

Berean
Scripture
Lessons
On

Character Development

- † *Faith*
- † *Humility and Meekness*
- † *Knowledge*
- † *Temperance*
- † *Patience*
- † *Brotherly Kindness*
- † *Prayer*
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FAITH

1. What is faith?

Heb. 11:1; 1 John 5:4; E112 ¶1; F689 (1st line)

2. Name the two component elements of faith.

R1822 col. 1 ¶6, 7

3. How does faith differ from credulity?

F689 ¶1

4. What is the importance of a *proper* faith?

Heb. 11:6; F315; F693 ¶1; R1719 col. 2 ¶4-6 “It is important . . .”

5. What is the relation between faith and knowledge?

Rom. 10:17; A13 ¶1; A20 ¶2; A21 ¶1; R1719 col. 1 ¶8; R2411 col. 1 ¶5

6. How is faith “the gift of God”?

Eph. 2:8; R2286 col. 2 ¶2; R2811 col. 1 ¶3, 4

7. Is faith in Christ necessary to salvation?

Acts 4:10-12; John 3:16, 36; A102 ¶3;
R2220 Article: *IS FAITH IN CHRIST NECESSARY?*; (See *Topical Index*—“**FAITH.**”)

8. What is the immediate result of faith in Christ during the Gospel Age?

Rom. 5:1; A231 ¶4; R2651 col. 2 ¶5 to 2652 col. 1 ¶1

9. How is Jesus the “author and finisher of our faith”?

Heb. 12:2; R1830 col. 1 ¶1

10. Is a simple confession of faith necessary?

Rom. 10:10; R2632 Subhead: *A SIMPLE CONFESSION NECESSARY*;
R2647 col. 1 ¶5; R3071 col. 2 ¶3, 4; 3072 col. 1 ¶1

11. Is *feeling* an essential part of faith?

R1443 Article: *FAITH AND FEELING*

12. Explain the difference between faith as a basis for justification and faith as a fruit of the Spirit.

F688-692

13. What is “the good fight of faith”?

1 Tim. 6:12; R2309 col. 1; R2312 Subhead: *A FIGHT OF FAITH*

14. How should we fight the good fight?

R1859 col. 1 ¶6 to end; R2311 col. 2 ¶4;
R2312 Subhead: *FIVE IMPORTANT POINTS*; R2770 col. 2 ¶5

15. For whom and against whom do we fight?

Phil. 2:12; 1 John 3:16; Eph. 6:12; R2309 col. 1 ¶2 to 2310 col. 2 ¶1; F599-658

16. What does it mean to “walk by faith”?
 2 Cor. 5:7; F631 ¶2, 3; R2581 Subhead: *WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT*;
 R1798 Article: *THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH*; F142 ¶2
17. Why are trials of faith permitted?
 James 1:3, 4; 1 Pet. 4:12, 13; F642-644;
 R1949 Article: *TRIALS OF FAITH—WHY PERMITTED*;
 R1822 Article: *YOUR PRECIOUS FAITH*
18. What are some of the present rewards of faith?
 1 Cor. 2:9, 10; F689 ¶2 to 692; F686 ¶3
19. What is the future inheritance of faith?
 1 John 3:2; Rev. 2:10; F693, 694; F721 ¶1, 2 to 729
20. What is the “*rest*” of faith?
 Heb. 4:1-11; F392-394; R1841 Article: *JOURNEYING TO CANAAN*; R2534 col. 2 ¶1
21. Define “*full assurance*” of faith and hope.
 Heb. 10:22; 6:11; R2642 col. 1 ¶4
22. How may we *attain* and *retain* full assurance of faith?
 R2353; E229, 230
23. What are the hindrances to full assurance of faith?
 R2642
24. How may we increase our faith?
 F691 ¶2; R1967 col. 2 ¶5;
 (a) By prayer—R2005 col. 2, R2006 col. 1
 (b) By study—F315
 (c) By repeating and *claiming* the promises of God—R2642 col. 2 ¶7
 (d) By watching our experiences—R2643 col. 1 ¶1, 2
25. Name some features of “present truth” which have increased your faith.
26. What is the relation between faith and *works*?
 James 2:14, 17, 18, 22; R3586 col. 1 ¶2, 3; R2847 col. 1 ¶5, col. 2 ¶1
27. Who constitute the “household of faith”?
 Gal. 6:10; R2740 Subhead: *WHO CONSTITUTE THE “HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH”?*
28. Explain James 5:14-16
 F637-638
29. What is the significance of the symbols, *shield* and *anchor*, in connection with faith and hope?
 Eph. 6:16; F657 ¶5; Heb. 6:19; R3109 col. 1 ¶4, 5
30. What will be the relation between faith and knowledge in the Millennial Age?
 R2677 col. 1 ¶5, 6; F106 ¶3 to 107

HUMILITY AND MEEKNESS

1. What importance does God attach to these graces of Christian character?
1 Pet. 5:5, 6; 3:4; Psa. 147:6; 149:4; F90 ¶1; E254 ¶2; A83 ¶2;
R1920 col. 2 ¶2-4; R2585, 2586; R2700 col. 1 last ¶ (to col. 2)
2. Although the Scriptures use the words interchangeably, yet strictly speaking, what is the *distinction* between humility and meekness?
R2585 col. 2 ¶3, R2586 col. 1 ¶2; R1962 col. 1 ¶1; See *Webster*
3. What is the relation between humility and knowledge?
Psa. 25:9; F97 ¶2; R1920; R2250 col. 2 ¶2; R2860 col. 2 ¶1; R3511 col. 1 ¶6
4. How do we know that humility is the *underlying principle of* the divine government?
Matt. 23:12; Jas. 4:6, 10; Phil. 2:7-10; E151 ¶2; E423 ¶1; R2655, col 1, ¶2-4
5. What does it mean to be “clothed with humility”?
1 Pet. 5:5; R2655, col 1 ¶3
6. Is it possible to have too great humility?
E255 ¶3
7. What elements of character are in direct opposition to humility?
1 Pet. 5:5; Prov. 3:34; 6:16-19; R2204 col. 1 ¶5, 6; R2060 col. 2, point (7);
R2450 col. 2 ¶3; R3114 col. 2 ¶2; R3231 col. 1 ¶1
8. What lessons may we learn from Jesus’ example of humility?
Phil. 2:8; E111 (2) to 112; E423 ¶1; R2201 col. 2 ¶3, 4; R2228 col. 1 ¶3 to end of
article; R2450 col. 1 ¶1, 3; R3495 col. 2, last ¶ (to R3496)
9. Was humility characteristic of the apostles?
Eph. 3:8; R1885 col. 1 ¶5; R2826 col. 1 ¶3-5; F210 ¶2 to 212 ¶1
10. Why is humility a chief essential in an Elder?
1 Tim. 3:6; F246 ¶2; F251 ¶2; F278 ¶4; F296 ¶1, 2; R3278 col. 1 ¶3
11. Why should husbands cultivate and exercise humility?
Eph. 5:25; F497 ¶1
12. How can wives exercise humility?
Eph. 5:22-24; F500 ¶2
13. Why is it important that we teach our children meekness and humility?
Zeph. 2:3; F555 ¶1; R1963 col. 2 ¶2-5; R2021 col. 1 ¶1, 2
14. What Scriptural promises are given to the meek and humble?
15. What notable illustrations and examples of meekness and humility do we find in the Bible?
Matt. 11:28-30; Num. 12:3; Matt. 8:8; John 13:1-17; R2903 col. 2 ¶2, 3

16. Give suggestions as to the best methods for acquiring and cultivating these important graces.

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(a) By prayer—Psa. 19:12-14

(b) By studying the divine wisdom, knowledge and power, as manifested in the Word and in Nature—Psa. 8:3, 4; 1 Cor. 4:7

(c) By comparing ourselves with our Perfect Pattern, the Lord Jesus—Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18

17. What additional thoughts can be found by consulting the *Topical Indexes* of the “*New Bible*” and “*Heavenly Manna*”?

KNOWLEDGE

1. What is the importance of knowledge?
Matt. 4:4; R3058-3060; R3200 col. 2
2. In what four ways may knowledge be obtained?
A121 ¶3
3. In which of these ways did Adam possess a knowledge of evil before he sinned?
A122 ¶2
4. Where is the source of all true knowledge?
John 17:17; Prov. 2:6; John 6:45; E50 ¶2-4
5. How is knowledge “God’s first gift to man”?
R3279
6. What is the relation between knowledge and faith?
A13 ¶1; A20 ¶2; A21 ¶1; R1719 last par.; R2411 col.1 ¶5
7. Who only are counted “worthy” to know “the deep things of God”?
Psa. 25:9, 12, 14; Matt. 11:25; R2624 col. 2 ¶3; R3103 col. 1 ¶5 and col. 2 ¶2;
R2208 and 2209 col. 1
8. Is knowledge necessary to *salvation*?
Rom. 10:17; A102 ¶1 to 106; Acts 10:22; R2989 col 2 ¶3, 4, R2990 col. 1 ¶1
9. What is the difference between knowing *about* God and *knowing God*?
John 17:3; R2137 col. 1 ¶4, 5, col 2 ¶1; R2138 col. 1 ¶3 ; R2624 col. 2 ¶4
10. Does knowledge increase responsibility?
Luke 12:47, 48; F719 ¶1; A349 ¶1
11. What is our duty toward building up each other in knowledge?
F263, 264; R3219 col. 2 ¶2
12. How do we *know* we are accepted as probationary members of the body of Christ?
1Thes. 1:4, 5; E229, 230; F191 ¶1
13. What is our present inheritance through obedience to our knowledge of God’s will?
Eph. 1:7, 18; R2762 col. 2
14. What effect does the knowledge of the truth have upon superstitious fears?
John 8:32; R3153 col. 2 ¶5 to end of article
15. How do we “*grow* in knowledge”?
Prov. 2:3-6; 2 Pet. 3:18; R3153 col. 1 ¶6, 7; 2nd col. ¶2-4; R3156 col. 2 ¶1

16. What is the significance of “the helmet of salvation,” and is it *more important now* than in the past?
Eph. 6:17; F658, ¶1; R2873 *THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE RANSOM*; R3156 col. 2 ¶3
17. Can we give too much attention to acquiring knowledge?
F319 ¶1; R2488 col. 1 ¶6
18. What is the relation between knowledge and *love*?
1 Cor. 13:2; R3150 col. 1 ¶5, 6; 2 Pet. 1:8; E238 ¶2 to 239 ¶2;
R2649 col. 2 ¶1, 2; R3215 col. 1 ¶6 and 2nd col. ¶1; R2198 col. 1 ¶5
19. What is the difference between the knowledge which *precedes* justifying faith, and the knowledge which we should “*add to*” our faith?
2 Pet. 1:5; R2037 “*QUESTIONS OF INTEREST*”
20. How are “grace and peace multiplied” unto us through knowledge?
2 Pet. 1:2, 3;
R2136 first 6 paras. of article *THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD—ITS VALUE*; A346
21. What is the relation between knowledge and *prayer*?
John 15:7; F679, 680; F688 ¶1; R3217 col. 2 ¶2, 3
22. Do *all kinds* of knowledge profit us?
John 17:17; F137 ¶2
23. How can we explain the Apostle’s statement, “Ye know all things,” and “need not that any man teach you”?
1 John 2:20, 27; E280 to 287; F260, 261
24. Explain Isaiah 53:11.
E91 ¶1, 2; R1835 col. 1 ¶1
25. Should we expect to have any knowledge of the *future*?
Amos 3:7; John 16:13; B15 ¶3; R2973 col. 2 ¶4
26. What evidences have we that Dan. 12:4 is being fulfilled?
A337 ¶1; D414 ¶1; R2973 col. 2 ¶1-3
27. When will “the knowledge of the Lord fill the earth as the waters cover the sea,” and “all men come unto *the knowledge of the truth*”?
Isa. 11:9; 1 Tim. 2:4; A74 ¶3; E19 ¶4; A105 ¶2
28. What will be the relation between knowledge and faith in the *Millennial Age*?
R2677 col. 1 ¶5 to 2678 ¶1; F106 ¶3 to F107

TEMPERANCE—SELF-CONTROL

1. What is the *importance* of self-control?
Prov. 25:28; 16:32; E112 ¶1; R2878 col. 1 ¶1, 2;
R2892, Subhead: *FOR THE VICTORS ARE THE REWARDS*
2. Is self-control necessary in the interest of others?
1 Cor. 8:13; R3145 col. 1 ¶2 to end of article; R2199 col. 1 ¶1
3. Are we to be “temperate in all things”?
1 Cor. 9:25; R2155 col. 1 ¶4; R2119 col. 2 ¶2 to end
4. Does self-control imply purification of the thoughts and intents of *the heart*?
1 John 3:3; R2517 col. 2 ¶3(1), 4;
R2890, Subhead: *THE CONTROL OF THOUGHT*
5. Does temperance or self-control apply to our *language*?
Jas. 1:19, 26; Col. 4:6; Eccl. 5:2; R2355 col. 1 ¶3; R2447 col. 2 ¶1
6. Does self-control extend to *business affairs*?
1 Tim. 6:10; R2355 col. 1 ¶4
7. Why is temperance necessary in our *eating and drinking*?
1 Cor. 10:31; R2355 col. 1 ¶5
8. Should we be temperate in our *joys* as well as in our *sorrows*?
R2355 col. 1 ¶6, col. 2 ¶1; R3530 col. 1 last ¶
9. Is it possible to be intemperate in studying the Scriptures and in attending religious meetings?
F319 ¶1; F503 ¶1
10. What is the relation of the “new will” toward the control of the flesh?
1 Cor. 9:27; F600 ¶1; F488 ¶2; F489 ¶1; R2878 col. 1 ¶3, 4;
11. What is the duty of the Church toward those “new creatures” who are lacking in self-control?
F148 ¶2; F149 ¶1; F150 ¶1; F289-292;
12. Why is self-control an essential qualification in an *Elder*?
Titus 1:7, 8; F251 ¶2; R2157 col. 1 ¶1; F249 ¶2; R2447 col. 2 ¶2; R2654 col. 1 ¶6
13. Why is it important that *parents* exercise self-control?
Col. 3:21; F526 ¶1; F527 ¶1; F528 ¶1, 2; F530 ¶1, 2
14. How can *suggestion* be applied in teaching children self-control?
F551 ¶1 to 554
15. How can we cultivate self-control?
R3273 col. 1 ¶2, 3; R2355 col. 2 ¶3

- (a) By prayer—F149 ¶1, 2
- (b) By study of the Word—R3090 col. 1 ¶1, 6, 7
- (c) By being filled more and more with the holy Spirit—R3070 col. 2 ¶1, 2;
E252 ¶2; E260 ¶2, 3
- (d) By fasting—R2260 col. 2 ¶3

16. What other most important grace will naturally be developed by attaining a large measure of self-control?

R2355 col. 2 ¶2; R2037 col. 1 ¶7

PATIENCE

1. What is the importance of Patience as an element of Christian character?
Jas. 1:4; R3090 col.1 ¶2; R3059 col.2¶3; R2793 col. 1 ¶4
2. What is the common significance of this word?
See *Webster's Dictionary* also R2790 col. 2 ¶6
3. What is the deeper significance of this word as used in Scripture, especially in Rev. 3:10 and Luke 8:15?
R2790 *PATIENCE AS AN ELEMENT OF CHARACTER*, first four paras.
4. Why is “patient-endurance” so *necessary*?
R2791 col. 2 ¶1, 2
5. What is the relation between patient-endurance and *self-control*?
2 Pet. 1:6; R2037 col. 1 ¶7
6. How should we endure our trials and thus “possess our souls”?
Luke 21:19; R2791 col. 1 ¶4, 5
7. What is the relation between *faith* and patient-endurance?
Jas. 1:3; R2792 col. 1 ¶2; R3245 col. 1 ¶6; R3246 col. 2 ¶1
8. Why should we “glory in tribulation”?
Rom. 5:3; R2737 col. 1 ¶6, 7; R3123 col. 1 ¶3; R3281 col. 2 ¶1, 2
9. What particular thoughts constantly kept in mind will enable us to be “patient in tribulation”?
Rom. 12:12; R2213 col. 2 ¶3; R2258 col. 1 ¶4, 2258 col. 2 ¶1;
F632 ¶2 to 634 ¶2
10. Does faithfulness to our covenant of self-sacrifice demand patience?
R3266 col. 2 ¶5
11. How should we meet persecution and opposition?
1 Pet. 2:20-23; R3199 col. 1 ¶3; R1964 col. 2 ¶2
12. How can we be “patient toward *all*”?
1 Thess. 5:14; R3136 col. 1 ¶5; F306, 307
13. Why is there *special need of* patience in the Harvest of the Gospel age?
R2155 col. 2 ¶1; R2792 col. 2 ¶5 to 2793 col. 1 ¶4
14. Is it possible to *pervert* the grace of patience?
Eph. 5:11; R2155 col. 1 ¶6
15. Why does the Apostle rank patient-endurance above even *Love*?
Titus 2:2; 2 Tim 3:10; R2723 col. 1; R2791 col. 2 ¶3, 5; R2792 col. 1 ¶1

16. What is the relation between patience and “enduring hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ”?
- 1 Pet. 5:10; R1860 col. 2 ¶1
17. How are we to run the race for “the prize of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus”?
- Heb. 12:1; 6:12; R2792 col. 1 ¶4; R3149 col. 1 ¶6
18. Why is patient-endurance the *final test*?
- Heb. 10:36; C212 ¶1; R2791 col. 1 ¶2, 3; R2792 col. 1 ¶2
19. How is God’s promise to those who “keep the word of his patience” now fulfilled?
- Rev. 3:10; R2792 col. 1 ¶6 to col. 2 ¶4
20. What lessons do we learn from Jesus’ example of patience?
- Heb. 12:3; R2313 col. 2 ¶2; R2879 col. 2 ¶1, 2; R2616 col. 2 ¶1; R3543 col. 2 ¶2
21. What other notable examples of patience are recorded in Scripture?
- Jas. 5:10, 11; 2 Cor. 6:4-10; 2 Cor. 12:12
22. Is patience an essential quality in an Elder?
- 1 Tim. 3:3; F251 ¶2; F298 ¶1, 2
23. How can we *cultivate* patient-endurance?
- (a) By prayer—R2005 col. 2 ¶8 to 2006 col. 1
 - (b) By growing in knowledge—R3136 col. 1 ¶5
 - (c) By increasing our faith—R3245 col. 1 ¶6
 - (d) By recognizing the *time-element* in God’s plans—R2155 col. 1 ¶4; R2792 col. 2 ¶4
24. What additional thoughts are suggested by reference to the *Topical Indexes* of “*Heavenly Manna*” and the “*Watch Tower Bible*”?

BROTHERLY KINDNESS (BROTHERLY LOVE)

1. What is the “new commandment” given by Christ to his disciples?
John 13:34; 15:10, 12, 17; 1 John 4:21; R2649 col. 1 ¶1, 2; 1 John 3:11, 23; John 15:12; R2620 col. 2 ¶5
2. What is brotherly love?
R3034 col. 1 ¶1, 2; R2330 col. 1 ¶3, 4
3. Who are our “brethren”?
Matt. 12:50; R2235 col. 1 ¶5-7; R2647 col. 1 ¶5, 6; R3219 col. 1 ¶6, 7; E108 ¶2
4. Why is the manifestation of brotherly kindness so *necessary*?
R3434 col. 2 ¶2, 3
5. Is it important that we observe the *spirit* as well as the *form of our Lord’s command*?
1 Pet. 1:22; Rom. 12:9; R2518 col. 1 ¶5(4) to end; R2213 col. 1 ¶2;
R2242 col. 1 ¶4; R3542 col. 2 ¶4, 5; R3233 col. 2 ¶4
6. Why do the Lord’s “brethren” need no “outward passwords, grips or badges”?
John 13:35; R3553 col. 1 ¶3, 4; R3566 col. 2 ¶14(4)
7. How is our love for God measured by our love for “the brethren”?
1 John 4:8; R2649 col. 1 ¶3, 4; F467 ¶3; F600 ¶2
8. Can we fellowship all “the brethren” alike?
Jude 21, 22; R3233 col. 2 ¶1-3; R3034 col. 1 ¶3, 4; R3219 col. 2 ¶2
9. Should we always expect to have our manifestations of brotherly kindness received in the same spirit?
R3537 col. 1 ¶2 and col. 2 ¶1
10. How are the comfort and peace of the Church dependent upon the manifestation of this grace?
R3436 col. 2 ¶4
11. How should brotherly love exercise itself in seeking opportunities for service?
R2343 col. 2 ¶3 to 2344 col. 1 ¶2
12. How should brotherly love manifest itself “in honor preferring one another”?
Rom. 12:10; R2213 col. 1 ¶6; R3553 col. 1 ¶2
13. How should we “consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works”?
Heb. 10:24; F308 ¶1, 2; R3536 col. 2 ¶4
14. How will brotherly love exercise itself in “laying down our lives for the brethren”?
1 John 3:16; R2343 col. 2 ¶2; R2751 col. 2 ¶4; R2807 col. 2 ¶9 “We are to . . .”;
F468 ¶1 and 469

15. How should we manifest brotherly kindness toward the *weaker* brethren?
1 Thess. 5:14; R2321 col. 2 ¶4; F236 ¶1; F304 to 306
16. How will brotherly love sympathize with the more *demonstrative* brethren?
F134 ¶2
17. How should brotherly kindness deal with the *self-seeking*?
F296, 297
18. How will brotherly kindness deal with brethren who lack self-control?
F148 ¶2 to 150 ¶1
19. How should brotherly kindness seek to avoid “busy-bodying”?
1 Tim. 5:13; 1 Pet. 4:15; F583 to 586
20. How should brotherly love control the tongue?
F291 ¶2; F292 ¶1; R3594 col. 2 ¶4, 5; R3595 col. 1 ¶7, 8;
F586 to 588; F406 ¶1
21. How should brotherly love treat a slanderous report against an elder or other brethren?
F293 ¶1 to 294 ¶1, 2; R3035 col. 2 ¶3
22. How should the Church exercise brotherly kindness toward those who “walk disorderly”?
1 Thess. 5:14; F292 ¶2; F298, 299; F303 ¶1; F307 ¶2;
R3034 col. 2 ¶2 to R3035 col. 2 ¶1; R3092 col. 1 ¶1
23. How should the elders exercise brotherly love in reproving the “unruly”?
R3211 col. 1 ¶3; F300, 301
24. How may we avoid judging one another *as individuals*?
Matt. 18:15-18; R2431 Subhead: **INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST**;
F289-292; R2666 col. 1 ¶2, 3; F402 ¶2 to 406; F414 ¶2 to 417
25. How should brotherly kindness be exercised toward brethren who have doctrinal “hobbies”?
Rom. 14:1; F317 ¶1 and 318 ¶1
26. What is the relation between brotherly kindness and “the unity of the faith”?
Eph. 4:11-16; F239 ¶1 to 240 ¶1; F326 to 328; R2877 col. 1 ¶7; R3127 col. 1 ¶6,
R3128 col. 2 ¶2, 3
27. How should brotherly kindness deal with serious offenders in the Church?
F302; F417 ¶2 and 418
28. By what rules are “false brethren” to be judged?
See *Topical Index of Watch Tower Bible*, under “Brethren.”
29. What should be our attitude toward “siftings” among the brethren?
1 Cor. 11:19; R2386 col. 1 ¶2 to end
30. What should be the attitude of all “true sacrificers” toward each other and toward those who have left “the Holy”?
T62, ¶1-3; F478 ¶2 and first half of ¶3

31. How does brotherly kindness apply “the Golden Rule”?
F376 ¶1, 2; F406 ¶1 to 409; R2667 col. 1 ¶1-4 and col. 2 ¶1, 2
32. How should brotherly love exercise itself toward the *special servants* of the Church?
R2593 Article: *AVOID FLATTERY*; R3572 col. 1 ¶5, 6, col. 2 ¶1; R2079 col. 2 to end
33. How should we exercise brotherly love toward our brethren still “in Babylon”?
R3541 col. 1 ¶6-8; R3566 col. 2 ¶10-13; F150 ¶2
34. How should brotherly kindness consider “social obligations”?
F588 to 590
35. What course will brotherly love dictate in the matter of “borrowing and lending”?
Rom. 13:8; F564 ¶1, 2; F569 ¶1, 2; Luke 6:35; F567 ¶2; F568 ¶1, 2
36. How should brotherly love regard visiting, “borrowing a neighbor’s *time*”?
F570 ¶1 to 572
37. What is the relation between brotherly love and communism?
D474 to 481
38. Do those who have reached “the mark” still have trials along the line of brotherly love?
F190 ¶1, 2
39. Why is brotherly love “*one of the final and most searching tests*” of the brethren and how may we prepare to meet it?
1 Pet. 3:8; R2453 col. 2 ¶2-5; R2330 col. 1 ¶2
40. What should be “the main-spring back of brotherly kindness”?
1 John 4:7, 8; F137 ¶1
41. What does the illustration of “the third-quarter mark” signify?
F188 ¶1; F370 ¶3; R2754 col. 2 ¶3, 4
42. Why is it important that we manifest brotherly love *now*?
R3536 col. 2 ¶2, 3, 6, 7, R3537 col. 1 ¶1, 2
43. How may we become members of “the Mary class”?
R3536 col. 1 ¶3 to col. 2 ¶1; R2201 col. 1 ¶4-7
44. How did Jesus show us a grand example of brotherly love and sympathy?
R3434 col. 1 ¶7; col. 2 ¶1; R2807 col. 2 ¶13 (last) “So far as . . .”
45. How can we fulfill Jesus’ command to “wash one another’s feet”?
R3543 Subhead: *THE MEANING OF THE LORD’S ACTION*; R2201 col. 2 ¶3 to end
46. How jealously should we *guard and increase this* grace of brotherly kindness?
1 Thess. 4:9, 10; R2196 col. 1 ¶5, 6
47. How may we *cultivate* brotherly love?
R3090 col. 1 ¶5-7; R2321 col. 2 ¶2, 3; R3435 col. 1 ¶4, 5; R2824 col. 1 ¶1; R2242 col. 1 ¶5

48. What additional thoughts are found in *Topical Index* of “*Heavenly Manna*,” under “*Love One Another*”?

PRAYER

1. What is prayer? “Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed.”
R2251 col. 1 ¶3; F680 ¶2 (first sentence)
2. What is the *privilege and power* of prayer?
R1864 col. 1 ¶5; R2004 col. 1 ¶4
3. What is the *object* of prayer?
R2004 col. 1 ¶5; R2252 col. 2 ¶2; F679 ¶1
4. What is the *necessity* for prayer?
R2004 col. 2 ¶8; R2502 col. 1 ¶1; R2692 col. 1 ¶1; “Manna,” July 24;
R3640 col. 1 ¶4
5. What is the necessity for *persistency* in prayer?
R2005 col. 2 ¶5, 6; R2865 col. 2 ¶3; R3662 Subhead: *IMPORTUNITY IN PRAYER*
6. *To* whom and *through* whom should we pray?
R2252 col. 1 ¶3; E457 ¶2 (last sentence)
7. *Before whom* should we pray?
In secret—Matt. 6:5-9
Before believers—John 17; 11:41, 42; Matt. 18:19
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PREFACE

Many Bible student ecclesias base their class study meetings on the six volumes of “*Scripture Studies*” and “*Tabernacle Shadows*.” This method started about 1890 in Baltimore, Maryland, being introduced by a Br. Rahn. A lengthy article starting at page 1866 in the *Reprints* discusses this history in detail, with specific suggestions on the conduct of these studies, on page 1868.

To supplement these volume studies a series of study outlines on character topics appeared in the pages of *Zion’s Watch Tower* in 1905 and 1906. These were introduced specifically for the purpose of class study, and were so used by Br. Russell in the Allegheny ecclesia. Lengthy prefatory remarks appear on *Reprint* page 3518, introducing and recommending these studies for Sunday ecclesia use. We quote in part from this article:

“For some time past we have been receiving letters inquiring how little gatherings of the Lord’s people can use the hour of their Sunday gatherings most profitably. Some of these letters are from brethren chosen as elders or leaders, saying that they are quite incapable of getting up a ‘sermon,’ and find it impossible to prepare even a Bible study in an attractive and interesting form, though the dear brethren, full of love for the Truth, do not complain, but rather encourage them.

“Other letters are from those who take no public part and who, while sympathizing with their meeting-leaders in their endeavors to imitate nominal church purveyors, are wishing and praying for the opening of some ‘door’ of help which will make the ‘assembling of themselves’ more profitable to all.

“It was in response to this ‘cry’ of the Lord’s people that we prepared the WATCH TOWER Bible, in the margins of which, in addition to the Scripture references, we gave DAWN and TOWER references. In the front of that Bible, which so many of you possess, we have some suggestions on ‘Berean Bible Study,’ and in the back part we gave extended references and also a *Topical Index*. It was our hope that these would meet the requirements, but we find that they do not. Many of the Lord’s earnest ones have so long been used to ‘swallowing’ whatever was offered them as spiritual nutriment that they had never learned how to feed themselves at the Fa-

ther’s table. Others who knew how to get at the food properly found their time so consumed in the ‘things needful’ and pressing that they had little time to prepare lessons of a profitable kind for themselves or others, even after the matter had been outlined as in the *Topical Index*.

“Appreciating the needs, we requested some of the ‘pilgrim’ brethren to give examples of these Berean Studies at the various places visited. However, even this did not serve the purpose, because the visits of the ‘pilgrims’ being few and more like those of the apostles of old, the friends begrudged the time of even one service—particularly since it requires several meetings of the Berean type to demonstrate its value and arouse the proper enthusiasm.

“Now as meeting all these requirements we are having prepared Outline Lessons for each month of this year, beginning with March. One peculiarity about these lessons is that they do not *teach*, but merely question, and refer the student to the Scriptures and the WATCH TOWER publications bearing thereon. Thus thought is stimulated and the Truth the more clearly impressed.

“The thirty questions of the March Lesson following might serve for thirty Sundays; but having so much good food we can afford to fare sumptuously and take several questions for each meeting. As to how many, would depend somewhat on the number in attendance, and how accustomed they are to analytical study, and how expert the leader of the meeting. It might be well for the classes to appoint several of the seemingly capable brethren to lead in turn, that the most able in this respect might be discerned. These will probably be found amongst those you have already chosen as Elders.”

The remainder of the introductory remarks contain suggestions as to how these meetings should be conducted, recommending the use of a single topic—thirty questions in this case—for a one-month period.

Three months later, on page 3572, Br. Russell notes the following:

“Word reaches us that the dear friends who have adopted these studies are growing more and more interested in them. They open up so *thorough* a study of the topics

and give *all* opportunity to participate that they supply more `meat,' more spiritual nourishment, than can generally be obtained in the same time.

"We recommend these studies for *one* of the meetings you usually have or for a new meeting if those now held are all too good to be displaced. Something of this kind is surely needed to refresh the mind along lines already partly understood."

Evidently the different ecclesias were having practical difficulties in the conduct of these meetings, and Br. Russell appends some more suggestions concerning how they should be led.

In his next reference to these studies, on page 3769, he stresses the need to hold the discussion to the specific question being considered, so as to avoid the redundancy of material that will be covered in later questions.

He also emphasizes that the cited material be on hand at the meeting, appropriately marked for quick reference and also that "The leader should STUDY the entire lesson and each member of the class should STUDY the portion or question assigned to him or her." (The capitalized emphasis are those of the article.) We might suggest further that the whole ecclesia also STUDY the entire lesson in order to prepare them for better participation in the class discussion.

On page 3800 he reports, after fifteen months of these studies appeared in the *Towers*, that "we are hearing good reports of blessings from the use of these Berean Studies in the Scriptures."

be one who can well summarize the discussion for the benefit of the entire study group. After mentioning that the Allegheny church uses these studies on Sunday evening, he closes by reemphasizing that the cited material be marked for easy reference and be on hand at the meeting, and that ample time for discussion be allowed after the reading of the references and before the closing summary. He also stresses anew that the discussions be held firmly to the discussion under consideration.

This series of outlines were discontinued after October 1, 1906. The following month the original *Towers* (though not the *Reprints*) contained monthly questions on *Tabernacle Shadows*. By 1908, the *Towers* were including the questions for Volume 5 of *Scripture Studies*.

In recent years, it has come to our attention that many ecclesias have been using these questions for class study and therefore the publishers have decided to make them available as a separate work book. Since they are to serve as a tool for study, rather than one for reading or research, it was decided to make them available unbound on punched paper for a regular sized (8-1/2" x 11") notebook.

It is with the hope that these studies will prove profitable to many brethren that the publishers have undertaken this present printing.