

# Lesson Twenty-One

## What Does the Bible Teach Concerning the Christian Life?

1. What is the Christian life?

2 Corinthians 5:17 a new creation

Matthew 6:33 seeking God's Kingdom

Matthew 7:17, 18 Bearing Good Fruit

2. What is the supreme ideal of the Christian life?

Ephesians 4:13 to come to unity in faith in Christ, to believe in Christ.

3. What are the chief characteristics of the Christian life?

Ephesians 4:13 Edify – Growing maturity, Being teachable.

Ephesians 6:18 Prayer

Ephesians 4:3, 29-32 bond of peace (speak for edification with Christians)

Deuteronomy 6:6, 7 Christian Education.

Luke 22:19 to participate in the Lord's Supper

Acts 17:11 to measure everything by Scripture.

John 17:17 Sanctification (set apart) different than the world.

2 Timothy 3:16, 17 to study the Word for the equipping of saints.

1 Peter 5:7 not worried or anxious but trusting, and caring.

Acts 1:8 Be a witness for Christ (There will be power in the witness)

Acts 2:42, 46, 47 continue in the blessing of salvation (worship!!)

1 Corinthians 6:19, 20 Respect life given by God.

4. What is Stewardship?

Psalm 24:1 Everything is God's .

2 Corinthians 8:5 we give ourselves first to God and take care of what God gives to us.

2 Corinthians 8:8 giving is not a law but rather a test of love.

2 Corinthians 8:12 We are mindful of that which God has given to us.

2 Corinthians 9:8 We have an abundance of "things."

5. What is the great incentive to live the Christian life?

2 Corinthians 8:9 Christ's supreme obedience and sacrifice to gain our redemption.

### **Review**

Can a God-pleasing life be lead outside of the cross? No

Why does the unbeliever "keep" the Ten Commandments? To be civil, stay out of trouble, with the thought of salvation (which of course is inadequate to satisfy God's justice.)

Why does the believer want to keep the Ten Commandments? Because it is a guide for life, to honor Christ and to become accustomed to being declared righteous before God.