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LIVING RIGHT WHEN EVERYTHING AROUND YOU SEEMS TO BE GOING WRONG!

It is my desire for you, who are now beginning your training for reigning, that you grow in the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This will happen only as you study God's Word and allow the Holy Spirit, who is with you and in you, to empower you. The scripture tells us that Jesus said He would not leave us alone as an orphan. (John 14:18)

While you are at home, you need to know that the Holy Spirit is your counselor, who is able to give you wisdom as to how you should walk in every area of your life. He is like the third base coach who will tell you when to run or to stay on base. II Peter 1:3 tells us that God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us everything that we need for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who has called us by his own glory and goodness. It also tells us in verse 4 that through the precious promises of the Word of God we might participate in His very nature (which is powerful) and through this power we can escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

This manual is designed to encourage you to seek the Lord in five specific areas of your life. Each will be looked at Monday through Friday in Bible Study fashion. You will have two-three questions each day with scripture references to help you find the answers in the Word of God. Along with the question will come practical ways that you can apply what you've learned.

With each day you will cover one of these five areas:

Monday: Growing Spiritually

Tuesday: Walking in Integrity (Innocence)

Wednesday: Family Living

Thursday: Leadership as a Lifestyle

Friday: Academics and Career (Pursuing Purpose)

The prophet Jeremiah tells us that we can call upon the Lord and He will answer us and tell us great and mighty things which we do not know. (Jeremiah 33:3) There will be additional scriptures each day that will help you to dig a little deeper.

When should I work on my manual?

- Early in the morning is a good time: Psalm 5:3.
“In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.”
- At night you can reflect back on the day and review what you read in the morning. At this time you can also read the additional scriptures.

Apply the 3R's to your study time:

READ the Word: look up verses in response to the question.

REFLECT upon the Word: answer the question asked and write down any other thoughts you may have.

RESPOND to the Word: pray about things that the Word shows that you may not be doing, and ask for the Lord to change the things that need to change, or pray and thank the Lord for what He has done or is doing in your life.

Please keep in mind that this manual is just a tool to assist you in your growth. There are many tools out there, but the greatest are the Word of God and Prayer. By continuing in these two areas you can learn to walk with the Lord throughout your day. There will be times that you do not feel like reading the Word, but I would suggest that you develop a pattern of behavior by

reading everyday, even when you don't feel like it. You will never know when you will need to draw from the well inside of you which is filled with the water of the Word of God.

If you come upon words that you do not know, look them up in a dictionary, or ask someone that you feel can help you. In the section marked 'other scriptures', there is some space for you to write down your thoughts after reading them.

May God bless you as you are being trained to reign. Love and peace to you:

"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation."

II Peter 2:2

MONDAY: WEEK 1 GROWING SPIRITUALLY

SCRIPTURE: II Corinthians 5:17

Most of us at some time in our life have thought, “I wish I could start over again!” God has made this a reality through your commitment to Jesus Christ. You still have the same name, address, and family, but you have begun a new life spiritually. The things concerning our old lifestyles have passed away.

1. In what condition do most people come to the Lord? (Isaiah 1:5–6)

2. To help understand man and woman we need to see that we are made up of 3 basic areas. What are they according to

I Thessalonians 5:23?

- a.
 - b.
 - c.
3. What part of our being communicates with God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ? (John 4:23–24)

Other Scriptures: Ephesians 2:1–5

APPLICATION: Spend some time talking to the Lord in prayer.

TUESDAY: WEEK 1 WALKING IN INTEGRITY (INNOCENCE)

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 6:9–12

The word ‘integrity’ means honesty, sincerity and singleness of purpose. Noah is someone who many can relate to. In his day and time not many folks in Noah’s neighborhood were walking with the Lord. Even though they were not, he made up his mind “to do the right thing.”

1. How did the Lord ask Abram to walk? (Genesis 17:1)
2. How did the Lord define integrity as He described David? (II Kings 9:4–5)
3. Although Jesus did not use the word integrity, he called for purity of heart. What does He say in Matthew 5:8?

Other Scriptures: Daniel 1:8, Psalm 15:1–5

APPLICATION: Do what you know is right—don’t just follow the crowd.