

GOD'S E.R.
FREED FROM ALL THINGS

Acts 13:39 and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things

Class 2 – Basic Training for Christians - Lesson Six

CHRISTIANITY “101”

Psalm 101

The Bible is our handbook for living a happy, fulfilled and blessed life for the Lord.

The Lord has placed within the Psalms a pocket sized “Basic Training” for Christians! Psalm 101 is a Psalm of David that expresses his desire to have all evil and every wicked person removed from his life. In this Psalm he tells the Lord all the bad things the wicked people have done and how he is resisting them.

Christians today know that our battle “is not with flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.” **Eph 6:12**

So how do we battle against an unseen foe? The answer is by being aware of how he (Satan and his demons) approaches you to entice you to sin.

In the Garden of Eden, Satan approached Eve by asking her questions first, then planting statements in her mind. He said "Did God really say, 'You must not eat the fruit of any tree that is in the garden'?" He starts by questioning her beliefs. Then he states, "You can be sure that you won't die," the serpent said to the woman. “God knows that when you eat the fruit of that tree, you will know things you have never known before. You will be able to tell the difference between good and evil. You will be like God.” (Genesis 3) These were lies mixed with half-truths (by the way, half-truths are lies as well! Distortion and deception!)

Eve and Adam did not honor God’s Word as paramount over all other things. They entertained other words, even words against the Word of the Lord, in their minds and hearts. This is what caused their sin. What they thought in their minds, brought about a wrong action, which resulted in them being removed from the Garden of Eden, the land being cursed, men having to labor for food, and eternal separation from God!

Proverbs 13:6 Godliness helps people all through life, while the evil are destroyed by their wickedness.

Joyce Meyer has written a best selling book called the “*Battlefield of the Mind.*” The mind is where ALL battles are won or lost!

Psalm 101 is a Psalm that you can use each morning to set your mind’s course for the day. We have personalized it so that you can easily take authority over your own wayward thoughts, and any thoughts the enemy would try to impress upon you.

Now read and discuss Psalm 101, verse by verse, with the *Personalized Christianity 101*.

**New American Standard Version
Psalm 101**

1. I will sing of lovingkindness and justice, To You, O LORD, I will sing praises.
2. I will give heed to the blameless way. When will You come to me? I will walk within my house in the integrity of my heart.
3. I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not fasten its grip on me.
4. A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will know no evil.
5. Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, him I will destroy ; No one who has a haughty look and an arrogant heart will I endure.
6. My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me; He who walks in a blameless way is the one who will minister to me.
7. He who practices deceit shall not dwell within my house; He who speaks falsehood shall not maintain his position before me.
8. Every morning I will destroy all the wicked of the land, So as to cut off from the city of the LORD all those who do iniquity.

**Personalized
Christianity “101”**

1. I will continually sing of Your lovingkindness and justice, To You, O LORD, I will sing praises.
2. I will meditate on living in the way that is pleasing to You. When will You come to me? When I walk uprightly, in the integrity of my heart.
3. I will not allow myself to think on worthless things or spend my time on things without eternal value; I hate the results when I walk away from Your Truth; Deception shall not be any part of my life.
4. I will not allow any perverse attitude, thought or behavior in my life, I tell it to depart from me now; I will not participate in evil.
5. If I begin to inwardly slander my neighbor, I will stop myself and destroy those thoughts; I will not allow myself to be haughty and I will not allow arrogant thoughts in my mind.
6. I will dwell on and think about the things in me that are positive and pleasing to You Lord, that these things may continue to grow within me; The thoughts that are good and right and holy and pure are the thoughts that will help me grow and will strengthen me.
7. I will not entertain unholy thoughts and I will not allow my mind to twist the Holy Word You have given me; I will not lie to myself or others, and I repent for and confess any deceit.
8. Every morning when I pray I will put a stop to and destroy each of these evil things that try to attack my mind and get me to agree with them. When I do this, I will cut off everything that will hinder me, a temple of the LORD, from being in right relatedness to the Father.

Now you have a Biblical checklist you can use every morning to take inventory, making sure to remove any thought, any attitude, or any seed that could produce bad fruit in your life.

1 Timothy 4:8 for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

Next week we will study “*Purpose – Plugging in to Service*” - Taking Your Place In the Army of God and Making a Difference!