes to those in need
Kairos Prison Ministry of SC- Partnership	Mission: To share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women, and youth, as well as their families. To help them become loving and productive citizens of their communities. www.kairossc.org

4 PILLARS OF THE CHURCH

These 4 Pillars allow people to be positioned to Work Their Gifts to the Fullest. Let's look closer at each pillar!

- Pillar #1: Every Believer is a Minister
- Pillar #2: Every Ministry is Important
- Pillar #3: We Are Dependent on Each Other
- Pillar #4: Ministry is the Expression of My S.H.A.P.E.

The foundation of the four pillars is based upon Romans 12: 1-8 KJV

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

PILLAR 1: EVERY BELIEVER IS A MINISTER



"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many". [Mark 10:45]

Christians are **created** for ministry

- **[Eph 2: 10]** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Saved and **Called** for ministry

- **[2 Tim 1:9]** Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,
- **[1 Pet 2: 9]** But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

To be prepared for ministry

- [Eph. 4:11-12] **11** And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Authorized & Commanded for ministry

- [**Matt 28: 18-20**] And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Gifted for ministry

- [**1 Pet 4:10**] As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Everyone is **needed** for ministry

- [1 Cor. 12:14-22] **22** Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

Accountable for ministry and will be **rewarded** according to his or her ministry.

- [Col. 3:23-24] **23** And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Pillar Two- Every Ministry is Important

[1 COR 12: 21-22] And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

Key Takeaways:

- There is no big "I" and little "you" in ministry; we are ONE in the body of CHRIST!
- Every ministry is important and every ministry is unique!

Pillar Three - We Depend on Each Other

[Romans 12:5] “So, we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another”.

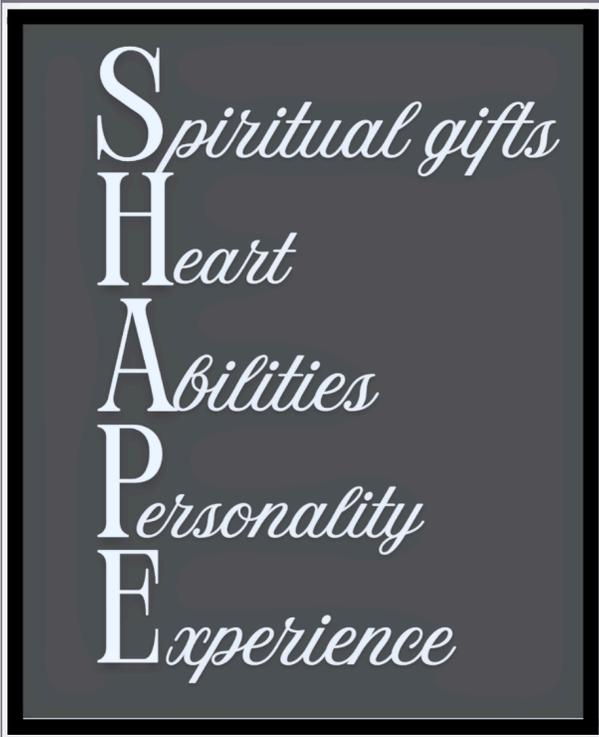
Key Takeaways:

- Unity Is Key!
- Every ministry is intertwined with all the others.
- No single ministry can accomplish all that the church is called to do.
- We must depend on each other and cooperate.

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Pillar Four- Ministry is the Expression of my S.H.A.P.E

Each of us are uniquely designed -or "shaped"- by God for a specific purpose.



Your purpose in the church

As you settle into The Final Harvest Ministries, we desire for you to become a laborer in the ministry. Laborers are needed in the ministry for the weekly operation while fulfilling the vision of the house. Your immediate participation is appreciated and needed. You will be contacted by the administrative team to get you actively involved in the ministry.

Thank you for your willingness to serve and put your hands to the plow for the work of ministry!

Understanding your S.H.A.P.E allows you to

- Fulfill your purpose
- To exercise your gifts and operate in your calling
- To operate in the specific purpose God has before ordained for you

Tenants of Faith

What we believe

- The Bible is the only infallible and authoritative written Word of God. [**2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21**]
- There is one true and eternal God manifested in three persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. [**Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14**]
- The New Birth (accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior) is necessary for all and produces eternal life through confession and belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. [**Romans 10:9-10; John 3:3-5**]
- Total Prosperity for the whole Spirit, soul, and body. [**John 10:10, 2 Corinthians 8:9, John 2**]
- The Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. [**Acts 2:4, Acts 10:44-48**]
- The present-day operation of the nine gifts of the Spirit. [**1 Corinthians 1:7-11**]
- The following ordinances:
 - The Lord's Supper, Communion [**1 Corinthians 11:23-30**]
 - Water Baptism [**Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:3- 4**]
 - Observance of Feet Washing [**John 13:14**]

The Prodigal Son

Introduction & Summary

In chapter 15 of Luke's gospel, we find the most moving and complete picture of repentance, the Prodigal Son. It is a parable about the relentlessness of sin in a man's life. It shows the unfailing love of the Father, patiently waiting for his children to return home.

The believer must understand that genuine repentance means having remorse for having done what was wrong. Understand that our heavenly Father is faithful and just to forgive us, no matter how big our faults. Genuine repentance allows the Holy Spirit to work a real change in our lives.

Our goal is to lead everyone into genuine repentance, knowing the love of the Father.

Unruly & Reckless

10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

11 And he said, A certain man had two sons:

12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

Key Takeaways:

- **The son had fallen into a deprived state due to his poor decisions, strong desires, and lack of wisdom.**

Genuine Repentance

17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

Key Takeaways:

- Regardless of how far we have gone from God, He always looks at us with merciful and forgiving eyes.
- Although our actions may offend God and cause the Lord to be angry with us, if we turn to the Father, He will reach out to us with his mercy and forgiveness.
- From the moment we make the decision to repent, the Lord runs out to meet each of us, opening his loving arms to give us his protection and security.

*Repentance
is acknowledging your
condition and making a
wholehearted decision to
return to the correct path.*

Important steps in the process of genuine repentance:

1. Acknowledge your condition, then make a choice to humbly and honestly return to the Father.
2. Confession as the result of a broken heart brought about by acknowledgment of your sin, leading to the renewing of your mind.
3. Setting boundaries to support your renewed mind in creating & maintaining healthy habits.

The Father's Love

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.

Key Takeaways:

- Our Father cleanses us
- Our Father restores our power, authority, and joy.

Symbolism

- The old clothes represent sin, while the new **robe** symbolizes a total change of the inner man.
- The **ring** demonstrates how God restores the POWER and AUTHORITY over every opposing power given to us through Jesus.
- The **shoes** represent that Father trusts the son with preaching the gospel, His greatest ministry. We are given the privilege of walking in full relationship with the divine word and to also be able to share it with others. **[Eph 6:15]**
- The Father restores his **joy**. The Christian life should be full of joy, and this is represented by dancing.

Life Application: In prayer, ask for the Holy Spirit to guide you into true repentance and cry out to God for restoration.

A TRUE FAITH WALK



[Hebrews 11: 1] Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

[Hebrews 11: 6] But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Our goal in this lesson is to inform you about the principles of a victorious faith and help you identify the elements to stir it up in your hearts.

Faith Makes Us Conquerors

By Faith we overcome the world

- [I John 5:19] It is necessary to develop an active faith that is able to bring the presence of God to our families, cities and nation.
- [2 Corinthians 10:3-5] We demolish arguments and every high thing that sets itself up against the knowledge of God and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

By Faith we overcome every argument against us

- [James 4:7] When we submit ourselves to divide wisdom, power and authority the enemy must flee from us.
- [Rom 5:1] Faith is the power that steers believers through their Christian life and justifies our walk with God.

Different Kinds of Faith

The Creative Faith

- [Hebrews 11:3] By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.
- [Romans 4:17] God has endowed us with His own nature, and by faith we call things that are not as though they were.
- If a Christian believes God and lets His word become "rhema" for his life, he will notice that the Word conceives the miracle in the inner part of his being, and then he will see results.

The Faith for healing the soul

- Faith brings inner healing, restoration, and healing of the wounded soul.
- **[Proverbs 15:13]** A happy heart makes a cheerful countenance, but heartache crushes the spirit.
- **[Psalm 147:3]** He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Faith for physical healing

[Isaiah 53:4-5] Surely He took our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishments that brought us peace were upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

- Faith is essential for the healing of your body.
- To obtain healing, you must walk in the reality that whatever ails you has already been conquered by Jesus Christ on the cross.

Faith to Give

[Luke 6:38] Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.

[Luke 6:38] For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

In this lesson, the believer will grow to understand giving as a form of worship and gain knowledge about the importance of tithing and stewardship.

Tithes

[Malachi 3:8-10] 8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Faith to give an offering

[Hebrews 11:4] By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. He was considered a righteous man when God spoke well of his offerings. The Lord honored Abel's faith above Cain's because when Cain came indifference and selfishness.

Remember the faith to offer is the same faith that enriches.

Let's Reflect:

Why did God call it theft when his people did not give Him their tithe and offering?

What did God promise to do when they gave their tithe and offering?

Stewardship

[Luke 12:42] The Lord answered, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time?"

What are 2 qualities of a good steward?

When God finds you faithful in the little things, what will he do?

Key Takeaways:

- **[Luke 10:25-37]** Sowing financially is a way to empower our church to meet needs.
- Giving back to the one who first gave is a form of worship.
- **[Deuteronomy 12:8-14]** Stewardship is a continual act of worship.
- **[Deuteronomy 12:15-7]** Our resources are gifts from God.
- Worship God with your tithe and offering.
- Be good stewards with the finances, gifts/talents, and blessings God has entrusted to you.

Life Application:

1. Establish a **PLAN** of savings that will allow you to give from what you have and designate a time to serve.
2. Be **MINDFUL** of your role in building God's Kingdom and focus on the purpose of your giving.
3. Be **INTENTIONAL** in your giving, knowing that where the church gathers for worship is the best place to give your tithes, offerings, skills, gifts, and talents.

Remember this:

- What we receive is in proportion to what we give. Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.
- We should be cheerful givers when we give. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
- **[2 Corinthians 9:6-8]** God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times; having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Two Major Principles About Faith

Complaining cancels faith

[Exodus 14:10-11] Trapped against the Red Sea and the Egyptian army behind them, the Israelites complained and prepared for death.

- The Israelites had to learn from repeated experiences that God was able to provide
- They reacted with
 - Fear
 - Whining
 - Preparing to die
 - Doubt in the ability of their leader

Sin stagnates Faith

- [Psalm 51] David prays for restoration of his relationship with God. Unconfessed sin makes intimacy with God impossible.

Characteristics of Faith

- [Luke 5:4-5] Faith believes in the words of the Lord.
- [Isaiah 1:19-20] Faith is above the senses.
- [I Peter 1:7] Faith overcomes the doubts and unbelief.

Conclusion: Faith is placing absolute trust in God and in each one of His promises. It allows believers to declare things that are not as if they already are. Faith is the agent that, unlike hope, operates in the present and is the main requirement that God demands of us in order to approach Him. Living by faith allows us to experience the supernatural.

Life Application: Ask God to renew your faith so that you will not faint in difficult situations. Pray that God will strengthen you.

PRAYER

PLUG INTO THE POWER OF PRAYER

[**Matthew 6:6**] But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

In this lesson, the believer will learn about the different levels of prayer to foster better communication with the Father.

I. Redemption- "Our Father"

[**John 1:12-13**] No one can call God "Father" unless he has been redeemed by Jesus' blood.

II. Authority- "In heaven"

[**Ephesians 1:19-23**] Through prayer we recognize the heavens are God's throne.

III. Worship- "Hallowed be your name"

God's nature is holy- that is completely separate from wickedness.

[**John 4:23-24**] Everything that He created was made with the purpose of glorifying Him.

IV. Level of Government-"Your kingdom come"

[**Proverbs 29:2**] God has established a government plan, understanding his plan fulfills God's purpose in our lives.

V. Level of Evangelism- "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven"

[**John 6:39**] Our commitment must be to spread the manifestation of God's love through His son Jesus, throughout the world.

VI. Level of Provision-"Give us today our daily bread"

[**3 John 2**] It is God's plan that His children prosper, spiritually, physically, and financially.

VII. Level of Forgiveness- "Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors"

[**Matthew 5:23-24**] Our prayer has no power when we pray without having experienced God's forgiveness in our lives, and without having granted forgiveness to those who have offended us. The lack of forgiveness becomes a barrier between God and us.

VIII. Level of Protection- "and lead us not into temptation"

[**Proverbs 22:3, 1 Corinthians 6:18**] The enemy is on a constant hunt for whom he may overtake in sin so it is important to have a disciplined life of prayer.

IX. Level Of Deliverance- "but deliver us from the evil one"

[**Deuteronomy 28, Psalms 144:2**] Good and evil are the two forces that operate in the Spirit Realm. In the New Birth Experience a new believer passes from darkness to light but must constantly ask God, in prayer, to deliver him from sickness, accidents, plagues, poverty, etc

X. Level of Safety- "for yours is the kingdom the power and the glory forever"

[**John 10:27-28**] The most stable and lasting safety that God has given us is Jesus Christ. Jesus is the one who gives us assurance and trust.

Conclusion: Prayer establishes an intimate relationship with God. Through prayer, we are able to open the doors of heaven and receive the abundant blessings promised to us by God. Believers must always depend on the Father and pray to Him in all things.

Life Application: Determine in your heart to make prayer your lifestyle; something inherent to your personality.

- Choose a specific hour to pray daily
- Select a specific place to pray
- Use the Bible as your support
- Journal the things the Lord has revealed to you according to your petitions.

THE HOLY GHOST

YOUR COMFORTER

We all must obtain complete knowledge of who the Holy Ghost is and understand His work.

[John 14:26] But the counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

In this lesson, the believer will begin to know this interesting person of the Trinity. More importantly, the believer will experience the need to establish a friendship with Him, understanding that it is about the presence of God in your life.

I. Deepening your knowledge of the Holy Ghost

He is a person:

- The Holy Ghost is a person as real as the Lord Jesus Christ is.
- He is the third person of the Trinity.
- The Holy Spirit of God is only given to those who acknowledge Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Reasons to help us confirm that the Holy Ghost is a person:

- **[Acts 13:2, John 16:13]** He speaks
- **[Acts 16:6-7]** He leads and warns
- **[Romans 8:26]** He offers help and intercedes
- **[Romans 8:14, John 16: 13]** He guides
- **[John 15:26]** He testifies
- **[Ephesians 4:30]** He grieves or is saddened

He is God Himself

The Holy Ghost has been at work from the moment of creation up until this very moment. His attributes allow us to identify Him as God Himself.

- **[Luke 1:35]** The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the only one to be born will be called the Son of God.

[Psalm 139:7] Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee your presence?

- **[Hebrews 9:14]** How much more, then will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

- **[1 Corinthians 2:10-11]** But God revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

The Holy Ghost Glorifies Jesus

- **[John 16:14-15, John 7:38-39]** Everything the Holy Ghost does glorifies Jesus.

- Our faith in Jesus Christ gives us legal rights to His riches, but our relationship with the Spirit allows us to enjoy them.

- When we glorify Jesus through our actions, the Holy Ghost rejoices and increases His power in us.

He is our Guide

- He reveals divine secrets

- **[John 16:13]** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

- The Father and Son share the infinite riches of their grace, but they are clearly revealed to us through the Holy Ghost.

- As an authorized steward of those blessings, those riches, and all the divine secrets, the Holy Ghost imparts them to those who, by faith, have surrendered to Jesus and are filled with the Holy Ghost.

II. Steps to Receive the Infilling of the Holy Ghost

Cleanliness of the heart

[**Luke 5:37**] The Lord said, "And no one pours new wine into old wineskins."

- The wine represents the fresh, vigorous presence of the Holy Ghost that wants to be poured out in completely regenerated lives.
- The old wineskins represent those persons who experienced the presence of the Spirit in their lives for a moment, a co-union (relationship) with God.
- [**2 Corinthians 5:17**] The new wineskins is the life that has been completely transformed by God.

Believe

As Christians, we walk in faith and through faith.

When we ask for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, we must accept in faith that we already have it and then begin, in that same attitude of faith, speaking to the Lord in new tongues.

Do not yield the body to sin

[**Corinthians 3:16**] The Holy Spirit is the presence of God in our lives.

Receive Him voluntarily

The Holy Ghost is a gentleman. He only enters a person's life when the person willingly decides to invite him to come in, and when this happens, He enters to take over every area of their being, offering power and absolute freedom.

Conclusion: The Holy Ghost is the third person of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). He is the promise given by Jesus to his disciples as the Comforter. He indicated that He would send Him as soon as He departed. The Spirit of God comes to dwell in the life of the believer as his friend and guide, to endow him with power and take over an area of his life.

Life Application: Make sure that the Holy Ghost is guiding your life. Examine your daily life and observe, according to your behavior and accomplishments, if you really are accompanied by the Holy Ghost as taught in these lessons.

DISCIPLESHIP

A follower of Christ who actively seeks and teaches others to follow Christ.

[Matthew 28:19-20] Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit... teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

This lesson will help to unfold God's plan of discipleship for the believer. The believer will obtain Knowledge to effectively understand God's plan for the multiplication of souls into the Kingdom of God.

A disciple is a follower of Christ

- Discipleship is a lifestyle
- If we as believers multiply, we will increase and conquer. Spiritual multiplication is what produces change in our lives and the lives of others.

God has given us each a call to make disciples

- We as believers have the answers people need in their lives.
- Discipleship never stops; it is reflecting God's love and caring for people.

II. The Four Spiritual Laws

1. God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life.
2. Man is sinful and separated from God; therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life.
3. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through Him, you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life.
4. We must individually receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, then we can know God's love and experience God's plan for our lives.

III. Eight Principles of Discipleship

1. **[John 17:21]** Jesus prayed for his disciples.
2. **[Luke 24:44-48]** Jesus taught the disciples God's word.
3. **[John 5:30]** Jesus depended on God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

4. [Matthew 28: 18-20] Jesus trained His disciples and sent them out to minister.
5. [Matthew 17:17-20, Mark 9:23] Jesus urged them to take steps of faith.
6. [Matthew 16:19-21] Jesus emphasized an eternal perspective.
7. [Luke 8:1, John 14:24-42] Jesus initiated and modeled evangelism.
8. [Matthew 20:28, John 13:1] Jesus was the perfect example of servanthood; Jesus was a soul winner.

Application- A Personal call to discipleship

1. [I Corinthians 3:9] We must be willing to step outside of ourselves and answer God's call. Discipleship is a call that requires that we get out of our comfort zone.
2. To begin a discipleship ministry we must have an understanding of the "Four Spiritual Laws".
3. **Are you willing to sow into someone else's life?** We must build and establish relationships. Think about who you are leading into Christ and have the opportunity to strengthen in the journey of faith.
4. Inspire others to grow in their faith. Be willing to leave a legacy of faith wherever you go.
5. Prepare to lead a small group
 - Loving— A heart of God.
 - Dependent upon God as your source.
 - Teachable— willing to listen
 - Relational in their thinking.
 - Available— God is foremost in their lives.

Conclusion: Discipleship is God's plan for kingdom expansion. We must pray and ask God to give us a heart for souls. Jesus stated that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. A true disciple always has followers.

Life Application: Allow God to use your life in the simplest manner, start with your everyday relationships, and ask God to show you his plan for not only your life but also for those that God is allowing to cross your path.

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