

Behold Test 1

Appreciation vs. Ingratitude

1. Write from memory the definition of the Fruit of Righteousness - Appreciation:

2. To show that you not only know the definition of appreciation but that you also understand its meaning, please give two examples of how you have exhibited appreciation since you began your study of this Fruit of Righteousness:

a) _____

b) _____

3. Write from memory the definition of the Work of Self-Righteousness - Ingratitude:

4. To show that you not only know the definition of ingratitude but that you also understand its meaning, please give two examples of ways in which you were ungrateful in your life before you knew it was an alternative to the Fruit of Righteousness - Appreciation.

a) _____

b) _____

5. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Psalm 107:8,9:

“Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.” -Psalm 107:8,9

“Oh that men would (praise) _____ the LORD for his
(goodness) _____ and for his wonderful (works) _____
_____ to the children of men! For he (satisfieth) _____
the (longing) _____ (soul) _____, and
(filleth) _____ the hungry soul with goodness.” - Psalm 107:8, 9

6. Information Application: Please re-read Psalm 107:8,9 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what these verses mean to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you

to better understand what God is trying to teach you so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

7. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Psalm 107:1,2a:

“O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so...” - Psalm 107:1,2a

“O (give) _____ (thanks) _____
unto the LORD, for he is (good) _____: for his (mercy)
_____ (endureth) _____.
(forever) _____. Let the (redeemed)
_____ of the LORD say so...” - Psalm 107:1,2a

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9. As described in Mr. Curington’s book, *Tall Law: When trying hard to do better isn’t good enough!*, a human being is made up of THREE PARTS in the image of God. Please share what these three parts are and how God intended them to function (hint: God’s plan for man is to function as a Spirit-led trichotomy. What is this “trichotomy” and what does it mean to “function as a Spirit-led trichotomy?”)

10. Please fill in the blanks with the following correct answers: “Freedom is only found within God’s _____ . Every time we step outside of those _____ , we are placing ourselves in _____ .”

11. Information Application: Please re-read the now completed statement above and explain in the space provided below what this statement means to you.

12. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Romans 1:21,22.

“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened, Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.” - Romans 1:21,22

“Because that, when they (knew)_____ God, they (glorified) _____ him not as God, neither were they (thankful)_____;
but became (vain) _____ in their (imaginations) _____, and their (foolish) _____ heart was darkened. (Professing) _____ themselves to be wise, they became fools.” - Romans 1:21,22

13. Information Application: Please re-read Romans 1:21,22 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what these verses mean to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you better understand what God is trying to teach you so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

Student Self-Evaluation

-Using Information To Develop Your Personal Relation

As a developing Christian, God will place you in circumstances that will bring you opportunities to openly express appreciation. While under these circumstances, you may find yourself submitting to this fruit or rejecting those circumstances in a way that may exhibit ingratitude. When we “try hard to do better,” we often fail and become somewhat self-focused, ignoring those whom God uses to invest in our lives. When we learn to yield to God’s power, we will find it rather easy to demonstrate His reality with that attitude of gratitude for others.

We have learned that when God gives us strength, we recognize the good works of His grace working through others for us. When our relationship with the Lord is weak, we often grow indifferent towards the work God is doing through others and, as a result, ungrateful in our Christian lives.

After learning these truths, how have you found yourself responding to these opportunities:

☐ - I usually exhibit the Fruit of Righteousness - Appreciation.

☐ - I struggle with yielding to the Work of Self-Righteousness - Ingratitude.

How do you think you can improve your submission to this fruit without having to “try any harder?”

FOR THE DISCIPLER’S USE ONLY:

1. Do you feel your student understands the Fruit of Righteousness - Appreciation and the devil’s offsetting work of Ingratitude?

Yes No

2. Would you feel their grasp of these two alternative actions and reactions is:

Strong Strengthening Adequate Minimal Weak

3. Do you believe this student responds somewhat consistently with appreciation when faced with adversity?

Often Sometimes Seldom Never

4. Do you believe this student is ready to progress to the next fruit test of Compassion?

Yes No

5. If yes, what leads you to feel this way?_____

6. If no, what are your reasons?_____