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THE INSTITUTE MANUAL

1. **The Institute's mission** is to train God's people in developing Godly character and to partner with God in fulfilling Christ's Great Commandment (Matthew 22:35-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).
 - Academics, Service, Missions.
2. The Institute Manual.
3. Memorizing scripture, Weekly Activity Sheet, class mentoring partner(s), homework.
4. Use the QR code to access the current module.



PART 1 - INTRODUCTION AND KNOWING GOD

1. Jeremiah 9:23-24 *This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD. (Philippians 3:1-16)*
2. The Fourfold Ministry of Jesus Christ as Savior, Baptizer in the Holy Spirit, Healer, and Soon Coming King.

PART 2 - THE DISCIPLESHIP DECISION

1. Webster: A decision is a determination, conclusion, or resolution arrived at after consideration.
 - Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

2. **The first step** in becoming a disciple is the surrender to the Lordship of Jesus. Our will must bow to His in defined and open commitment. This requires a renewing of our way of thinking. (Romans 12:1-2)
3. **The second step** is the development of strong Biblical convictions which are basic principles we determine to follow without compromise. It is our heart and our will wholly committed to God's Principles.
4. Digging deeper into the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes.
5. How to memorize Scripture.

PART 3 - UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

1. 2 Timothy 2:15 *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing (to make a straight cut) the word of truth.*
2. Understand basic aspects of Bible interpretation.
3. Scripture can never mean what it did not mean to the first (original) hearers and readers. Two crucial questions:
 - What was the Bible saying through God's servants to the hearers or readers of that message?
 - How should we understand and apply the passage (if it should even be applied) to people today!
4. Read Bible passages in context which is understood by the passages that precede and follow it.
5. Understanding the Bible's use of figures of speech such as hyperbole (John 21:25), similes and metaphors.
6. Never interpret Biblical text in a way that contradicts the rest of Scripture. To "rightly divide the Word of God" means to cut in a straight line.

PART 4 - THE BELIEVER'S VICTORY

1. Ephesians 6:10-13 *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.*

2. The Biblical basis for spiritual warfare and the two world views.
3. Understanding our enemy's kingdom and strategies.
4. Victory in vulnerable areas of conflict.
5. Becoming a soldier dressed in God's armor.
6. Prayer and prayer walking.

PART 5 - SERVING IN THE HARVEST

1. The destiny of men and of nations is always being decided. Every generation is strategic. We are not responsible for the past generation, and we cannot bear the full responsibility for the next one; but we do have our present generation. God will hold us responsible as to how we fulfill our responsibilities to this age and take advantage of our opportunities. — Billy Graham
2. The Great Commission and presenting the Good News.
3. The Great Commission and steps in making disciples.
4. The mentoring model: Be a Barnabas, pursue a Paul, train a Timothy.
5. The missionary state of the world -- from "Jerusalem to the uttermost."
6. Reaching the unreached and unengaged.

FINAL QUIZ