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## Now That I Have Decided To Follow Jesus . . .



# I Can Have a Great Relationship With God



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“Using the Bible To Teach the Bible”

Lesson 2

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### OPENING QUESTIONS

*James 2:23*

Is a relationship with God likened to a friendship?

Y N

*John 15:13–15*

Did Jesus die for those He called friends?

Y N

How can you show that you are Jesus’ friend?

*What are some ways that you try to cultivate relationships with your friends?*

How can you build a friendship with God?

*How do you feel about Jesus and the Holy Spirit living in you and with you?*

*Acts 2:38*

When did you receive the Holy Spirit?

*Galatians 5:22, 23; Romans 5:5*

What are some results of the Holy Spirit’s dwelling in you?

*1 Thessalonians 5:19*

What could keep you from seeing these fruits in your life?

What are some ways you might put out the Spirit’s fire?

**THIS LESSON WILL LOOK AT  
THREE PRINCIPLES:**

- REMEMBER TO WHOM YOU BELONG
- KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON THINGS ABOVE
- YOU CAN OVERCOME SIN

### PRINCIPLE #2: KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON THINGS ABOVE

In order to do this, every area of your life must be permeated by your faith in God. Someone once said, “All of your life is religious, or none of it is.” How can you exercise the Lordship of Jesus in every area of your life? You must decide to follow Him, devote yourself to Him, and depend on Him.

### PRINCIPLE #1: REMEMBER TO WHOM YOU BELONG

*1 Corinthians 6:19, 20*

What picture is used to describe the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in your life?

When you became a Christian, you were bought at a \_\_\_\_\_.

To whom do you belong?

You were bought with the blood of Christ.

T F

Does the Holy Spirit live within you?

Y N

*Galatians 2:20, 21*

Because you were crucified with Christ, you no longer live.

T F

*Matthew 28:20*

Is Jesus with you always?

Y N

Since His resurrection, Jesus’ home has been in the hearts and lives of Christians.

T F

**DECISION: A choice to be devoted to God**  
*(Romans 12:1, 2; Colossians 3:17)*

You should offer your body as a living sacrifice.

T F

A life lived fully for God is a spiritual act of worship.

T F

Whatever you do should be done in the name of the Lord.

T F

Will the act of living fully for God and doing all in the name of the Lord take a conscious effort?

Y N

**DEVOTION: A strong desire to be pleasing to God**  
*(1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:23, 24)*

Whatever you eat or drink should be to the glory of God.

T F

It is acceptable to do some things half-heartedly.

T F

Whatever you do, you should do it with Jesus in mind. T F

*How would this devotion change your life?*

**DEPENDENCE: The realization that you cannot live the Christian life apart from God (Galatians 5:16–21)**

In order to overcome the sinful nature, we must live by the \_\_\_\_\_.

Apart from the Spirit, our lives will be filled with what kinds of things?

*In what areas of your life are you showing dependence on God?*

*In what areas do you need to show more dependence?*

**PRINCIPLE #3: YOU CAN OVERCOME SIN**

**1 John 2:15–17**

What are the root causes of all sin? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 4:17; 1 John 3:4**

Sin is failing to do what you know is right. T F  
You can also sin by \_\_\_\_\_.

*What is an area of struggle for you?*

**James 1:13, 14**

God does not tempt. T F  
When you are tempted, it comes from your \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

Can you, with God’s help, resist sin? Y N

**Galatians 2:20**

What is the basis for victory over sin?

**Romans 6:1, 2**

Should we go on sinning so that grace may abound? Y N

The true Christian will not only seek forgiveness but will also strive to be an overcomer. T F

**Hebrews 4:14–16**

Jesus can help before we sin. T F  
Jesus was tempted in every way. T F

When we sin, it is because we fail to take advantage of the help that is available. T F

**Psalm 119:9–11**

Will memorization of Scriptures help you overcome sin? Y N

What are some ways Scripture memorization can help you?

**Psalm 103:3–14; 1 John 1:8–2:1**

God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. T F

*As far as east is from the west, so far He (God) has removed our transgressions from us. How does this make you feel?*

What will keep God from forgiving you?

Who is the attorney for the confessing Christian?

**SUMMARY & APPLICATION**

*Which of these three principles presents the greatest challenge to you?*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Remember to whom you belong.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Keep your focus on things above.
- \_\_\_\_\_ You can overcome sin.

*What have you learned in this lesson?*

*How do you intend to use it?*

**James 4:7**

A Christian should run from the devil. T F  
If you resist the devil, he will flee from you. T F

*How hard have you been resisting?*

<i>not at all</i>							<i>with all my might</i>			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

**RESIST THE DEVIL DAILY:**

This will have to be a conscious and daily decision (1 Peter 5:8).

**EXAMINE THE DEVIL’S SCHEMES:**

Ignorance can be fatal (2 Corinthians 2:11).

**SUBMIT TO GOD:**

Use every resource possible (Romans 12:1).

**INTERACT WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS:**

You cannot survive alone as a Christian (Hebrews 10:24, 25; 3:13).

**SHUN EVIL COMPANIONS:**

A little leaven leavens the whole loaf, and evil companions corrupt good morals (1 Corinthians 15:33).

**TAKE SATAN SERIOUSLY:**

He is real, the battle is real, and the stakes are precious (Ephesians 6:10–13).

**Remember:**

*Satan is strong, and sin is alluring; but you can overcome them, “because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world” (1 John 4:4).*