

20 Lessons on Life

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1. Temptation is an unwanted guest into your home. It only becomes your family when you adopt it. Don't entertain it. Don't let it stay. Rev 12:11; Matt 4:1-11

2. Make Jesus the most important person to you. You'll always try to please the one who is most important to you. "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me."

3. Four responses when we hear the truth from the Parables of the Soil (Luke 8)

1) Reject--The Footpath—those not interested at all, allows Satan to steal it

2) Resist—The Rocky Soil—those interested, but resist going deeper/fall away

3) Replace—The Thorny Soil—those who allow worry/worldliness choke them

4) Respond—The Good Soil—those who hear the word, remember, persevere...

4. Don't look for a vision. Look for a verse. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105

5. Be a person of integrity, generosity, and humility:

Lust of the flesh --Hedonism (pleasure) vs Integrity—walk by the spirit, He sees all

Lust of the eyes—Materialism (possessions) vs Generosity—"more blessed to give..."

Pride of Life—Egotism (position) vs Humility—...God gives grace to the humble

6. Don't define your sexual identity by feelings, but by facts. The facts of how you were made (its moral message) and the Word of God. The mind is fallen/fallible. It's better to live with the frustration caused by the refusal to give into the wrong thinking/action than the consequences of the sin. The wages of sin is always death.

7. How to think like Christ thinks:

1. Care about what Jesus cares about—the World (the lost) and His church (us)

2. Be indifferent about what Jesus is indifferent about—getting rich and famous

3. Be angry about what Jesus is angry about—poverty, needs of children, injustice...

8. What is eternal: God Himself, the Word of God, people's souls. Seek and save the lost Luke 19:10, Go everywhere and tell everyone the Good News. Mt 28/Mk16

9. The best way to destroy today is to regret yesterday and worry about tomorrow. Depression follows regrets. Let faith not fear guide you. Heb 11:1

10. We make decisions, then those decisions make us. Prov 9:10 "The fear of..."

11. I can't always control what gets my attention, but I can control what keeps it.

12. "Man is most free when controlled by God alone." (Augustine) Someone or something will control you, so let it be God. He knows what is best! Prov 3:5,6

13. You may be a victim of your past. That's not your fault, but it is your responsibility to do something about it. Forgive. Don't repeat it, delete it!

They or it hurt you the first time, don't allow them/it to continue to hurt you and others. Stop playing the victim and live like a victor! Phil 4:13 "I can do all things..."

14. Leadership absorbs the pain Luke 9:23 "... take up His cross..."

15. A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. Prov 27:14

16. Jesus has many admirers, but very few followers. Mat 4:19

17. You are a slave to whatever controls you. Sin is stupid. Ro 6:23

18. Science is not the only way to truth. It cannot create what it discovers.

19. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." Martin Luther King Jr. Jn 8:12

20. We must love the way God wants us to love Him not the way we think He wants us to love Him. Eternity is a long time to be wrong. Jn 14:15

Follow up Questions:

1) How did God's truth speak to you this morning from His word?

2) What adjustments do you need to make in your life as a result?

3) Which of the above statements inspire you to try something new? What?

4) Which statements above convict you of wrong thinking/attitude/behavior?

5) What are you going to do differently this year than last? Be specific? Steps?

6) What has God shown you this past year that has changed your life?

7) If you could meet any historical figure, who would you choose and why?