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**Joshua Lesson 8A
Step out & Follow me**

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If you have been doing the lessons since the beginning, then you are expecting us to go to chapter 2 next, but in order to keep the thought fresh regarding the carnal and spiritual mind we will temporarily skip chapter 2.

The Bible says in Joshua 3:1-6. *And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel and lodged there before they passed over. 2 And it came to pass after three days, (This is that three days that we have been discussing in our last lesson) that the officers went through the host; 3 And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove it from your place, and go after it. 4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore. 5 And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the Lord will do wonders among you. 6 And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.*

Great phrase in verse number 4, *for ye have not passed this way heretofore*. We really need to write that upon the doorposts of our bedroom to make sure we read it each day, because every day is new you have **not** been this way before you are going to need some direction, guidance, something to follow. Look what the Lord sets before them to follow, the ark of the covenant. The Lord is telling us daily follow me, I know the way. (John 14:6) Follow me; I will get you across Jordan into Canaanland. Follow me, is the call Jesus has had since He began His ministry. He came to Peter, James and John and said, "Follow me." Andrew and his brothers, "Follow me." Said He to the multitudes, "Follow me." His disciples. "Follow me... and I'll make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19; Mark 8:34)

Initially most people do not know how to be spiritually minded or spiritual. You cannot see this way from afar. You cannot study this route ahead of time. All you can do is follow Jesus.

When those spies went into the land in Numbers 14:36 after coming back their information offered limited support to those who were still unsure about entering in. Here are some big grapes. (Numbers 13:23) There are reports of giants in the Land. (Numbers 13:33) All of that advanced information was meaningless to people who did not want to go. In Joshua 2, the spies go in the land for what? They did not spy out the land. In fact they

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go into one town barely escaped for their lives, gathering little to no information, but it did not matter – that group was ready to go in.

It is impossible for us to show you what it will cost you to become spiritually minded. If your thoughts question the cost, the process, or the routine, you will never get there. We are walking by faith, not by sight. That is the call – and you will not get an option on that, never will you see the result this side of heaven.

You must by faith determine that you are sick and tired of directing your own steps, living your life under your own direction; you are sick of being your personal final authority. I am going to surrender my will, surrender my life to the leadership of God according to His word. Until you do that, you will not enter the Promised Land.

You say you want a real life a meaningful life a contented life. Show me the way.

The Bible says in 1 Thessalonians 5:23 *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly* (that is completely, entirely) *and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ*. He is mine and He is coming for me in the meantime, the desire of the Holy Spirit is that my entire person be sanctified. I am a trinity. That is what was meant by being made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26) – I have a spirit, soul, and a body. The sanctification of all three is the Lord's desire.

Let us look first of all at the sanctification of the soul. Hebrews 10. To sanctify is to set apart; to separate; to hallow, if you will; to make sacred. It is the same idea as a sanctuary. Something to set apart unto God for God's use. Look at this matter as to the sanctification of the soul – the Bible says, speaking of Jesus Christ, Hebrews 10:10-14, *By the which will we are* (we are, it's already done) *sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: 12 But this man* (Jesus Christ) *after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; 13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. 14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified*. My soul has been for ever set apart from the penalty and the eternal consequence of my sins through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ. I trusted Jesus Christ as my Saviour one time forever I was set apart by God from those sins, from the penalty, from their consequence – my soul is sanctified. Praise the Lord! Forever!

Then He said, I want your body sanctified 2 Corinthians 6 Now, the Sanctification of the Body. Verse 14. *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship* (that is common ground; common bond; common agreement) *...what fellowship hath righteousness with*

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unrighteousness? Are you saved forever? That is your soul. You can take the body that your saved soul dwells and you can sit in church for mid-week service reading your Bible then Friday you can take that same body that indwells that same saved forever soul and watch movies with sexual scenes and listen to profanity under the heading of entertainment. God said, "Sanctify your body – get it out of the hell-hole!" You sing on Sunday morning "oh how I love Jesus" and Sunday afternoon stick your pathetic little nicotine habit in that mouth and smoke on it. Do you know what God said? "Stop it!" He didn't say repeat the magic prayer and I'll take away your appetite forever; He said **you** stop doing it! As a saved man, teaching bible lessons to many preaching the word of God can drive to the a mile down the road pull in the Handy Way and buy two six-packs of beer and drink myself into oblivion. God's not going to stop me; He told me do not put that stuff in my mouth.

We know what modest apparel is – we wear it to church. Then put on our under pants and go to the beach. God said cover it up. You men know what goes on in your mind, in your heart when members of the opposite sex walk about immodestly dressed. Why would you want members of your own family contributing to that problem in another's man life? God's not going to dress you in the morning; He told you to sanctify our body. It is now fashionable to wear shrapnel in your face. Shell fragments all over their ears, nose, lips, belly buttons and everywhere else. "What are you doing that for?" Attention. We understand that, but now you are saved. You have God's undivided attention. Get rid of that stuff, God is not pleased when we look like the world. (Leviticus 19:28) Remember the Maniac of Gadarenes he lived in the tombs cutting himself. (Mark 5) A man who had a hold in his ear was considered a slave. (Exodus 21:6) Earrings, body piercing, tattoos are all evidences that you are of the world and its' lusts. Women God tells you to be of modest apparel, more than one earring in each ear maybe fashionable but it is not modest. (1Timothy 2:9) God wants His children to be set apart from the world not to be like them. (1 John 2:15)

2 Corinthians 6:14 *...what communion hath light with darkness?* Why would you or let you children fellowship with an Ouija board, dragon game or a devil video that is what the children of darkness entertain themselves with. There are probably about one billion songs written about Jesus – why are you listening to one about a guy messing with another man's wife? God's **not** going to reach down from Heaven and take those things away from you. He told you to sanctify yourself so he could take you over to the Promised Land. If you choose not to do what God says, then the only one you are hurting is yourself. God's not going to punish you. You will want to inflict punishment upon yourself. Those things carry with them their own retribution.

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2 Corinthians 6:15 ***And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?*** Strange thing people come to church and listen to the preacher tell the truth in the Bible and go home and say, *"I don't know if I agree with that..."* then they turn on the news with David Muir or CNN and believe what they say. Why would you believe an infidel and not believe a saved man with a Bible?

Do you know what's going on in the Middle East? Did not think so – neither do I. *"Well, on the news..."* Why are you, getting information, instruction, and direction, from infidels? When you can fellowship with God's people, reading God's word and listening to God's truth and be directed through God's instruction.

2 Corinthians 6:16-18 ***And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.***

We all have besetting sins that we struggle with every day, why can't we just turn them over to the Lord and let Him deal with them, you know why? We still like doing them. Maybe you do not think of them in this manner but what we are saying to God is loud and clear, *"It is my choice to displease the Lord. I want this more than I want fellowship with my Saviour Jesus Christ"* It is about love – do you love me enough to stop that? Do you love me enough to do this? Do you love me enough to adorn yourself..." That is what it is about; it is not about law... it is about love! Sanctify yourselves. Cross on over. Ephesians 4, how about that spirit? Here is where it gets tough.

- Worldly music.
- Dressing in my underwear and going to the beach to lay out where others can see me.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages.
- Smoking.
- Dancing, gambling, foul language, looking at pornography.

You may not have a problem with any of these listed above, your problem is an inability to forgive and forget. Some people who have their body sanctified can be the meanest snakes that ever crawled into a church, when you get on a subject of a certain person who offended them at one time in their lives. They have venom that will poison everybody they get around. The Lord said there is something else I want sanctified; I want your spirit sanctified!

We must keep covering this ground until we completely understand. Ephesians 4:20-24 ***But ye have not so learned Christ; 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth in Jesus: 22 That ye put off***

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concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; (That is the sanctification of the body. But there's no period there. Once you get rid of the old way of living; once you abandon the pursuit of the old lusts, you're not done.) Verse 23. *And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;* 24 *And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.* (Righteousness – that is that sanctification of the body; that is doing right. True holiness is being right on the inside.)

Verse 25. *Wherefore putting away lying, speak everyman truth with his neighbor; for we are members one of another.* Okay? "I quit lying to my neighbor." That is good, that is righteous. Sanctification of the spirit separates me unto God to the point where I must tell my neighbor about Jesus. "*But what if I am scared or I think I might embarrass myself, what if he gets mad at me?*" Your fears, embarrassment, uncertainty are not as important as their need. "*It is not my personality.*" Surrender your personality. Covet earnestly the best gift. Pray day and night to God and say, "God, I'm tired of just living next door to people that are going to hell and hoping somebody else gets to them before a Jehovah's Witness does – **God please change my heart.**

Notes

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Name _____

(*) if asterisk is shown in question, scripture is required along with answer in your own words.

1. What does it mean to be made in the image of God?*
2. What portion of scripture should we write on the doorposts of our bedroom and why?
3. Why is it impossible for us to show you what it will cost you if you decide to become spiritually minded?
4. What is the Lord's desire when it comes to sanctification in our lives?
5. Explain 2 Corinthians 6:14.
6. What were 3 of the outward signs shown by the maniac of Gadarenes?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
7. Why does the Lord tell us not to mimic what the world does?*

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8. What is the meaning of a man putting a hole in his ear?*
9. Why do you think that some people are so infatuated with skulls and zombies?
10. Why is it so important for a Christian not to listen to worldly music?
11. Why should women dress modestly?
12. Why do we continue to do the things we know that displease the Lord?
13. You may have your body sanctified, but you are still one of the meanest snakes that ever crawled into a church, why?*

True/false

- Casual drinking and dancing is OK on special occasions.
- It is alright to let my children play with games that have devils and witches.
- What you do shows what you love.
- True holiness is being right on the inside.



Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet,
Must be in KJV) 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.

any questions?