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Man You
Could Be*
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Leader's Guide and Answer Key

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Lesson 1

Becoming a Winner for God

p.2 Q: What are some circumstances in your life that feel like *disadvantages* on the road to success?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p.2 Q: What are some circumstances in your life that might be *advantages* on the road to success?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p.3 Q: When Israel said they would rather die in the wilderness (Numbers 14:2) than risk their lives trying to conquer Canaan, what did God tell them (Numbers 14:27–35)?

A: *He had heard their murmuring and would grant their request. The entire generation would die in the wilderness. They would wander for forty years—one year for each day the spies had been in the land—until only their children survived, then God would take their children into the land to give it to them.*

p.3 Q: In 1 Corinthians 3:1–4, what does Paul call that kind of Christian?

A: *carnal or fleshly*

p.3 Q: In 1 Corinthians 11:28–32, what does Paul say might be the consequence of a believer’s persistent disobedience?

A: *death*

p.3 Q: How do you think the event recorded in Exodus 17:8–14 taught Joshua the need for obedient faith?

A: *He had to go into the valley and lead the army in a battle against the enemy, but he was able to win only because Moses was on the mountain praying for him.*

p.4 Q: In describing the land of Canaan, what were the facts about which all twelve of the spies agreed (Numbers 13:26–29)?

A: *The land was prosperous, the people were strong, and the cities were large and fortified.*

p.4 Q: What was the difference between the report of Joshua and Caleb and that of the other ten spies (Numbers 13:30–33)?

A: *Joshua and Caleb believed that God would enable them to take the land, while the other ten spies thought the enemies were too strong. Basically, Joshua and Caleb believed God and the others did not.*

p.5 Q: How would you describe “obedient faith”?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p.5 Q: Briefly describe some challenge or obstacle you’ve had to face recently that really needed obedient faith in order to overcome it.

A: *Answers will vary.*

p.5 Q: What did you do?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p.5 Q: If you had it to do over again, what would you do differently in the light of the Bible?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p.6 Q: List a few things that God expects of you that you know you can't do on your own.

A: *Answers will vary.*

p.6 Q: God said that the Bible was more important than the leadership of Joshua was. How do you think the supreme importance of God's Word should affect your attitudes?

A: *Answers will vary.*

Lesson 2

Putting on Your Game Face

- p. 10 Q: List a few things you've done or decisions you've made that were rash (risky) or impulsive (emotionally driven) that proved to be not too smart.
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 10 Q: List a few things you know God wants you to do (or stop doing) that you haven't really worked on like you should.
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 11 Q: Briefly describe a time recently when you were faced with a spiritual challenge.
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 11 Q: Explain why you believe you were well prepared for that challenge, or what you could do to be better prepared for the next unexpected challenge you face.
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 12 Q: Why is sex wrong outside of marriage (Exodus 20:14; Galatians 5:19–21)?
A: *Because God forbids it.*
- p. 12 Q: Why is cheating on your homework wrong (Exodus 20:15; Ephesians 4:25)?
A: *Because God forbids it.*
- p. 12 Q: Why is using profanity wrong (Exodus 20:7; Ephesians 4:29)?
A: *Because God forbids it.*
- p. 12 Q: Why should you obey your parents (Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1–3)?
A: *Because God commands it.*
- p. 13 Q: Why should you witness to your unsaved friends (Matthew 28:18–20)?
A: *Because God commands it.*
- p. 13 Q: Why should your unsaved friend believe the gospel and be saved (Acts 17:30)?
A: *Because God commands it.*
- p. 13 Q: What does Philippians 2:12–13 teach us about the relationship between obedience and God's help?
A: *We must obey because He tells us to obey. We are to "work out" our salvation, but it is God working in us "to will and to do" what He tells us to do. Obedience is something God demands, then He enables us to obey.*

Lesson 3

Whom Can You Trust?

p. 16 Q: How does what the Lord Jesus says in Luke 14:26 relate to Rahab's actions?

A: *Jesus is saying that we must be willing to turn our backs on our family ties and old friends, turning to Him alone as our leader. That is exactly what Rahab did.*

p. 16 Q: When Paul was explaining his ministry to King Agrippa, he said that he had preached "that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance" (Acts 26:19-20). How does what Paul said apply to Rahab's choice to protect the Israelite spies?

A: *Rahab's actions in choosing to protect the Israelite spies proved that she had repented in her heart. She was doing "works meet for repentance."*

p. 16 Q: Who is God (Revelation 4:11; Genesis 1:26–27)?

A: *He is the One who created the universe, the world, and living things, including the first human couple, Adam and Eve.*

p. 17 Q: Who are you (Acts 17:24–26, 31)?

A: *I am a descendent of Adam, the first man; and like all other humans I am accountable to the God who made mankind.*

p. 17 Q: What did Adam do wrong (Genesis 3:1–13)?

A: *He disobeyed God and ate the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.*

p. 17 Q: What was the consequence of that sin (Genesis 3:14–23; 1 Corinthians 15:21–22)?

A: *Mankind was cursed, and so was the earth. Adam and Eve were forced to leave the Garden of Eden. Adam's sin brought sin and death to the entire human race.*

p. 17 Q: Why is that a problem for you (Romans 3:10–12, 23; 1 John 3:4)?

A: *As a descendant of Adam I, too, am a sinner.*

p. 17 Q: What is the penalty for sinning against God (Romans 6:23)?

A: *God says the penalty for sin is death.*

p. 17 Q: There are three kinds of death described in the Bible, and all result from sin. Match the following Bible verses to the kind of death to which it refers: Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:14b–15; Ephesians 2:1.

Spiritual death—*Ephesians 2:1*

Physical death—*Hebrews 9:27*

Eternal death—*Revelation 20:14b–15*

- p. 18 **Q:** What can you do to earn eternal life and avoid the eternal death of damnation (Proverbs 14:12; Titus 3:5)?
- A:** *There is nothing I can do to earn salvation. People have tried many ways, but none can be successful. I can't get to heaven by my good works. I can't get to heaven by practicing religion. I can't buy my way in or get in on the basis of my personal morality.*
- p. 18 **Q:** Is there any way to find eternal life in God (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8–9; Acts 16:31)?
- A:** *Yes, there is. God offers to give us eternal life through faith in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- p. 18 **Q:** What do the following passages tell us about Who Jesus is and how He can help?
1. **John 1:3 and Colossians 1:16–17**
Jesus is the eternal Son of God, Who created all things.
 2. **Luke 1:30–35**
Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, conceived by the Holy Spirit, and had no sin nature; so He never sinned.
 3. **Romans 5:18 and 1 Peter 3:18a**
Jesus died on the cross in our place, paying the penalty for our sins.
 4. **1 Corinthians 15:3b–4, 17, 20–22**
Jesus rose from the dead only three days after His crucifixion, proving His power over death and His ability to give us eternal life.
- p. 18 **Q:** How do you receive God's pardon for your sin (John 14:6; Acts 3:19a; 16:31a; Romans 10:13)?
- A:** *I must repent of my sin and unbelief, turning to Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.*
- p. 19 **Q:** What has God promised you if you believe (John 5:24)?
- A:** *If I believe on Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, God promises to forgive my sins and give me eternal life.*
- p. 19 **Q:** Have you been born again, repented of sin, and turned your life over to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
- A:** *If yes, rejoice. If no, ask "why not?" If answer indicates uncertainty, take the time to address it now if at all possible. Review the preceding questions and ask where he needs clarification or explanation. If he's just not ready, move on, but remember to pray for him.*
- p. 20 **Q:** What happened to the Israelites who chose to trust men rather than God (Numbers 14:28–29)?
- A:** *They died in the wilderness during the next forty years.*
- p. 20 **Q:** What happened to the Canaanite woman (Rahab) who chose to trust God rather than man?
- A:** *She was spared and blessed.*

p. 20 Q: What does this teach you about whom you should trust?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 21 Q: What goals, attitudes, and behavior have changed in your life since you were saved?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 21 Q: What are some things that still need to change?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 22 Q: What does the fact that God was willing to save a Canaanite prostitute and even bless her by making her an ancestor of Jesus Christ prove about God's grace (Ephesians 2:8–10)?

A: *God's grace can forgive even the worst of sinners.*

p. 22 Q: How might that apply to you?

A: *Answers will vary.*

Lesson 4

When the Going Gets Tough

p. 24 Q: Read Psalm 107:5, 12, 18, and 27. What did the people described in each of these verses have in common?

A: *They were about to die, because they were at the end of their resources.*

p. 24 Q: Now read Psalm 107:6, 13, 19, and 28. In each case, what happened?

A: *They cried out to God, and He delivered them.*

p. 25 Q: Explain in your own words what Ephesians 2:8–10 means.

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 25 Q: Hebrews 4:16 says, “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace.” What do you think this means about your access to God?

A: *I can approach God with confidence. He has asked me to come to Him.*

p. 25 Q: What is the significance of the use of the word *throne* in this verse?

A: *It reminds me that God is the King of the universe and is much higher and greater than I am.*

p. 25 Q: Why should we remember that this is a “throne of *grace*”?

A: *We don't deserve to come before God, but He permits it by His grace.*

p. 26 Q: Explain in your own words what 1 Corinthians 10:13 means.

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 26 Q: How do you think this verse might apply to some specific challenge you are facing now or have dealt with recently?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 27 Q: Read Psalm 3 and explain how it relates to this subject.

A: *Answers will vary.*

Lesson 5

“Me, a Role Model?”

- p. 30 Q: How was Joshua’s building of the memorial monument a picture of the work of Jesus Christ, the Head of the church (Ephesians 4:1–16)?
A: *Like the stones, we are all separate parts; but we are joined together into one body by the work of Christ in us.*
- p. 31 Q: How does the cross of Christ demonstrate this truth for us (Romans 5:6)?
A: *Romans 5:6 says that Christ died for us when we were without strength. It is only by His power that we can be saved.*
- p. 31 Q: How does the cross of Christ demonstrate this truth for us (Romans 5:8–9; 8:1)?
A: *Christ died for us to save us from the wrath of God; therefore those who are in Christ do not have to face condemnation.*
- p. 31 Q: How does the cross of Christ demonstrate this truth for us (Romans 8:29–31)?
A: *He has promised that all those He has saved He will conform to His image and will glorify.*
- p. 32 Q: If we assume that John the Baptist and Joshua were both making the same point, what do you think John meant?
A: *God could use the memorial of the crossing of Jordan to lead others to Himself.*
- p. 32 Q: What are some ways God has directed in your life to bring you to where you are today?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 32 Q: What can you do to help you remember some of the things God has done in directing your life and providing for you?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 33 Q: Are there attitudes, activities, or associations in your life that might make people wonder if you’ve really been saved by the grace of God? If so, what are they?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 33 Q: What can you do to make your life a better picture of God and His grace?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 33 Q: How does Paul’s instruction to Timothy in this lesson’s memory verse (1 Timothy 4:12) apply to you?
A: *Paul told Timothy not to let anyone look down on him because he was young, but that he should be an example of the believer in the way he talked, lived, and worshiped.*
- p. 34 Q: How does Solomon’s counsel in Ecclesiastes 12:1, 13, and 14 apply to you?
A: *Solomon says I must remember my Creator while I am young to avoid falling into sin and evil. He adds at the end that my whole duty is to fear God and keep His commandments.*

Lesson 6

What Makes a Hero?

- p. 36 Q: What are some battles you have won over temptation and sin in your life since you were saved?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 36 Q: What are some of the “fortified cities” you still need to conquer in order to be fully obedient to Christ?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 37 Q: Do you believe God wants you to do right?
A: *yes*
- p. 37 Q: Do you believe God will help you do right?
A: *yes*
- p. 38 Q: Read 2 Corinthians 10:3–4. In our battle against sin and temptation (“the flesh”), what kind of weapons does Paul say will not be successful?
A: *fleshly or carnal*
- p. 38 Q: How does he describe the spiritual weapons we are supposed to use?
A: *“mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds”*
- p. 38 Q: In the list below, mark with an “F” those methods of dealing with problems that would be “fleshly” and wrong and with an “S” those that would be “spiritual” and right.
- F* Getting mad and storming away
 - F* Seeking advice from unsaved friends
 - S* Asking for help from your parents, pastor, or Sunday school teacher
 - S* Spending time reading the Bible and praying
 - F* Skipping school to avoid the problem
 - S* Getting more active in church and Christian ministry
 - S* Developing habits that would avoid temptation
 - F* Hanging out with friends that you know are not right with God
- p. 38 Q: How do you think you should deal with whatever problems you are facing right now?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 39 Q: How do you think this principle would apply to the problems you are facing?
A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 39 Q: What do you think the following statement means?

“Israel’s accomplishment during the first six days marching around Jericho had less to do with conquering the city than with honoring God by their faith and obedience.”

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 40 Q: Why do you think the walls of Jericho fell that day?

A: *The walls were brought down by God, Who promised they would fall. They were brought down by the faith of Israel who shouted while the walls still stood. They were brought down by the obedience of Israel who followed God’s instructions exactly. All three were necessary for bringing down Jericho’s walls.*

p. 40 Q: How do you think this principle might apply in your life?

A: *Answers will vary.*

Lesson 7

You Are Not Invincible

- p.42 Q: Malachi accused Israel of robbing God because they hadn't done what (Malachi 3:8)?
A: *given God their tithes and offerings*
- p.42 Q: What did he say was true of those who were guilty (Malachi 3:9)?
A: *They were cursed with a curse*
- p.42 Q: In Malachi 3:10, what did He promise if they would obey?
A: *He would pour out so much blessing that they wouldn't have room for it*
- p.42 Q: What do you think God's promise in Malachi 3:11 means?
A: *If they obeyed by tithing, God would keep what they had from being destroyed.*
- p.42 Q: Do you have a regular source of income, either from an allowance or a job?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p.42 Q: Is tithing, giving at least 10 percent to God by giving to your church, something you are in the habit of doing?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p.44 Q: Have you ever felt like giving up because you failed, maybe made the same mistake or committed the same sin you've done before?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p.44 Q: According to 1 John 1:8 and 10, do you think God knows that you have sinned?
A: *yes*
- p.44 Q: According to 1 John 1:9, what should you do about it?
A: *confess my sin*
- p.44 Q: If you do what 1 John 1:9 says to do, what has God promised to do?
A: *forgive my sin and cleanse me of all unrighteousness*
- p.44 Q: What kind of situation have you experienced that tempted you to despair?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p.45 Q: How did you deal with it, or how could you have dealt with it more biblically?
A: *Answers will vary.*

- p. 45 **Q:** What lesson can you learn from this for your own life today?
A: *It may be that something I am facing right now was brought on by some unconfessed sin in the past. I should deal with the sin and trust God with the current situation.*
- p. 46 **Q:** Do you think other victories for you might depend on your obedience to this principle?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 46 **Q:** Are you willing to obey God in this matter?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 46 **Q:** What do you think might be the consequences of disobedience?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 47 **Q:** What do you think might be some of the blessings of obedience?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 47 **Q:** How do you think keeping for yourself something that belongs to God might demonstrate the following sins?
Unbelief: *Doubting that if I give to God first He is able to make what I have left or what He has promised to provide adequate for my needs*
Pride: *Assuming that I am entitled to keep all that God has given me*
Idolatry: *Having greater confidence in material things than in the God who made all things*

Lesson 8

“What If I Blaw It?”

p. 49 Q: Have you ever experienced a time of such deep sorrow for your sin that you felt dirty, defiled, useless, and unforgiveable?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 50 Q: What does Jesus say in Matthew 28:20?

A: *“I am with you always”*

p. 50 Q: What does God promise in Hebrews 13:5?

A: *“I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee”*

p. 50 Q: What does John tell us in 1 John 1:9?

A: *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

p. 51 Q: How could you apply this principle in your own life?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 52 Q: Do you find it difficult to apologize and ask forgiveness when you’ve sinned against someone?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 52 Q: What do you need to do in situations like that?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 53 Q: Briefly describe a situation in your own life or the life of someone you know that followed this pattern.

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 53 Q: What are some ways to protect yourself from such a situation in the future?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 53 Q: What particular sins do you find the most difficult to resist?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 54 Q: What should you do the next time you are tempted to indulge in one of those sins?

A: *Answers will vary.*

Lesson 9

When You Feel Like a Failure

- p. 58 Q: Have you ever been in a situation like this: in the right place, doing the right thing, in a right relationship with God, then you did something stupid? If so, describe it briefly.
- A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 58 Q: Explain the significance of Paul's warning in 1 Corinthians 10:12.
- A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 59 Q: In what way do you think the Gibeonites' claim to have come from a far country to ask for peace might have appealed to Joshua's pride?
- A: *Joshua may have been impressed that his fame had traveled so far so fast, and that these men would go to the trouble to come such a great distance to see him.*
- p. 59 Q: What are some things young men may be tempted to do because they think it would make them more popular?
- A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 59 Q: What was Joshua to do to the people of the land of Canaan, including the tribe of the Hivites to which the Gibeonites belonged (Deuteronomy 20:16–17)?
- A: *He was to totally destroy them.*
- p. 59 Q: What was Joshua to do in the case of any distant city with which they had conflict (Deuteronomy 20:10-15)?
- A: *A distant city was to be shown mercy if they asked for peace.*
- p. 60 Q: What does the Bible say Joshua did wrong (Joshua 9:14)?
- A: *He "asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord."*
- p. 60 Q: According to 2 Timothy 3:16–17, why do you think we have an advantage over Joshua in knowing what God wants us to do?
- A: *God says that the Bible is all we need in order to know how to live.*
- p. 61 Q: How do you think this principle would apply in the case of making a vow of marriage to keep yourself "only unto her, for better or for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, honor, and to cherish, till death do you part, so help me God"?
- A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 61 Q: What if later you discovered that the girl you married wasn't saved, and you know God wanted you to marry only a believer? On the basis of this principle and what Jesus says in Mark 10:4–12, what should you do?
- A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 62 Q: List at least five important decisions you are facing now or will have to make in the future, and start praying today for the wisdom to make the right choices:

1. *Answers will vary.*
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

p. 63 Q: Can you think of a time when you were trying to do the right thing but got careless and ended up doing something wrong?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 63 Q: Have you confessed your carelessness to God and asked Him to help you make things right?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 63 Q: What have you learned from the experience?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 63 Q: What do you think Romans 8:28 means in regard to this discussion?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 64 Q: What does the Bible say you should do when you are faced with making a decision without having any definite way of proving that one choice or another is the right one (Proverbs 3:5–6; James 1:5)?

A: *You have to study God's Word and pray for guidance.*

Lesson 10

When Life Seems Too Hard to Take

- p. 68 Q: Can other people tell by your actions that you are loyal to Christ?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 68 Q: Are you sometimes tempted to pretend not to be a Christian so your friends or family won't give you a hard time?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 68 Q: What are some things you could or should change about the way you think, talk, and act that would help prove your loyalty to Christ?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 69 Q: Have you had members of your family or old friends turn on you because of your loyalty to Christ?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 69 Q: If so, what happened? If not, why do you think that is?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 69 Q: When the Gibeonites were attacked by their family and old friends for having joined Israel, how did the Gibeonites respond (Joshua 10:6)?
A: *They called on Joshua for help.*
- p. 69 Q: If something similar happens to you, what should you do for help (Romans 10:13)?
A: *Call on the Lord to help me.*
- p. 70 Q: Have you ever thought, "God would never bother to help me; I've been too bad"?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 70 Q: When Joshua went to help the Gibeonites, was it because the Gibeonites were good, honest, and upright people, or was it because Joshua was a good, honest, and upright leader?
A: *It was because Joshua was good, not the Gibeonites.*
- p. 70 Q: Do you think the Lord's help for yourself depends on your being good, or does it depend on His being good?
A: *The Lord helps because He is good.*
- p. 70 Q: Write down some of the challenges you are facing and list the names of some mature believers you can turn to for help. If you can't think of any mature believer who might help you, start praying now for such people in your life.
A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 71 Q: List some new converts you know who might need your encouragement. Begin praying for them and looking for opportunities to help them.

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 71 Q: In what way do you think the hailstorm might have increased Joshua's faith?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 72 Q: In what way do you think the hailstorm might have increased the faith and confidence of the Gibeonites?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 72 Q: How might Deuteronomy 33:25b–26 have encouraged Joshua to make such an audacious request as to ask the sun to stand still?

A: *From these verses, Joshua had the promise that God controlled the sky and was available to exercise His help "upon the heaven." Furthermore, asking for a longer day wouldn't deplete their energy if God were supplying the strength "as thy days."*

p. 72 Q: The deadly hailstorm and the miraculously lengthened day had a profound effect on the rest of the Canaanites of the region. Their response is summarized in the last half of Joshua 10:21. Explain their reaction in your own words.

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 73 Q: Can you think of any way to apply that lesson in your own life?

A: *Answers will vary.*

Lesson 11

When Is Enough, Enough?

- p. 76 Q: *Covetousness* means “longing for more than God has given you, or longing for something other than what God has given you.” *Contentment* means “being satisfied with what God has given you.” Describe a situation in which you displayed one or the other.
- A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 77 Q: What are some “enemies” (temptations, sins, adversaries) with which you are still struggling?
- A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 77 Q: What do you think you could do to keep your guard up and not be defeated by them?
- A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 77 Q: How did Israel’s acceptance of land assignment by casting lots demonstrate mature faith?
- A: *This was an act of supreme confidence in the Lord to assign them the portion of His choosing.*
- p. 78 Q: What are some things that you or others your age have been tempted to do wrong in order to come out ahead (more money, better grades, better performance in sports, etc.)?
- A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 78 Q: Read Galatians 5:19–21. What are some “works of the flesh” that you recognize in your own life or experience?
- A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 78 Q: Read Galatians 5:22–23. How are you doing on displaying the “fruit of the Spirit” in your life?
- A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 78 Q: Would you say that you still have “more territory to possess”?
- A: *Any answer other than “yes” needs to be challenged.*
- p. 79 Q: How do you think the claim of Ephraim and Manasseh reveals the sins of pride and covetousness?
- A: *Pride, because they were no bigger than the other tribes and thought they deserved more. Covetousness, because they wanted more than God had given them.*
- p. 80 Q: People are often dissatisfied with what God has given them. What are some things for which people may envy others?
- A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 80 Q: People are often spiritually complacent, satisfied with their present level of growth. What are some things people should strive to improve or expand in their spiritual lives?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 80 Q: What are some things you know you should do to grow spiritually, but you find it easy to “forget” or make excuses for not doing them?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 81 Q: What do you believe God sees as some of your strengths and weaknesses?

A: **Strengths:** *Answers will vary.*

Weaknesses: *Answers will vary.*

Lesson 12

Stiff Penalties and Grace

- p. 84* Q: Briefly explain the difference between murder and the execution of a murderer.
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 85* Q: How do the cities of refuge provide a picture of God's accessibility?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 86* Q: Explain in your own words why "being sorry for sin and understanding the penalty of death is not enough to save a sinner."
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 86* Q: Have you left everything to flee to Christ?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 86* Q: What worldly things are you having trouble leaving behind as you flee to Christ?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 86* Q: Are any of those things worth enough to you to forfeit heaven and choose hell?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 87* Q: How do you think their example of faithful service and postponed reward applies to the Christian today?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 87* Q: Explain how you could apply the five parts of this challenge in your own life.
To love the Lord—*Answers will vary.*
To walk in His ways—*Answers will vary.*
To keep His commandments—*Answers will vary.*
To cleave to Him—*Answers will vary.*
To serve Him—*Answers will vary.*
- p. 88* Q: How do you think this principle might apply to worship in the church today?
A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 88* Q: If you saw one of your friends or family members doing something you knew would displease God, what would you be willing to give up for their good?
A: *Answers will vary.*

Lesson 13

What God Expects from You

p. 92 Q: What are some things God has done for you by His grace—that you don't deserve?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 92 Q: Since you know that God has the power to keep His promises, what are some ways this knowledge can give you confidence and help you obey God?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 92 Q: Briefly describe a situation or two in which you remember needing a lot of courage to do the right thing.

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 92 Q: Can you think of a time or two when you did the wrong thing because you didn't have the courage to obey God? If so, briefly describe them.

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 93 Q: What could you, or should you do if a similar situation comes up again?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 93 Q: Do you think God would describe your attitude toward Him as “cleaving unto God”? Why or why not?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 93 Q: What are some practical ways you could demonstrate that you have given God first place in your heart?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 93 Q: What are some practical ways you could demonstrate that you have closed your heart to anything unworthy of God?

A: *Answers will vary.*

p. 94 Q: Read John 1:12. When a person receives the Lord Jesus as his Savior by believing on His name, what does God give him the right (power) to become?

A: *a son of God*

p. 94 Q: What does Romans 8:1 say about those who are “in Christ Jesus”?

A: *they are no longer condemned*

- p. 94 Q: Now read Hebrews 12:4–8. While believers who do not “strive against sin” are still called sons and are described as those “whom the Lord loveth” and “whom he receiveth,” what are some of the words used in this passage to describe God’s response toward sin in one of His sons?
- A: *chastening, rebuke, scourgeth, chastisement*
- p. 95 Q: What do you believe the Bible teaches God will do to you if you are a believer who willfully disobeys Him?
- A: *He will not cast you out, but He will discipline you for sin to draw you back to Himself.*
- p. 95 Q: Briefly describe a time when you believe you experienced the chastening of God.
- A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 95 Q: How did you respond to it?
- A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 97 Q: If the most fundamental need of Israel’s future was for individual, personal devotion to God and rejection of anything that would take the place of God in their lives, what does that say about your own need?
- A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 97 Q: Have you repented of your sin and turned to Christ?
- A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 97 Q: If not, why not?
- A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 98 Q: If so, what areas of your life do you know have been less than fully submitted to Christ’s authority?
- A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 98 Q: What will you do about those things?
- A: *Answers will vary.*
- p. 98 Q: Write a brief paragraph describing the kind of man God wants you to be and what you should do to become *The Man You Could Be*.
- A: *Answers will vary.*