

GROWING UP IN THE LORD

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I dedicate this book with much gratitude
to my late father, George E. Parsons,
the one who led me to Christ,
discipled me, and loved me to the place
I am today.

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INTRODUCTION

Receiving Jesus Christ into your life is the most awesome thing you can do. It is the beginning of a new part of life—your spiritual life. Everything changes (as it should)! You may be wondering, *how can I live in this world without living like the world?* This book was written to help guide you to do just that. It was written to help you take the next few steps—after basic discipleship—in your new life in Christ. Some changes you make may be difficult, but I know through Christ you can develop into all God wants you to be!

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SOME TIPS ON HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

1. Set aside a specific time to work on it everyday.
2. Get alone in a place where you won't be disturbed.
3. Write down any questions that you have and discuss them with the person who is discipling you.
4. Be sure to go through the entire book!

Week 1: Right or Wrong?



We know if something is right or wrong if it is given to us in God's Word. For example, there's no question whether it's right or wrong to murder someone—God says it's wrong (Exodus 20:13). But what about the gray areas? Let's look at a plan for deciding for yourself (in accordance with God's Word) if an issue that is not specifically discussed in the Bible is right or wrong.

DAY 1 _____
(Date) Let's look today at some examples of what is "black and white" in the Bible. Look up the following verses and list the command God gives us.

Deuteronomy 5:20 _____

Exodus 20:3 _____

Malachi 3:10 _____

Mark 12:30 _____

1 John 4:7 _____

DAY 2

(Date)

The first question you must ask yourself when participating in any activity is, "*Is it of the world?*" In other words, is this something that the average unsaved person does?

Write a short sentence describing what each of these passages is saying.

1 John 2:15-17 _____

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 _____

DAY 3

(Date)

Today we continue with our study of what Scripture says about the question, "*Is it of the World?*"

Write a short sentence describing what each of these passages is saying.

James 4:4-5

Colossians 3:1-2

DAY 4

(Date)

The second question you must ask yourself is, "*Will this hurt my body or upset the Holy Spirit living in me?*"

Write a short sentence describing what each of the following passages is saying.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 _____

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 _____

DAY 5

(Date)

Today we continue our study of what Scripture says about the question, "*Will this hurt my body or upset the Holy Spirit living in me?*"

Write a short sentence describing what each of these passages is saying.

Ephesians 4:30 _____

Galatians 6:7-8 _____

DAY 6

(Date)

The third question is, "*Will this hurt my reputation as a Christian or do damage to God's name?*"

Write a short sentence describing what each of these passages is saying.

Matthew 5:14-16 _____

1 Timothy 4:12 _____

DAY 7

(Date)

Today, we continue studying what Scripture says about the questions, "*Will this hurt my reputation as a Christian or do damage to God's name?*"

Write a short sentence describing what each of these passages is saying.

1 Thessalonians 5:22 _____

Colossians 3:17 _____

