Walkin' the Walk – AK 12

COMMENTER'S GUIDE

WRITE IT OUT!

(ON SCANNABLE SINGLE PAGE ANSWER SHEETS ONLY)

These 2 additional questions, not found in the exam booklet are designed to make the student dig into the Biblical text and show they understand the Biblical principles studied throughout the course.

Questions 1 – How can you maintain unity among Christians in prison?

1 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS

I can maintain unity among Christians by keeping the *Bigger Picture* in mind and not letting personal beliefs or less essentials issue become elevated. By staying alert to the issues that could become divisive and seeking peace. You can also be aware of looking out for the weaker brother and his needs. Being willing to compromise your own freedom in Christ for the weaker brother. finally, recognize that you will never find a church that you agree with 100% and God might be teaching you about Himself and His kingdom through a different perspective.

1 - HELPFUL COMMENTS

1 - VERSES

Questions 2 – What is integrity?

2 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS

The simple definition is that what you see on the outside is what you get on the inside. it literally means *whole, pure, undivided.* The opposite of integrity is hypocrisy.

2 - HELPFUL COMMENTS

2 - VERSES

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

These questions are designed to help the student express their thoughts, feelings, and opinions about something they have learned from the chapter.

EXAM 1 – Give an example of a change in your life that the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit has brought about.

1 - COMMENTS

• Sanctifying means being holy and becoming holy.

1 - VERSES

- John 17:17-19 We are sanctified by God's Word of truth.
- <u>Rev. 22:11</u> He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.

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- <u>Rom. 14:17</u> Joy from the Holy Spirit.
- John 14:6 The Holy Spirit reminds us of Lord Jesus' teachings.
- Acts 13:52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.
- <u>Gal. 5:22-23</u> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, selfcontrol. Against such there is no law.
- <u>Eph. 4:30</u> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
- James 4:7 Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- John 16:8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.

EXAM 2 – Our determination to follow Christ can be influenced by our surroundings and <u>the temptations of our sinful natures. What are some things you do to keep your spiritual</u> <u>flame burning?</u>

2 - COMMENTS

• We can use anything provided by God to keep our Spiritual flame burning.

2 - VERSES

- <u>Prov. 13:20</u> He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companions of fools will be destroyed.
- <u>1 Cor. 15:33</u> Do not be deceived: evil company corrupts good habits.
- <u>Heb. 10:24</u> Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.
- <u>Prov. 29:22</u> An angry man stirs up strife, and a furious man abounds in transgression.
- <u>Col. 3:1-4</u> Keep your thoughts on the things above.
- <u>Prov. 22:24</u> Make no friendships with an angry man, and with a furious man do not go, lest you learn his ways and set a snare for
- your soul.
- <u>Jude 24</u> God can keep us from falling.
- <u>Phil. 4:13</u> I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
- Mark 14:38; Luke 22:46 Keep alert and pray.
- <u>Gen. 24:63</u> Meditate on the things of God.

EXAM 3 – Now that you are a Christian, in what ways have you noticed a change in the way you view other people, including the correctional staff?

3 - COMMENTS

• We should always remember that everyone is a creation of God.

- <u>Prov. 17:9</u> Disregard people's faults.
- <u>1 Cor. 16:14</u> Let all that you do be done with love.
- <u>1 Peter 2:17</u> Love your Christian brothers and sisters.
- <u>Ps. 35:13</u> Be compassionate towards enemies.

- <u>1 Cor. 14:1</u> Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.
- <u>Titus 3:1-11</u> Have compassion towards one another.
- <u>Gal. 2:10</u> They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do
- <u>Phil. 2:3-4</u> Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.
- <u>Luke 10:30-37</u> The Good Samaritan.
- <u>Rom. 13:1-5</u> We are to submit to all governing authorities.

EXAM 4 – As a member of a Christian fellowship, give two examples of how you try to keep <u>harmony within the group.</u>

4 - COMMENTS

• We should all let Christ shine through us and be an instrument for His glory.

4 - VERSES

- <u>1 Thess. 4:18; Heb. 10:24-25</u> Christians are to encourage one another.
- <u>Eph. 4:1-3</u> Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- <u>2 Tim. 4:2</u> Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching.
- <u>Rom. 12:16; 14:19</u> Live in harmony and peace.
- <u>Eph. 4:29</u> Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.
- <u>Heb. 5:2</u> Stay humble in Christian service.
- <u>Ps. 34:2-4</u> Magnify and exalt the Lord together.

EXAM 5 – List a few ways in which correspondence courses have helped you in your spiritual education.

5 - COMMENTS

• We should strive to learn how to better love and serve our God.

- <u>Prov. 1:7</u> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- <u>Deut. 4:10; 11:19; Prov. 22:6</u> Learn about God and His ways and teach others the ways of the Lord.
- <u>2 Cor. 2:6-16</u> The Holy Spirit is our teacher.
- <u>Eph. 4:14-15</u> We should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful

plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head, Christ.

- <u>2 Tim. 3:15</u> Continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- <u>Rom. 15:4</u> Study the Bible. For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.
- <u>Acts 17:11</u> Receive the Word with all readiness.

EXAM 6 – (1) In which ways do you currently serve others in prison? (2) Write out here an idea you could ask to be approved.

6 - COMMENTS

• We should always serve others as instruments of Christ.

6 - VERSES

- James 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.
- <u>Col. 2:2</u> Being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
- <u>1 Peter 3:15</u> Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.
- John 13:5 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.
- <u>Matt. 5:16</u> Let your light shine.

EXAM 7 – When you feel that you are being mistreated by authority, what godly steps do you try to take?

7 - COMMENTS

• How we respond to persecution is a great time to give glory to God.

- <u>1 Peter 2:13</u> Accept all authority. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake.
- <u>Heb. 5:2</u> Have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray.
- <u>2 Cor. 4:7-10</u> We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed, always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested

- in our body.
- <u>Matt. 11:27</u> Christ is authority over all.
- Josh. 23:6 Be careful to obey everything.
- <u>Ps. 25:10</u> God loves the obedient.
- <u>Gen. 50:20</u> Our persecution can be used by God for good.

EXAM 8 – How have you seen God use your present situation in a way you had not anticipated?

8 - COMMENTS

• God will lead us as instruments to give Him glory if we will just follow.

8 - VERSES

- <u>1 Cor. 2:14-16</u> The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.
- <u>Ps. 23</u> God will always lead you to paths of righteousness.
- Job 12:11 Importance of discernment.
- <u>Rom. 10:17</u> Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
- <u>2 Peter 1:19</u> We have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.
- John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.
- <u>Phil. 1:20</u> We must honor God.

EXAM 9 – List one area of your life in which you would know you need to grow in integrity. 9 - COMMENTS

• The only way we can grow in integrity is with the aid of Lord Jesus Christ.

- <u>Matt. 5:13</u> You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.
- <u>Phil. 4:8</u> Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy --- meditate on these things.
- <u>James 1:9</u> Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation.
- <u>Heb. 13:18</u> Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably.

- <u>Col. 3:1-2</u> If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.
- <u>Prov. 22:1</u> Choose to have a good reputation.

EXAM 10 – If we can expect the enemy to discourage us in prayer, what steps have you taken to safeguard your prayer times?

10 - COMMENTS

• In any relationship communication is key and vital. Our God wants a relationship with us so we must keep and protect this blessing of prayer we've been granted.

- <u>Ps. 116:2</u> Pray as long as you have breath.
- <u>2 Chron. 7:14</u> Pray and seek God's face.
- Ps 145:18 The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.
- James 5:17-18 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.
- <u>1 John 5:14-15</u> Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.
- <u>Matt. 6:6</u> But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.
- James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.