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Purpose: Provide teachings to equip the body of Christ to become warrior disciples of Jesus Christ. Since we are all living in the "Last Days" before the return of Jesus Christ, the command to "Go Make disciples...teaching them to observe all I have commanded you" is immediate.

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Madhumuni: Kutoa mafundishokuimarisha mwili wa Kristo ili tuwe mashujaa wanafunzi wa Yesu Kristo. Maana tunaishi katika siku za mwisho, kabla ya kurudi kwake Yesu Kristo, amri ya kwenda kuwafanya wanafunzi, kuwafundisha kushika yote tulioamriwa, ni ya dharura

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These next 12 lessons have been written, that you as a follower of Jesus Christ, will be victorious in Living In Christ. Each lesson is a separate study in which you will learn Truth and then with each following lesson, build a foundation of Truth that cannot be shaken or destroyed by this present world.

Take whatever time you need to allow the Bible's Truth to become part of you. Memorizing the Truth will build your faith and prepare you to win the battles that lay ahead of you. Memory verses are listed at the end of this book.



You now are in a battle in which hell itself desires your defeat , but Jesus Christ has already secured your victory, if you will just obey Him.

*“The thief (satan) comes to steal, kill and destroy, but I (Jesus) have come that they might have **life and life more abundantly**” John 10:10*

Masomo haya yafuatayo kumi na mawili yameandikwa ili wewe kama mfuasi wa Yesu Kristo, uwe mshindi unapoishi ndani ya Kristo. Kila somo ni la kipekee ambapo utajifunza ukweli halafu katika kila somo linalofuata litajenga msingi wa kweli ambao hauwezi kutingizika wala kuharibiwa na ulikmwengu huu wa sasa.

Chukua muda ambao unakufaa na uruhusu ukweli wa Biblia uwe sehemu yako. Kukariri ukweli kutajenga imani yako na kukutayarisha kwa ushindi juu ya vita vilivyoko mbele yako. Kariri vifungu ambavyo vimewekwa mwisho wa kitabu hiki.



Sasa uko katika vita ambapo kuzimu inatamani ushindwe. Lakini Yesu Kristo tayari amehifadhi ushindi wako iwapo tu utatii.

“Mwizi (shetani) huja kuiba, kuuwa na kuharibu, bali Mimi(Yesu) nimekuja ili muwe na uzima kasha nao tele”Yohana 10:10

LIVING IN CHRIST – Lesson 1

Our position and duty in Christ

We who have placed our trust in Jesus Christ are justified, properly related to God because Christ's righteousness has been imputed to us. Now when God looks at us he sees the righteousness of Christ. We have been declared not guilty, our punishment canceled and we are now the sons and daughters of God. [John 1:12] We must always remember that it is not our character or conduct that bestows this position, but the work Jesus Christ accomplished.

Now, let us look at our responsibility to live our life as a true child of God. Our daily living is to be holy. Holy, because you are a child of the Holy God. [Leviticus 19:2] Our daily living is to be sanctified. Sanctified is to be set apart from sin and the world, then consecrated to fellowship and service to God through Jesus Christ. [Romans 12:1-2]

God has given us access to His power to live a Christ-like life. [2Peter 1:3-4] The word power is *dunamis* in the original Greek and means power to reproduce itself. It is this same power that a child of God receives after the Holy Spirit comes upon them [Acts 1:8]. The Holy Spirit is Who enables you to have this power. This is not your own will-power that makes something happen, but it is the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit that enables you to live the lifestyle of a true child of God and to be used by Him to do the impossible.

An important point to look into is what holiness is not. Holiness is not a position or state of being that is free from temptation. The Bible says that Jesus was tempted in all points as we are and since he was he is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted. [Hebrews 2:18]

Holiness can best be described as a state of conformity to the divine nature of God. It is our responsibility to strive to live every day to conform to the image of God. We will study in our next lesson, the fruit of the Holy Spirit which should be evidence of our desire and diligence to live a life of holiness before both God and man.

A holy and sanctified life is made possible with the help of the Holy Spirit living in you. This promise has been made to you, that you should receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. [Acts 2:38-39] May I ask the same question as Paul, "Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?" If not, seek and ask God for His promise that He made to you. Just like on the day of Pentecost... [Acts 2:4; Matthew 7:7-8]

Questions: 1. Why am I in a righteous position with God?

2. How am I to live a holy and sanctified life?

KUISHI NDANI YA KRISTO - Somo la kwanza

Nafasi yetu na jukumu letu kwa Kristo

Sisi tulio weka imani yetu kwa Yesu Kristo tuna haki, uhusiano sawa sawa na Mungu kwa sababu utakatifu wa Kristo umewekwa ndani yetu. Kwa hivyo Mungu anapotutazama sisi anaona utakatifu wa Kristo ndani mwetu. Tumehesabiwa ya kwamba hatuna hatia, hukumu yetu imeondolewa na sasa tumefanyika kuwa wana wa Mungu. [Yohana 1:12] Ni lazima kila mara tukumbuke kuwa sio tabia au mienendo yetu abayo inatuweka katika nafasi hii, bali kazi ambayo Yesu Kristo aliikamilisha.

Sasa, hebu tutazame jukumu letu la kuishi maisha kama mtoto halisi wa Mungu. Maisha yetu ya kila siku lazima yawe matakatifu. Matakatifu, kwa sababu wewe ni mwana wa Mungu mtakatifu. [Walawi 19:2] Kuishi kwetu kila siku lazima kuwe takatifu. Kutakaswa ni kutengwa mbali na dhambi na dunia, kasha tukawe na ushirika na kumtumikia Mungu kupitia kwa Yesu Kristo. [Warumi 12:1-2]

Mungu ametupa njia na nguvu zake ili tuishi maisha kama Kristo. [II Petro 1:3-4] Nguvu ni “dunamis” katika lugha halisi ya kiyunani na inamaanisha nguvu ya kuzalisha yenyewe. Ni nguvu ile ile ambayo mwana wa Mungu anapokea wakati Roho Mtakatifu anamjilia juu yenu [Matendo 1:8] Roho Mtakatifu ndiye anatuwezesha kuwa na nguvu hizi. Hii sio nguvu yako binafsi ambayo anafanya jambo kutendeka, lakini ni nguvu za kiungu za Roho Mtakatifu zinazokuwezesha wewe uishi maisha halisi ya mototo wa Mungu na tutumike na yeye {Mungu} kufanya mambo yasiyowezekana.

Jambo muhimu la kutazama ni utakatifu usivyo. Utakatifu sio nafasi au hali ya kuwa huru kutokana na majaribu. Biblia inasema ya kwamba Yesu alijaribiwa katika hali zote kama sisi na kwa sababu hiyo a naweza kuwa msaada kwa wale wanaojaribiwa. [Waebrania 2:18]

Utakatifu katika usahihi ni kufuata ile hali ya uungu wa Mungu. Ni jukumu letu kila siku kujitaidi kufuata mfano wa Mungu. Tutajifunza katika somo lijalo, tunda la Roho Mtakatifu ambalo ni ushahidi wa ari {tamaa} na bidii yetu kuishi maisha ya utakatifu mbele ya Mungu na mwanadamu.

Maisha matakatifu na yaliyotakaswa yanawezekana kwa msaada wa Roho Mtakatifu ambaye anakaa ndani mwako. Ahadi hii imewekwa kwako ya kwamba upokee zawadi ya Roho Mtakatifu. [Matendo 2:38-39] Acha nikuulize swali sawa na lile ambalo Paulo aliuliza “Je! Umepokea Roho Mtakatifu tangu ulipoamini?” Kama sivyo tafuta na umuulize Mungu kuhusu ahadi yake kwako. Kama siku ya Pentekote... {Matendo 2:4; Mathayo 7:7-8}

Maswali: 1. Kwa nini niko katika nafasi kamilifu na Mungu?

2. Jinsi gani niishi maisha ya utakatifu?

LIVING IN CHRIST - Lesson 2
Fruit of the Holy Spirit-Part 1

The fruit of the Spirit is a physical manifestation in the life of a Christian who is maturing in Christ. The fruit of the Spirit is one nine-fold fruit that characterizes every Christian who is truly walking in the Spirit. [Romans 8: 1] We cannot pick and choose which of the nine, because all nine are one.

Jesus pictured our lives to be the same as branches to a vine. [John 15:4-5] We are the branches, He is the vine and we must live in Him to be like Him. Like a branch separated from the vine cannot produce fruit, so we will not manifest the fruit of the Spirit, if we are not living in Him. So when we do abide in Jesus, the fruit of the Spirit will be seen in us. Like the sap in a vine moves into the branches to produce fruit, Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to produce in us, His fruit. Praise Lord Jesus!

The bible gives us the nine-fold fruit which are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. [Galatians 5:22-23] We will take a look at each of these to find out what they should look like in our lives. Always remember, this fruit is the fruit of the Spirit not “your” fruit. God wants to manifest Himself in you and through you to others for His purposes.

We will look at love first, since it is the reason that God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. [John 3:16-17] We will continue looking at the fruit in our next lesson.

The word love in the original Greek is “agape”. It is unconditional love, always seeking the best for others. Agape describes the unconditional love God has for the world. It is love determined by the will not by emotions. It is sacrificially demonstrated by Jesus at the cross.

Agape love is very patient and always kind. It is never jealous nor inflated with pride. It is not rude nor does it insist on its own way or its own rights. It is not resentful nor does it keep account of evil done to it. It does not rejoice at injustices, but it rejoices when right and truth prevails. It hopes under all circumstances and it endures everything without weakening. Agape love never fails. [I Corinthians 13:4-8]

Questions: 1. Describe in your own words, what the fruit of the Spirit should look like in your life.

2. Can you love like God loves? Explain

KUISHI NDANI YA KRISTO - Somo la pili **Tunda La Roho Mtakatifu –Sehemu ya kwanza**

Tunda la Roho Mtakatifu ni udhirisho halisi unaonekana katika maisha ya mkristo ambaye anakuwa ndani ya Kristo. Tunda la Roho ni tunda lenye matunda tisa ndani ya moja ambalo huonyesha tabia ya mkristo ambaye anatembea kikamilifu katika Roho [Warumi 8:1] Hatuwezi kuchagua ni lipi kati ya hayo tisa, maana hayo tisa ni moja.

Yesu alipiga picha maisha yetu kama matawi katika msabibu. [Yohana 15:4-5] Sisi ni matawi na yeye ni msabibu na ni lazima tuishi {tukae} ndani yake ndipo tuwe kama yeye {Yesu}. Kama vile tawi ambalo limeachanishwa na msabibu haliwezi kuzaa matunda, vivyo hivyo hatuwezi kudhihirisha matunda ya Roho, ikiwa hatukai ndani yake. Kwa hivyo tukikaa ndani ya Yesu, matunda ya Roho yataonekana ndani mwetu. Kama vile maji ndani ya mzabibu yanvyo tembea hadi kwenye matawi na kuzaa matunda, Yesu hutuma Roho mtakatifu kuzaa matunda yake ndani mwetu. Bwana Yesu Asifiwe!

Biblia inatupa tunda la Roho ambalo ni, Upendo, Furaha, Amani, Uvumilivu, Utu wema, Fadhili, Uaminifu, Upole na Kiasi. [Wagalatia 5:22-23] Tutaangalia kila moja ya haya ili tujue jinzi yanapaswa kuonekana katika maisha yetu. Kila mara kumbuka, tunda la Roho sio tunda lako. Mungu anataka kujidhihirisha yeye mwenyewe ndani mwako na kupitia kwako ajidhihirishe kwa wengine kwa makusudi yake.

Kwanza tutaangalia upendo, maana ndiyo sababu ya Mungu kumtuma Mwana wake ulimwenguni, sio auhukumu ulimwengu, bali ulimwengu uokolewe katika yeye. [Yohana 3:16-17] Tutaendelea kutazama tunda hili katika somo lijalo.

Neno upendo katika Kiyunani halisi ni “agape”. Ni upendo bila masharti, kila mara kutakia mema wengine. Agape inaelezea upendo bila masharti ambao Mungu ako nao kwa ulimwengu. Ni upendo ambao unadhihirishwa kwa nia na wala sio kwa hisia. Ni dhabihu ilioonyeshwa na Yesu pale msalabani.

Upendo wa Agape kila mara ni vumilivu na inahuruma. Haina wivu wala majivuno. Haina kiburi na wala haijitakii yenyewe. Haioni mabaya na wala haiweki hesabu ya mabaya iliyotendewa. Haisherekei uovu, bali hufurahi haki na kweli ikitendeka. Ina imani katika hali zote na huvumilia kila jambo bila kudhoofika. Agape haichoki. [1 Wakorintho 13:4-8]

Maswali: 1. Eleza kwa maneno yako mwemyewe, jinzi tunda la Roho lapaswa kuonekana maishani mwako.

2. Je! Waweza kupenda kama vile Mungu anavyo penda? Eleza.

LIVING IN CHRIST - Lesson 3

Fruit of the Holy Spirit-Part 2

Joy is the word “chara” in the original Greek derived from “charis” meaning grace. This joy is not human happiness which is with you one day, but not the next day. It is a divine and Spirit given joy that flourishes even when we are going through hard times or being persecuted. [I Thessalonians 1:5-7; Nehemiah 8:10]

Peace in the original Greek is “eirene” which is equal to the Hebrew word “shalom”. This peace means we can have the rule of order in place of chaos in chaos. This Holy Spirit given peace allows us to be calm and conduct our living in a peaceful way even, when the world we are living in is falling apart all around us. [John 14:27; Romans 15:13]

Longsuffering in the original Greek is “makrothumia”. It describes patient endurance in difficult circumstances or offences and injuries by others without resentment or murmuring. It describes one who has the power to revenge, but chooses restraint, instead. [Colossians 1:10-11; Ephesians 4:2]

Gentleness in the original Greek is “chrestotes” meaning to be compassionate, considerate, sympathetic or kind. This gentleness is given even when others are not kind. It describes the Holy Spirit given ability to act for the welfare of someone trying your patience. [Ephesians 2:4-7; Titus 3:3-5]

Goodness in the original Greek is “agathosune”. It is the state of being good, virtuous, benevolent, generous and God-like. It is the goodness of God that leads sinners to repentance. God has allowed us to share in His likeness to draw others to Christ! [Romans 2:4; II Thessalonians 1:11-12]

Faithfulness in the original Greek is “pistis” meaning to commit oneself to someone or something. We are to be faithful to God and to those we serve. It will not always be easy to stay faithful, but if we will allow the Holy Spirit to work in us...we can be faithful! [Isaiah 25:1; Psalms 119:90]

Meekness in the original Greek is “praotes”. Meekness is not weakness but, strength and power under control. A person walking in meekness is even-tempered and they have their passions under control. A person who is walking in meekness can bring correction to another in the spirit of love. [Psalms 24:9; Galatians 6:1]

Temperance or self-control comes from the original Greek “egkrateia”. One who has self-control has command of their behavior. They are in control of their appetites and passions. [Prov. 25:16; I Corinthians 9:25-27]

Questions: 1. Which one above is most evident in your life? Explain.

2. Which one do you struggle with most? Explain.

KUISHI NDANI YA KRISTO - Somo la tatu **Tunda La Roho Mtakatifu- Sehemu ya Pili**

Furaha ni neno “chara” katika lugha halisi ya Kiyunani ambalo limetokana na neno “charis” linalo Maanisha Neema. Furaha hii sio ile ya kibinadamu ambayo ipo leo na kesho haipo. Ni ya kiungu ambayo hupeanwa na Roho na hunawiri hata wakati tunapitia katika hali ngumu au hata kama tunateswa.

[1 Wathesalonike 1:5-7; Nehemia 8:10]

Amani katika Kiyunani ni “eirene” ambalo ni sawa na neon la Kiebrania ”shalom”. Amani hii inamaanisha kuwa tunaweza kuwa na amani na utulivu mahali pa machafuko, vitani. Amani inayopeanwa na Roho Mtakatifu inaturuhusu kuwa na utulivu na tuishi kwa amani hata kama Dunia hii tunayoishi inapasuka katikati [Yohana 14:27; Warumi 15:13]

Uvumilivu katika Kiyunani ni “makrothumia”. Inaeleza kuvumilia kwa muda mrefu katika hali ngumu au matukano na majeraha kutoka kwa wengine bila chuki wala maumivu. Inaelezea mtu ambaye ana uwezo wa kulipiza kisasi lakini badala yake anachagua kujizuia. [Wakolosai 1:10-11; Waefeso 4:2]

Upole katika Kiyunani ni “chrestotes” inayomaanisha huruma, kujali. Upole hudhahirishwa wakati wengine hawana huruma. Inaeleza uwezo unaopeanwa na Roho Mtakatifu kutenda kwa manufaa ya mtu anaye jaribu uvumilivu wako. [Waefeso 2:4-7; Tito 3:3-5]

Utu wema katika kiyunani ni “agathosune”. Ni ile hali ya kuwa mzuri, mwenye maadili mema, mkarimu na mfano wa Mungu. Ni uzuri wa Mungu unaowaelekeza wenye dhambi kutubu. Mungu ameturuhusu kushiriki mfano wake ili kuwavuta wengine kwa Kristo! [Warumi 2:4; 2Wathesalonike 1:11-12]

Uaminifu katika Kiyunani ni “pistis” inayomaanisha kuweka uwazi kwa wewe mwenyewe, kwa mtu au kwa kitu Fulani. Tunahitajika kuwa waaminifu kwa Mungu na kwa wale tunaowatumikia. Haitakuwa rahisi kila mara kuwa waaminifu, lakini ikiwa tutaruhusu Roho Mtakatifu kufanya kazi ndani yetu... tunaweza kuwa waaminifu! [Isaya 25:1; Zaburi 119:90]

Unyenyekevu katika Kiyunani ni “praotes”. Unyenyekevu sio udhaifu, bali ni uwezo na na nguvu iliyodhibitiwa. Mtu anayetembea katika unyenyekevu hata ajapo kuwa na hasira yeye huweza kudhibiti hasira yake. Mtu anayetembea katika unyenyekevu anaweza kumrekebisha mwenzake mwenzake katika unyenyekevu. [Zaburi 24:9; Wagalatia 6:1]

Kiasi hutukana na neno la Kiyunani “egkrateia”. Yeyote aliye na kiasi ana mamlaka juu ya tabia yake. Ana kiasi juu ya hamu na msisimuko wake. [Mithali 25:16; 1Wakorintho 9:25-27]

Maswali: 1. Ni lipi hapo juu ambalo linaonekana maishani mwako? Eleza.

2. Ni ipi ambayo unashindana nayo sana? Eleza.

LIVING IN CHRIST - Lesson 4

Knowing your enemy

Yes, we do have an enemy. He desires to steal your blessings, he desires to kill you if at all possible and he desires to destroy your usefulness to God. Yes, Jesus came to give us abundant life. [John 10:10; I Peter 5:8] But, satan is real and he is very active today in our world. Until Jesus comes back or he takes you home to be with Him, you will need to be on guard for the enemy of your soul.

No, you do not have to fear him, but you do need to know how to defeat him. Knowing the truth about your enemy is the first step in defeating him. We will look at what God's Word, which is The Truth, declares to us about satan.

He is a created being who had a creator, God. [Ezekiel 28:12-14; Colossians 1:15-17] Created perfect, satan had free will and later sinned. [Ezekiel 28:15-16] He is a murderer, a liar, an accuser and our adversary. [John 8:44; Revelation 12:10; I Peter 5:8] He has other angels (fallen) that work with him. [Matthew 25:41] He is a limited creature, limited by God. [Job 1:10-12]

He works indirectly to defeat us using the world (people and things) and the flesh (mind and body). [I John 5:19; Romans 7:18] He brings temptations to us. He at times may tempt us to be discouraged, to lie, to involve ourselves in immorality or to be unforgiving. He uses circumstances to tempt us to become anger, bitter and start divisions among each other. These are some of the temptations that have and will come to you. [I Peter 4:12; Galatians 5:19]

Now let us examine what God's Word says about living a victorious life. Jesus said in John 10:10 "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly" Jesus has a plan for you to live victorious in Him. This Jesus is the Jesus in Colossians 1:16 "by Him were all things created" and in verse 17 "and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist" Nothing is greater than Jesus, our creator! Then in John 16:33 Jesus says "I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world". Jesus explained that this life will not be trouble-free, but He has already overcome the world that seeks to tear down and destroy you. I Corinthians 10:13 assures us "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it." Jesus promises His power! II Peter 1:3 He provides His divine power!

Questions: 1. Who is satan? Explain.

2. Do you need to be fearful of satan? Explain.

KUISHI NDANI YA KRISTO- Somo la nne

Kumjua Adui yako

Ndiyo, tuko na adui. Ana haja ya kuiba Baraka zako, ana haja ya kukuua iwapo itawezekana na ana haja ya kuharibu umuhimu wako kwa Mungu. Ndiyo, Yesu alikuja kutupa uzima tele. [Yohana 10:10; 1Petro 5:8] Lakini shetani ni kweli na anafanya kazi leo hii ulimwenguni. Mpaka Yesu atakaporudi au akuchukue nyumbani uwe naye, unahitajika kuwa macho kwa adui wa roho yako.

La, hautaji kumuogopa, lakini unahitajika kujua jinzi ya kumshinda. Kujua ukweli juu ya adui yako ni hatua ya kwanza ya kumshinda. Tutaangalia neno la Mungu ambalo ni kweli, jinzi linavyosema juu ya shetani.

Shetani ni kiumbe ambacho kilikuwa na muumbaji, Mungu. [Ezekieli 28:12-14; Wakolosai 1:15-17] Aliumba kikamilifu, shetani alikuwa na uhuru na baadaye akatenda dhambi. [Ezekieli 28:15-16] Ni muuaji, muongo, mshitaki wetu na kizingiti {kizuizi}. [Yohana 8:44; Ufunuo 12:10; 1Petro 5:8] Ana malaika wengine [walioanguka] wanaofanya kazi naye. [Mathayo 25:41] Ni kiumbe ambaye anauwezo uliyodhibitiwa, Mungu ndiye anayemdhhibiti. [Ayubu 1:10-12]

Shetani anafanya kazi kichini chini ili atushinde akitumia ulimweng [watu na vitu] na mwili [akili na mwili]. [1Yohana 5:19; Warumi 7:18] Hutuletea majaribu. Wakati mwingine hutujaribu tupoteze tumaini, tudanganye, tuhusike katika uasherati na kutosamehe. Hutumia hali zilizopo kutujaribu tuwe na hasira, uchungu na kuleta mgawanyiko miongoni mwetu. Haya ni baadhi ya majaribu ambayo yatakuja. [1Petro 4:12; Wagalatia 5:19]

Hebu sasa tuchambue jinzi neno la Mungu kuhusu kuishi maisha ya ushindi. Yesu alisema katika Yohana 10:10 “Nimekuja kuwapa uzima tena uzima tele” Yesu ana mpango kwako uishi maisha ya ushindi katika yeye {Yesu}. Huyu Yesu ni Yesu katika Wakolosai 1:16 “Kwa Yeye vitu vyote viliumbwa” na katika mstari wa 17 “Naye alikuwako kabla ya vitu vyote, na vitu vyote hushikana katika yeye” Hakuna kitu chochote ambacho ni kikubwa kuliko Yesu muumbaji wetu! Halafu katika Yohana 16:33 Yesu anasema “Hayo nimewaambieni mpate kuwa na amani ndani yangu. Ulimwenguni mnayo dhiki; lakini jipeni moyo; mimi nimeushinda ulimwengu”. Yesu alieleza kuwa maisha haya hayatakuwa bila majaribu, lakini tayari Yesu ameushinda ulimwengu ambao unatafuta kukuraria na kukuharibu. 1Wakorintho 10:13 inatahakikishia “Jaribu halikuwapata ninyi, isipokuwa lililo kawaida ya wanadamu; ila Mungu ni mwaminifu; ambaye hatawaacha mjaribiwe kupita mwezavyo; lakini pamoja na lile jaribu atafanya mlango wa kutokea, ili mweze kustahimili”. Yesu anaahidi nguvu zake! 2Petro 1:3 Ametupa uweza wake wa uungu umetukirimia vitu vyote vipasavyo uzima na utauwa!

Maswali: 1. Shetani ni nani? Eleza

2. Je! Unahitaji kumwogopa shetani? Eleza.

LIVING IN CHRIST - Lesson 5

Your Armor

God has provided everything we need to live for Him in this present world. We are instructed in I Timothy 6:12 to “fight the good fight of faith”. God’s Word in lesson 4 told us that we would be fighting against the devil, his angels, our bodies and our minds. Ephesians 6:12 tells us “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” We are not told to fight against other people. We must always remember who we are really fighting against.

Ephesians 6:10 says “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord”. The original text actually means “to acquire strength in the Lord”. Just as an athlete prepares and daily does everything he has been taught to do to become strong, so are we to do everything God has told us to do in His Word to become strong “in the power of His might”.

We are instructed in verse 11 “Put on the whole armor of God” all of it, not some of it. Why? “that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” The “stand” means to be victorious and “wiles” means plans. A better translation reads: Put on all the armor of God that you may be victorious against the plans of the devil used to deceive, enslave and ruin your soul.

Ok, where is this armor, I want all of it! [Ephesians 6:14-18] This armor is pictured like what a roman soldier wore and was armed with. The first five are all defensive parts of the armor. The sixth is an offensive weapon.

1. Belt of truth - to brace the armor tight against the body.
2. Breastplate of righteousness - to cover and protect the vital organs.
3. Shoes of peace - to protect the feet.
4. Shield of faith - to protect body from blows and cuts.
5. Helmet of Salvation – to protect the head.
6. Sword of the Spirit - to destroy the enemy; bring his surrender.

We are to “put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ” [Romans 13:14] for He is the Truth [John 14:6] allowing us to know who we are in Him. It is only in His righteousness that we stand in [II Corinthians 5:21] Jesus gives us peace in the battle [John 14:27; Philippians 4:7] We must trust in Jesus alone for victory [Proverbs 3:5-6] Jesus the Word will defeat our enemy [Luke 4:1-14]

Question: 1. Describe a battle you have fought and how you used each piece of armor (if you did) and the result of your battle.

KUISHI NDANI YA KRISTO - Somo la tano

Silaha yako

Mungu amekupa kila kitu unachohitaji kuishi kwa ajili yake katika ulimwengu huu wa sasa. Tumeamriwa katika 1Timotheo 6:12 “Kupigana vita vizuri vya imani”. Neno la Mungu katika somo la 4 lilitueleza kuwa tutapigana na shetani, malaika zake, miili yetu na akili zetu. Waefeso 6:12 inatueleza kuwa “Kwa maana kushindana kwetu sisi si juu ya damu na nyama; bali ni juu ya falme na mamlaka, juu ya wakuu wa giza hili, juu ya majeshi ya pepo wabaya katika ulimwengu wa roho” Hututakiwi kupigana vita dhidi ya wenzetu. Tunahitajika kila mara tukumbuke ni nani hasa tunaye pigana dhidi yake.

Waefeso 6:10 inasema “Hatimaye, ndugu zangu, mzidi kuwa hodari katika Bwana”. Maandiko haya kiasili yanamaanisha “kupata nguvu kwa Bwana”. Kama vile mkimbiaji anapojiandaa na kila siku anafanya kila kitu alichofunzwa ili kuwa hodari, vivyo hivyo tunapaswa kufanya kila kitu ambacho Mungu ametuamuru katika neno lake ili tuwe hodari, “Katika nguvu za uweza wake”.

Tumeamuriwa katika aya ya 11 “Vaeni silaha zote za Mungu” zote, sio baadhi ya hizo. Kwa nini? “Ili mpate kushindana na hila zote za shetani” “Kushindana” inamaanisha ushindi na “hila” inamaanisha mipango. Tafsiri nzuri inasema hivi, “Vaeni silaha zote za Mungu ili mpate kuwa washindi dhidi ya hila[mipango] ya Ibilisi anayotumia kuwadanganya, kuwatia utumwani na kuharibu nafsi zenu”.

Naam, silaha hizi ziko wapi, ninazitaka zote! [Waefeso 6:14-18] Silaha hizi ni mfano wa askari wa Kirumi alivyo vaa na kujihami nazo. Za kwanza tano ni za kujilinda [kujikinga]. Ya sita ni silaha ya kushambulia.

1. Mshipi wa kweli - kazi yake ni kushika silaha imara mwilini.
2. Dirii ya haki - kuinga kifua na viungo vya muhimu mwilini.
3. Viatu vya amani - kuinga miguu dhidi ya miamba[mawe] na miiba.
4. Ngao ya imani - kuinga mwili dhidi ya kupigwa na kukatwa.
5. Chepeo cha wokovu - kulinda kichwa dhidi ya mashambulizi
6. Upanga wa Roho (katika Kiyunani-machairi) Ni ya kushambulia adui na kusababisha ajiuzulu [ashindwe].

Tunahitajika “tumvae Bwana Yesu Kristo” [Warumi 13:14] kwa maana Yeye ni kweli [Yohana 14:6] anayetuzesha kujua sisi ni nani katika Yeye. Ni ndani ya haki yake pekee ambamo tunasimama [Wakorintho 5:21]. Yesu anatupa amani vitani [Yohana 14:27; Wafilipi 4:7]. Lazima tumwamini Yesu pekee ili tushinde [Mithali 3:5-6]. Yesu ambaye ni neno atamshinda adui [Luka 4:1-14]

Swali: 1. Eleza vita ulivyo pigana na jinzi ulivyotumia kila aina ya silaha [ikiwa ulitumia] na matokeo baada ya vita hivyo.

LIVING IN CHRIST - Lesson 6
Attributes of God-Part 1

God's loving kindness toward you, never ceases and the compassion that He has for you will never fail.[Lamentations 3:22-23] Wow, that is a promise to all of us who belong to Him! This promise as well as 250 promises in the New Testament, would not help us if God was not able to keep them. But you can rest assured God is able to do exceeding, abundantly more than we ask or think.

[Ephesians 3:20] We will look at some of the attributes that make our God-God!

Our God is the God of the bible. He is omniscient-God knows everything. There has never been a time when we were unknown to God. There will never be one second when His eye is not watching us. It does not matter where we are, who we are with, what we are doing or not doing and yes, what we are speaking, even what we are thinking...He knows. [Psalms 139:1-6]

God is omnipotent. He is all-powerful and has total authority. His power is unlimited and He can do whatever He chooses to do, in the way He chooses to do it and do it whenever He chooses to do it. You may have a problem or you may be in a situation that looks impossible. Ask is anything too hard for my God? God will respond! "Is there anything too hard for the Lord" [Genesis 18:14; Jeremiah 32:17]

God is omnipresent. He is everywhere and He is everywhere all the time. He is completely present everywhere in the universe at all times. He was there with you in your beginning, yes with you as you were being formed in your mother's womb. It is difficult for us to try to comprehend this attribute of God. God being omniscient we can somewhat relate to because we have some knowledge and God being omnipotent we can somewhat relate to because we have some strength. But, being present everywhere at the same time? We cannot even be in two places at the same time, even for one second! Our God is awesome!!! [Psalms 139:7-13]

Questions: 1. Explain why each of these three attributes are vital and important to you.

Omniscient –

Omnipotent –

Omnipresent –

**KUISHI NDANI YA KRISTO- Somo la sita
Sifa za Mungu – Sehemu ya kwanza**

Upendo wa Mungu wenye upole kwako, haukomi na huruma aliyozo nazo kwako pia hazitakoma. [Maombolezo 3:22-23] Naam, hiyo ni ahadi kwetu sote ambao tumefanywa kuwa wake! Ahadi hii sawa na ahadi 250 kaika agano jipya, hazingetusaidia ikiwa Mungu hakuzihifadhi. Lakini ni hakika Mungu ana uwezo wa kufanya zaidi, tele kuliko tulivyo uliza au kufikiria. [Waefeso 3:20] tutaangalia baadhi ya sifa ambazo zinamfanya Mungu kuwa Mungu!

Mungu wetu ni Mungu wa Biblia. Yeye ni ajuaye-Mungu anajua kila kitu. Hakuna wakati ambao tumekuwa hatutambuliki kwa Mungu. Hakutakuwa na sekunde hata moja ambapo jicho la Mungu halitatutazama. Haijalishi tuko wapi, tuko na nani, tunafanya nini ama hatufanyi chochote na ndiyo, kile tunacho sema, hata kile tunacho waza...Anajua. [Zaburi 139:1-6]

Mungu ana nguvu. Ana nguvu zote na mamlaka yote. Nguvu zake hazina mipaka na anaweza kufanya chochote anachochagua kufanya, kwa namna anayotaka kufanya na anakifanya wakati Anachagua kukifanya. Unaweza kuwa na shida ama katika hali ambayo inaonekana haiwezekani. Uliza, kuna kitu chochote kigumu kwa Mungu wangu? Mungu atajibu! “Kuna jambo lolote gumu la kumshinda Bwana” [Mwanzo 18:14; Yeria 32:17]

Mungu ako kila mahali. Mungu yuko kila mahali kila wakati. Yeye anapatikana kikamilifu kila mahali ulimwenguni kila wakati. Alikuwa pamoja nawe katika mwanzo wako, ndiyo pamoja nawe wakati ulipokuwa ukiumbwa tumboni mwa mama yako. Ni vigumu kwetu kujaribu kueleqa sifa hii ya Mungu. Mungu akiwa anafahamu [Anajua] kila kitu, tunaweza kulinganisha haya kwa sababu sasa tuna fahamu na Mungu akiwa ako kila mahali, tuna weza kulinganisha haya kwa sababu tuna nguvu. Lakini, kuwa kila mahali kwa wakati mmoja? Hatuwezi hata kuwa mahali pawili kwa wakati mmoja, hata kwa sekunde moja! Mungu wetu ni wa ajabu!!! [Zaburi 139:7-13]

Maswali 1. Eleza kwa nini kila moja wapo ya sifa hizi ni yenye maana na muhimu kwako.

Ajuaye -

Ana nguve -

Ako kila mahali -

LIVING IN CHRIST - Lesson 7
Attributes of God-Part 2

Examining the attributes of our God builds and increases our faith. To know that God is and has these qualities allows us to realize just how great He is. He is the God we serve and love. He is the God that loves us. He is the God that protects us and provides for us. He is the God that has given us eternal life!

Our God is immutable. Immutability means not subject to change. This means God will not change His nature or His character and nothing outside of God can change Him. God cannot become better (change) because He is perfect. [Psalms 102:25-27; James 1:17] We as human beings are not immutable, we are subject to change and we do change.

God is eternal. That means He was before time...He created time. He had no beginning and has no end. God is not in time, so time has no effect or change on Him. [Psalms 102:12; Isaiah 40:28]

God is infinite. He is not limited by anything or anyone! He cannot be measured since He is without limit. He is not restricted because He has no boundaries of space, substance or time. [Psalms 147:5; Romans 11:33]

God is self-existent. The Latin word “aseity” describes this attribute: to be from oneself. Only God is He who has existence derived from Himself and has no other source. Everything with only the exception of God depends on God. God is not dependent upon anything for His existence. [Exodus 3:14; Acts 17:24-25]

God is wise. Wisdom is the ability to correctly (perfectly) judge and follow the best course of action. As we can see in the world we live in, man’s wisdom is not perfect like God’s wisdom. God has given us His Word and given us the Holy Spirit to help understand this wisdom. [James 3:13-17; I Corinthians 2:6-8]

God is transcendent. He is independent and different from His creation. He is much higher than and surpasses, in every respect, His creation. He is not limited to creation and He is not limited by creation. This attribute should humble us and fill us with praise toward our God who never removes Himself from His relationship with His people! [Isaiah 55:8-9; Ephesians 4:6]

God is holy. He is perfectly pure, undefiled, without blemish, totally righteous and totally free from sin. [Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8]

Assignment: Spend 1 hour on 2 different days alone by yourself with your bible. Pray and mediate on Who God is. Take time and thank Him for each of His attributes. Write down what you experienced.

KUISHI NDANI YA KRISTO - Somo la saba **Sifa za Mungu- Sehemu ya pili**

Kutafakari sifa za Mungu wetu hujenga na kuongeza imani yetu. Kufahamu kuwa Mungu ndiye na ako na sifa hizi tatu hutuwezesha kutambua jinzi alivyo mkuu. Ni Mungu tunayemtumikia na kumpenda. Ni Mungu anayetupenda. Ni Mungu anayetulinda na kutupa mihitaji yetu. Ni Mungu ambaye ametupa uzima wa milele!

Mungu wetu habadiliki. Kutobadilika ana maanisha kuwa hana tabia ya kubadilika. Hii ina maanisha Mungu hatabadilisha asili yake, tabia yake na hakuna chochote nje ya Mungu kinachoweza kumbadilisha. Mungu hawezi kuwa bora(badilika) kwa sababu Yeye ni mkamilifu. [Zaburi 102:25-27; Yakobo 1:17] Sisi wanadamu hubadilika, tabia yetu ni ya kubalika na sisi ni wa kubadilika.

Mungu ni milele. Ina maanisha kuwa alikuwapo kabla ya wakati...Aliumba wakati. Hakuwa na mwanzo na hana mwisho. Mungu hayupo ndani ya wakati, kwa hivyo wakati hauna shinikizo wala mabadiliko kwake. [Zaburi 102:12; Isaya 40:28]

Mungu hana kikomo. Hawezi kuzuiwa na mtu wala kitu chochote! Hawezi kupimwa maana hana kikomo. Hawezi kudhibitiwa maana hana mipaka ya nafasi, kimo au wakati. [Zaburi 147:5; Warumi 11:33]

Mungu hakuumbwa. Neno la Kilatini “aseity” Linaeleza sifa hii: kuwa inatokana na mtu mwenyewe. Mungu pekee ndiye kuwepo kwake kunatokana na Yeye mwenyewe na hana chanzo kingine. Kila kitu isipokuwa Mungu hutegemea Mungu. Mungu hategemei kitu chochote kuwapo kwake. [Kutoka 3:14; Matendo 17:24-25]

Mungu ana hekima. Hekima ni uwezo wa kusahihisha(kikamilifu) kuhukumu na kufuata njia kamilifu ya kufuata. Kama vile tunavyoona kataka dunia hii tunayoishi, hekima ya mwanadamu sio kamilifu kama ile ya Mungu. Mungu ametupa neno lake na pia ametupa Roho Mtakatifu wa kutusaidia kuifahamu hekima hii. [Yakobo 3:13-17; 1Wakorintho 2:6-8]

Mungu ni wa kujitegemea. Yeye ni huru [hujitegemea] na ako tofauti na viumbe vyake. Yeye yuko juu kuliko na anapita{zidi}, katika kila njia, viumbe vyake. Yeye hapungukiwi na viumbe wala kwa viumbe. Sifa hii anapaswa kutunyenyesha na kutujaza na sifa kumwelekea Mungu wetu ambaye hajiondowi mwenyewe na uhusiano wake na watu wake! [Isaya 55:8-9; Waefeso 4:6]

Mungu ni mtakatifu. Yeye ni mtakatifu hajahuzika na dhambi, awezi kulaumiwa, ni wa aki kamili na hana dhambi yoyote. [Isaia 6:3; Ufunuo 4:8]

Kazi ya kufanya: Tumia muda wa saa moja kwa siku mbili tofauti wewe pekee yako na Biblia. Omba na utafakari juu ya Mungu alivyo. Chukuwa muda na uahukuru Mungu kwa kila sifa zake. Andika yale uliyoyaona.

LIVING IN CHRIST - Lesson 8
Attributes of God-Part 3

An attribute of God that is spoken little of today is wrath. Did you know that the Bible says more about wrath than love and Jesus spoke more about hell than heaven? Many who preach or teach (pastors/teachers/evangelists) say little or nothing at all about God's wrath. God did not make His wrath a secret and we, His children should not keep it a secret. It is one of His divine attributes that we need to study and know what it is not and what it is.

God's wrath is not an unforgiving bitterness to pay someone back or get even with someone. It is not a display of God losing His temper, because all His patience is gone. (like some of us do) We think of wrath as being uncontrolled anger and that is exactly what "human" wrath is. God's wrath is not a fit of uncontrolled rage.

The bible is filled with warnings about God's wrath. There are reasons why He is warning us and we need to understand the main reason is because He loves us! God does not wink at sin and say "OH, I did not see that." His wrath happens when holiness meets sin. His wrath happens when righteousness meets evil. His wrath is when justice meets rebellion. God's wrath is His holy hatred of everything that is unholy.

God's wrath is the "personal manifestation of God's holy, moral character in judgment against sin"(rebellion) God cannot overlook sin because it is the rational and personal response of a holy and loving God. God is holy and perfectly maintains His purity, righteousness and justice. A consequence of His wrath is vengeance, punishment and death. [Romans 12:19; Matthew 10:28; Revelation 2:11]

God's wrath is God's controlled anger in response to sin. God's wrath will not allow sin to be overlooked, but God is slow to be angry. [Nehemiah 9:16-21; Numbers 26:64-65]

Since God is holy, His wrath will respond. He totally and completely stands separated from sin, corruption and evil. We will do well to do the same. Not only in what we may do, but even with what we look at. We have instruction. [Psalm 101:3]

God is merciful. To give mercy means that which is deserved (punishment) is withheld to the benefit of the object (person). God has offered mercy to all of mankind. We have deserved nothing but wrath for our rebellion against God. [II Samuel 24:10-16; Romans 6:23]

Questions: 1. Explain what God's wrath is in your own words.

2. What does II Samuel 24:17 tell to you about your own sins.

KUISHI NDANI YA KRISTO – Somo la nane

Sifa za Mungu - Sehemu ya tatu

Sifa ya Mungu ambayo huzungumziwa kwa uchache sana hii leo ni ghadhabu. Wajuu kwamba Biblia inasema mengi kuhusu ghadhabu kuliko upendo na Yesu alisema mengi kuhusu jehanamu kuliko mbingu? Wengi wanaohubiri (Wachungaji/Walimu/Wainjilisti) husema machache au hawasemi lolote kuhusu ghadhabu ya Mungu. Mungu hakuweka ghadhabu yake kuwa siri na sisi, watoto wake hatupaswi kuiweka siri. Ni moja kati ya sifa zake za kiungu na tunatakiwa kujifunza na kujua jinzi ilivyo na jinzi isivyo.

Ghadhabu ya Mungu sio uchungu wa kutosamehe wa kulipiza kisasi. Sio kitu cha kuonyesha kuwa Mungu amekasirika, kwa sababu subira yake imeondoka. (kama vile wengine wetu hufanya) Tunafikiria kuwa ghadhabu ni hasira isiyokuwa na kiasi na hii ni jinzi ghadhabu ya “wanadamu” ilivyo. Ghadhabu ya Mungu hawezi kulinganishwa na hasira isiyoweza kudhibitiwa.

Biblia imejaa na maonyo kuhusu ghadhabu ya Mungu. Kuna sababu kwa nini Anatuonya na tunahitajika kufahamu sababu halisa kwa sababu anatumpenda! Mungu hapigi jicho kwa dhanbi na kusema “OH, Sikuona hayo.” Ghadhabu yake hutendeka wakati utakatifu inakutana na dhambi. Ghadhabu yake hutokea wakati haki inakutana na uovu. Ghadhabu yake ni wakati haki inakutana na uasi. Ghadhabu ya Mungu ni wakati utakatifu wake unakataa kila kitu ambacho sio kitakatifu (Najisi).

Ghadhabu ya Mungu ni udhihirisho “binafsi wa utakatifu wa Mungu, ukamilifu katika hukumu dhidi ya dhambi”(uasi) Mungu hawezi kujifanya kuwa hajaona dhambi kwa sababu ni kunyume cha asili ya utakatifu na upendo wa Mungu. Mungu ni mtakatifu na kikamilifu Yeye hulinda usafi wake, ukweli na haki. Matokeo ya ghadhabu yake ni kisasi, hukumu na kifo. [Warumi 12:19; Mathayo 10:28; Ufunuo 2:11]

Ghadhabu ya Mungu ni Hasira ya Mungu yenye kiasi juu ya dhambi. Ghadhabu ya Mungu haiwezi kuruhusu dhambi isionekane, lakini Mungu si mwepesi wa hasira. [Nehemiah 9:16-21; Hesabu 26:64-65]

Kwa kuwa Mungu ni mtakatifu, ghadhabu yake itainuka. Yeye hakika na kikamilifu hujitenga na dhambi, ufiada na uovu. Itakuwa vyema tukifanya hivyo. Sio kwa kile tutakachokifanya, bali hata kwa kile tutakachokitazama. Tuna maagizo. [Zaburi 101:3]

Mungu ni mwenye huruma. Kupeana msamaha ina maanisha kile kilichostahili(hukumu) imehairishwa ili kunufaisha kitu(Mtu). Mungu amepeana huruma kwa watu wote. Hatukustahili chochote isipokuwa ghadhabu kwa uasi wetu kwa Mungu. [2Samwel 24:10-16; Warumi 6:23]

Maswali: 1. Kwa maneno yako mwenyewe, eleza ghadhabu ya Mungu ni nini.

2. 2Samwel 24:17 inakueleza nini kuhusu dhambi yako.

LIVING IN CHRIST - Lesson 9

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

In “New Life in Christ” we studied who the Holy Spirit is. We are going to look at the 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in [I Corinthians 12:8-10] All of these gifts are abilities of God the Holy Spirit and demonstrated through us as He determines. Our only contribution is a yielded will to obey. [I Corinthians 12:7,11] The Gifts of the Spirit have been given for the purpose of edifying God’s church and as a sign to the unbelieving.

Word of Wisdom – is the supernatural revelation or ability to rightly apply knowledge looking into the true nature of things. [I Corinthians 2:5-7; 11-13] There is a great difference between man’s own knowledge and God’s.

Word of Knowledge – is the supernatural revelation of God’s knowledge for His will or His plans or the plans of others. [II Kings 6:8-12; Acts 5:1-11]

Faith – is the God given power to believe and speak things to happen. It is the same power by which God speaks things to be. [Hebrews 11:3; Mark 11:22]

Healing – the supernatural ability to cure or to make whole. [Acts 8:6-7] One that is in need of healing must desire to be healed. [Matthew 13:58]

Miracles – the supernatural working that which cannot be produced by any natural means. It is when one speaks orderly intervention into nature’s state of being or operation. [Mark 16:17-18; Luke 8:22-24]

Discerning of Spirits – the supernatural ability to know from where or what spirit is talking or acting. This gift is so needed in protecting and preserving those who are following Jesus Christ. We are living in days when so many are being misled, injured and destroyed by false teachers, false prophets, false pastors and false christs. [Acts 13:6-10; Matthew 24:4-5]

Divers kinds of Tongues – the supernatural ability to speak languages that are not known are learned. They may be a foreign language or heavenly. [Acts 2:7-8; I Corinthians 13:4-5]

Interpretation of Tongues – is the supernatural ability to interpret a message given in an unknown tongue. This gift is only given and used when the gift of Tongues has been in operation.

We are admonished to desire these gifts, use these gifts and to encourage their operation in proper order. [I Corinthians 14:1; II Timothy 1:6; 4:14; I Thessalonians 5:19; I Corinthians 13:1-3; 14:27-33]

Questions: 1. Can we really know if someone is not really speaking for God? Explain.

2. Have you seen any of these gifts in operation? Explain.

KUISHI NDANI YA KRISTO - Somo la tisa

Karama za Roho Mtakatifu

Katika “Maisha mapya ndani ya Kristo” tulijifunza ya Roho Mtakatifu ni nani. Tunaenda kuona karama tisa za Roho Mtakatifu jinzi ilvyo katika [1Wakorintho 12:8-10] Karama hizi zote tisa ni uwezo wa Mungu, Roho Mtakatifu na inadhihirishwa ndani mwetu jinzi Mungu anavyopenda. Mchango wetu ni kunyenyekea na kutii. [1Wakorintho 12:7,11] Karama za Roho Mtakatifu zimepeanwa kwa sababu ya kujenga kanisa la Mungu na kama ishara kwa kutoamini.

Neno la Hekima - Ni ufunuo wa asili ya kiungu au uwezo wa hakika wa kufahamu na kutazama mambo katika hali yake ya asili. [1Wakorintho2:5-7;11-13] Kuna tofuti kubwa kati ya hekima mwanadami na ya Mungu.

Neno la ufahamu - Ni ufunuo wa Kiungu wa ufahamu wa neno la Mungu kwa ajili ya mapenzi ya Mungu au mipango yake au mipango ya wengine. [2Wafalme 6:8-12; Matendo5:1-11]

Imani - Ni nguvu zinazopewa na Mungu za kuamini na kusema mambo na yatendeke. Ni nguvu hiyo ambayo Mungu husema mambo yakawa. [Waebrania 11:3; Marko 11:22]

Uponyaji - Ni uwezo wa Kiungu wa kuponya au kufanya kamili. [Matendo 8:6-7] Yule ambaye anahitaji kupona lazima atamani uponyaji. [Mathayo 13:58]

Miujiza - Ni utenda kazi wa Kiungu ambao hautokani na njia za kawaida. Ni wakati mtu anasungumza kwa amri na kuingilia{kubadilisha} kawaida ya hali au mpangilio. [Marko 16:17-18; Luka 8:22-24]

Kupambanua Roho - Ni uwezo wa Kiungu wa kujua ni roho wa kotoka wapi au ni roho yupi anayesungumza au anatenda kazi. Karama hii inahitajika sana kuwalinda na kuwahifadhi wale ambao wanamfuata Yesu Kristo. Tunaishi nyakati{siku} ambazo wengi wanapotosha, wanajeruhiwa na kuharibiwa na walimu wa uongo, manabii wa uongo, wachungaji wa uongo na Kristo wa uongo. [Matendo 13:6-10; Mathayo 24:4-5]

Kunena kwa Ndimi - Ni uwezo wa Kiungu wa kunena lugha ambazo hazijulikani na wala hujajifunza. Inaweza kuwa lugha ya kigeni au lugha ya mbinguni [Matendo 2:7-8; 1 Wakorintho 13:4-5]

Kupambanua Ndimi - Ni uwezo wa Kiungu wa kutafsiri ujumbe ambao umepeanwa katika lugha ambayo haijulikani. Karama hii hupeanwa na kutumika wakati ambapo karama ya kunena kwa ndimi imetumika.

Tunaombwa tuweze kutamani karama hizi, tutumie karama hizi na tuhimize utendaji kazi wake na katika mpangilio mzuri. [1Wakorintho14:1; 2Timotheo 1:6;4:14; 1 Wathesalonike 5:19; 1 Wakorintho 13:1-3; 14:27-33]

Maswali: 1. Je! Waweza kujua iwapo mtu hasemi kutoka kwa Mungu? Eleza.

2. Je! Umewahi kuona karama hizi zikifanya kazi[Zikitumika]?
Eleza.

LIVING IN CHRIST - Lesson 10
Disciplines – Applied

It is time to take an inventory of your life to see how far you have come and where you are today in living for Christ. We will do this by looking at the disciplines (habits) you have learned and then examine what results are showing in your life. The question is "have the disciplines you studied become habits and what does your life look like today?" [Matthew 22:36-40; John 14:21]

We will look at prayer, first. When do you pray, how often and how much time do you spend in prayer? Do you take time to be quiet and listen to what God is speaking to you?

Are you reading the bible every day? After you read, do you wait to hear what the Holy Spirit is teaching you and do you follow His instruction or receive His encouragement?

Do you attend church each week and do you fellowship consistently with other believers during the week?

Do you worship at church and do you find yourself worshipping during your prayer time, bible reading and at frequent times during the week?

Are you remembering your bible verses and have you experienced the power and peace of having the Word "in you"? Do you desire to have more of His Word "in you"?

Have you found yourself studying the bible or are you studying the bible with others just because you desire more?

Do you witness your faith in Jesus to others at every opportunity if only a few words and a smile or sharing what God has done in your life?

Are the words you speak bringing comfort, encouragement and peace?

Is your attitude toward your Christian brothers and sisters, one which brings unity and strength to that individual or group?

Is your attitude toward the unsaved concern for their eternity and not so consumed with what they are doing wrong?

What about your attitude toward sin and its consequences?

Do you find yourself thinking of Jesus many times during the day and then if evil thoughts begin do you find it easy to cast them down?

Has what good you do for others changed and increased and do you do it with a servant's heart?

Has your knowledge of Christ increased, your love for Him grown and what about your obedience to Him?

Questions: 1. Describe your attitude toward those who have not trusted Jesus.

2. Has your love and devotion to Jesus grown? Explain

KUISHI NDANI YA KRISTO – Somo la Kumi

Adabu -- Kutumika

Ni wakati wa kuchukuwa nafasi na kutafakari maisha yako ili kuona umbali ambao umetoka na wapi umemefika leo katika kuishi kwa ajili ya Kristo. Tutafanya hivyo kwa kutazama tabia ambazo tumejifunza na kutathmini ni matokeo yapi ambayo yanaonekana maishani mwako. Swali ni, tabia ambazo tumejifunza zimekuwa mazoea na maisha yako yanaonekanaje leo? [Mathayo 22:36-40; Yohana14:21]

Tunaangalia maombi, kwanza. Wewe huomba saa ngapi, mara ngapi na ni muda gani wewe huchukua katika maombi? Wewe huchukua nafasi ya kunyamaza na kusikiliza ambacho Mungu ankueleza?

Je! Unasoma Biblia kila siku? Baada ya kusoma, wewe hungoja na kusikia kile Roho Mtakatifu anakufundisha na wewe hufuata maagizo yake na kupokea kutiwa moyo Naye?

Wewe huenda kanisani kila juma na unashiriki na waamini wengine mfululizo kila juma?

Je! Wewe huabudu kanisani na unajipata unaabudu wakati wako wa maombi, kusoma Biblia kila wakati ndani ya juma?

Unajikumbusha mistari ya kukariri katika Biblia na umehisi nguvu na amani ya kuwa na neno “ndani mwako”? Unatamaa ya kuwa na wingi wa neno Lake “ndani mwako”?

Umejipata wewe mwenyewe ukusoma{jifunza} Biblia au kujifunza Biblia na wengine kwa ajili tu kwamba unahitaji zaidi?

Je! Unashuhudia imani yako ndani ya Yesu kwa wengine katika kila nafasi inayopakana ikiwa hata kwa maneno machache na tabasamu au kushiriki kile Mungu amefanya katika maisha yako?

Maneno unayoyasema yanatuliza, kutia moyo na amani?

Ni mwelekeo wako kwa ndugu mkristo na dada unaoleta umoja, na nguvu kwa mtu mmoja au kikundi?

Mtazamo wako kwa wale ambao hawajaokoka unajali uzima wao wa milele ama sivyo kughadhabika na makosa wanayoyafanya?

Nini mtazamo wako kuhusu dhambi na matokeo yake?

Unajipata ukiwaza juu ya Yesu mara nyingi mchana na kama mawazo maovu yakianza kuingia ni rahisi kuyakemea?

Yale mazuri unayofanyia wengine yamebadilika na kuongezeka. Je, unafanya hayo kwa moyo wa utumishi?

Ufahamu wako wa Kristo umeongezeka, upendo wako Kwake umekua na vipi kuhusu utiifu wako Kwake?

Maswali: 1. Eleza mtazamo wako kwa wale ambao hawajamwamini Yesu.

2. Je, upendo wako na kujitoa kwako kwa Yesu kumekua? Eleza

LIVING IN CHRIST - Lesson 11

Serving – Community

Mark 10:45 tells us that Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve. Think about that, the God of the universe came into this world to serve those He loved. You and I are to do the same, we are to become more and more like Jesus. He demonstrated how to serve by the life He lived.

The apostle Paul said in II Corinthians 4:5, we preach not ourselves. He was explaining that living in Jesus is not just about myself, it is about others. We are not only to tell others about Jesus, but we are to demonstrate it in our life through what we do. We are warned by James that our faith without our works is the same as a dead body if it has no spirit. [James 2:26]

God not only wants us to be like His Son in doing good [Acts 10:38] but, He created us that we would do good works. [Ephesians 2:10] We have the story of the “Good Samaritan” that gives us a good look at who we are to serve and what doing good works may look like. [Luke 10:25-37]

The bible has about 30 references to God’s concern for widows, orphans and the outcast. The outcast are those, that most people do not want to even talk to such as, homeless people, those that have some type of addiction, those who do not look like or smell like them. God gives warning to those who mistreat those who have little or have no one. [Malachi 3:5]

God instructs us to let your good works be seen so that others will see in you the light, the light of the world, Jesus. When you do this in the right manner and for the right reason, God is glorified. We are to with humility look out for the best interests of other and if we are able, do something about it. [Matthew 5:13-16; Philippians 2:3-4]

We are to be willing to sacrifice time, resources and even the things we may want to do to serve others. We as Christ followers are to be different than the world we now live in which is filled with greed and jealousy. Part of serving is keeping ourselves in line with God’s Word and not allowing the ways of the world to influence how we serve. [Romans 12:1-3]

By serving others, we become God’s hands reaching out to others. You are allowing others who may not know Jesus, to get a glimpse of who Jesus is and how much Jesus loves them. [John 3:16-17]

Be encouraged by what the apostle Paul wrote implying that we may be tempted to grow tired of doing good works and we may not immediately see any results. But he went on to say that at the right time which may be a long time in the future, we shall see the reaping of what we planted! [Galatians 6:9-10]

Questions: 1. Am I being used of God to serve? Give an example of you serving others.

KUISHI NDANI YA KRISTO – Somo la Kumi na Moja

Kutumikia - Jamii

Marko 10:45 inatueleza kuwa Yesu hakuja kutumikiwa, bali kutumika. Fikiria kuhusu hayo, Mungu alikuja hapa duniani kutumikia wale aliowapenda. Wewe na mimi tunahitajika kufanya hivyo, na tuwe zaidi na zaidi kama Yesu. Alionyesha namna ya kutumika kwa maisha aliyoiishi.

Mtume Paulo alisema katika 2Wakorintho 4:5, maana hatujihubiri wenyewe. Alikuwa anafafanua kuwa kuishi ndani ya Yesu sio kwa ajili yetu sisi, ni kwa ajili ya wengine. Tusiwaambie watu kuhusu Yesu tu, bali tuonyeshe katika maisha yetu kwa yale tunayafanya. Tunaonywa na Yakobo kwamba imani yetu bila matendo ni sawa na mwili ambao umekufa ikiwa haina roho. [Yakobo 2:26]

Mungu hataki tu tuwe kama Mwanawe kwa kutenda mema [Matendo 10:38] bali, alituumba ili tutende mema. [Waefeso 2:10] Tuna hadithi ya “Msamaria Mwema” inatupa mtazamo mzuri wa nani tunayepaswa kumtumikia na jinzi kutenda wema kunaweza kuonekana. [Luka 10:25-37]

Biblia ina zaidi ya nukulu thelethini ya Mungu kujali Wajane, Yatima na wale walioachwa. Walioachwa ni wale ambao, watu wengi hawataki hata kusema nao kama vile, wasio na makao[nyumba], wale ambao wana tabia Fulani ambazo zimewashinda kuacha, wale ambao hawafanani wala kunukia kama wao. Mungu anatoa onyo kwa wale wanaotesa wale walio na vichache au wale wasio na chochote. [Malaki 3:5]

Mungu anatushauri, matendo yetu mema yakaonekane kwa wengine ili waione ndani yetu nuru, nuru ya ulimwengu, Yesu. Ukifanya haya kwa namna nzuri na kwa sababu nzuri, Mungu anatumukiza. Tunahitajika kufanya kwa unyenyekevu na tuangalie matarajio mema ya wengine na iwapo tunaweza tufanye kitu kuhusu hilo. [Mathayo 5:13-16; Wafilipi 2:3-4]

Tunahitajika kutua dhabihu wakati {muda}, fedha na hata mambo yetu ya kibinafsi ambayo tungependa kuyafanya ili tutumikie wengine. Sisi kama wafuasi wa Kristo tunapaswa kuwa tofauti na ulimwengu ambamo tunaishi ambamo kumejaa ulafi na wivu. Nafasi ya kutumika ni kujiweka katika mwelekeo wa neno la Mungu na kutoruhusu njia za ulimwengu kuadhiri namna tunavyotumika. [Warumi 12:1-3]

Kwa kutumikia wengine, Tunafanyika mikono ya Mungu kuwafikia wengine. Unawaruhusu wengine ambao hawamjui Yesu, kupata kufahamu Yesu ni nani na jinzi Yesu anavyowapenda. [Yohana 3:16-17]

Tiwa moyo na yale Mtume Paulo aliyaandika kuwa tunaweza kujaribiwa ili tuchoke na kutenda mema na pengine tusipate matokeo haraka jinzi tunavyotarajia. Lakini aliendelea kusema kuwa kwa utimilifu wa wakati ambao unaweza kuwa kitambo wakati ujao, tutaona mavuno kwa yale tuliycopanda! [Wagalatia 6:9-10]

Maswali: 1. Je, Mungu ananitumia kutumika? Peana mfano wewe kuwatumikia wengine.

LIVING IN CHRIST - Lesson 12

True Discipleship

In the past months, you have applied yourself to 3 series of lessons. You have exercised your spiritual muscles and grown in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. You must now take time and ask yourself are my hands helping those in need. Am I allowing the Holy Spirit to speak through me to those who are hurting and lonely? Am I listening to the voice of God and do I dwell in the presence of my savior? When I arise each day are my feet moving me to where Jesus desires me to be? These are all marks of a true disciple.

You have matured much and you will continue to grow as long as you discipline yourself in all you have learned. Now let us look at two questions that deal directly with your heart and another mark of a true disciple.

- *1. Is my heart broken for those who are lost, dying without Jesus and going to a place of eternal torment?
- *2. Do I desire to see them come to the knowledge of a savior who loves them?

Yes...reveals that your heart is like God's heart. [John 3:16] He has made the way accessible to all who will and He has given you and I the command to **go and make disciples**. [Matthew 28:19-20] You are in one of two camps. One says "Who... me? Well, I am willing...you need to show me how" the other says "Let's do it, just show the way!"

God will always prepare and equip you to whatever He commands you to do. He has given His Word to know the way and wisdom to show how to go. He has provided His Holy Spirit to teach, lead and empower you. What an exciting honor to "go make disciples!"

Becoming a disciple is the 1st step in making disciples. A true disciple is one who follows the teachings of and adopts the behavior of Jesus. [John 8:31-32; I Peter 2:21] Step one, much accomplished and continuing until Jesus takes you home.

The next step is where many today never travel when they see the cost. There is a cost to "making disciples" You must forsake all. What is "all"? All is your everything...Mother, father, time, money, possessions, entertainment, relaxation, comfort...everything. This forsaking means an attitude, willingness and the actions of leaving behind or doing without to obey God's commandment to "go". It means one must love God above or more than anyone or anything. [Luke 14:26-27; 33; Matthew 16:24-26]

Even life itself must be placed in its rightful place...In the hands of God. The cost may be very high. You may lose your freedom...you may even lose your life. Many today are paying the same cost that those in the Old Testament paid. [John 21:18-19; Hebrews 11:36-37]

What will you do? *In the next Series* – "Evangelism For Christ" Will you say "yes" to the cost and "go" to be obedient to our Lord's command...

KUISHI NDANI YA KRISTO – Somo la Kumi na mbili **Ufuasi Kamili**

Miezi iliyopita, umejiweka katika msururu wa masomo matatu. Umeipa misuli yako ya kiroho mazoezi na kukua katika neema na ufahamu wa Bwana Yesu Kristo. Ni lazima sasa uchukuwe nafasi na ujielize je, mikono yangu inawasaidia wanaohitaji? Ninaruhusu Roho Mtakatifu kusungumzia ndani mwangu kwa wale wanaoteseka na waliopweke? Ninaisikiliza sauti ya Mungu na ninakaa katika uwepo wa Mwokozi wangu? Ninapoamka asubuhi kila siku, miguu yangu unanipeleka pale. Yesu anataka niwe? Hizi zote ni ishara za mfuasi kamili.

Sasa umekomaa na utaendelea kukua iwapo utajitiisha mwenyewe kwa yale yote ambayo umejifunza. Sasa acha tutazame mawsali mawili ambayo yanalingana sambamba na moyo wako na ishara nyingine ya mfuasi kamili.

*1 Moyo wangu huvunjika kwa wale ambao wamepotea, wanaokufa bila

Yesu na kuenda katika sehemu ya mateso milele?

*2 Je, ninatamani kuwaona wakija na kumjua mwokozi ambaye anawapenda?

Naam..... inaoyesha kuwa moyo wako uko kama moyo wa Mungu.

[Yohana 3:16] Ameifanya njia kufikiwa na wote wanaohitaji na Amekupa wewe na mimi amri ya **kwenda na kuwafanya wafuasi** [Mathayo 28:19-20] Uko ndani ya vikundi viwili. Kimoja kinasema “Nani.....mimi? Naam, nataka..... nataka unionyeshe vipi” Kingine kinasema “ Achatufanye, tuonyeshe njia!”

Mungu kila mara atakuandaa na kukuimarisha kwa chochote anachokuamuru kufanya. Amekupa neno lake kuifahamu njia na hekima ya kukuonyesha jinzi utakavyoenda. Amekupa Roho Wake Mtakatifu kukufunza, kukuongoza na kukupa nguvu. Ni heshima gani ya ajabu kwenda “ kuwafanya wanafunzi {wafuasi}!”

Kukuwa mfuasi ni hatua ya kwanza ya kufanya[1] wafuasi. Mfuasi wa kweli ni Yule anayefuata mafundisho ya na kuiga tabia ya Yesu. [Yohana 8:31-32; 1Petro 2:21] Hatua ya kwanza, kukamilika na kuendelea hadi Yesu akuchukuwe nyumbani {mbinguni}.

Hatua nyingine ni pale walipo wengi leo ambapo hawawezi kusafiri wanapooona gharama. Kunayo gharama katika “kuwafanya wafuasi” Lazima uache yote. “Yote” ni nini? Yote iliyo yako....Mama, Baba, Wakati, Pesa, Mali, Starehe, Punziko, Utulivu...kila kitu. Kuacha huku kuna maanisha nia, kukusudia na kitendo cha kuacha nyuma au kufanya bila kufuata amri ya Mungu ya “kwenda” Ina maanisha kuwa mtu lazima ampende Mungu zaidi ya mtu yeyote au kitu chochote. [Luka 14:26-27, 33; Mathayo 16:24-26]

Hata maisha yenyewe lazima yawekwe katika nafasi yake kamili...Mikononi mwa Mungu. Gharama inaweza kuwa juu. Unaweza kuupoteza uhuru wako... Unaweza hata kupoteza maisha yako. Wengi leo wanalipa gharama ile ile kama wale katika Agano la kale walivyolipa. [Yohana 21:18-19; Waebrania 11:36-37]

Utafanya nini? Katika masomo yajayo - “Uinjilisti Kwa Ajili Ya Kristo” itasema “ ndiyo” kwa gharama na “kuenda” kuwa mtiifu kwa amri za Bwana wetu...

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Somo la kumi na mbili – Mathayo 28:19-20

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Jesus Christ has already paid in full your sin debt.

Masomo haya yanaweza kunakiliwa na kusambazwa bure bila malipo katika hali yake ya awali kwa ajili ya kufanya na kujengo wanafunzi wa Yesu Kristo.

Kristo Yesu tayari amelipa deni ya dhambi zenu.