

BOOK REVIEW/SAMPLE IN HIS IMAGE

There is no higher calling of God for our lives than to be meditating on His Word and waiting on Him to speak to us. Most people don't know how! Certain elementary teachings are essential for all believers to understand. We need to be **advancing steadily** toward the **completeness and perfection** that belongs to **spiritual maturity** (Heb 6:1). This workbook will practically guide you in this. In fact, it not just has the purpose of making you a disciple and follower of Jesus Christ, but it immediately puts you in a position where you can become a Disciple Maker. The success and dynamic of this book lies in the simplicity of its application. Simply get back to the Word of God!

I think the value in this workbook is that while you are helping others discover the awesome bountiful truth of God's Word, you yourself are discovering that same truth. Pastor Stafford Petersen, Secretary General of The Full Gospel Church of God

This book will bring friends, families and churches back to the Word of God and disciple them in being part of God's Family, gaining Spiritual Victory over Strongholds, Leadership, Reaching the Lost, Godly Marriages, raising Godly children and Being Godly teenagers.

In practically applying this workbook, family altars will become easy and transform your family as you spent time together in God's Word. It makes it easy to reach your friends at school, your employees or employers and many others! It will give new direction to churches as member's lives will be transformed as they receive revelation from God's Word for themselves through the elementary teachings of the Word, advancing steadily to spiritual maturity. No lectures are given, no seminars, we are simply getting back to the Word of God. Reading it, obeying it, being transformed by it!

Please note: This is neither an easy read book nor a programme! This book leads you to a new lifestyle of Victory. It will replace religion and church programmes with God's Word and true relationships! Discipleship! **Take note:** The process will be slow. It will take a lifetime!

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CURRICULUM 3

SPIRITUAL VICTORY

PRAYER OF PROTECTION FOR EVERY MORNING

Dear Heavenly Father, I pray this prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Name of Jesus Christ I bind, rebuke, cast out and bring to no effect all spirits of division, discord, disunity, strife, anger, wrath, murder, criticism, condemnation, pride, envy, jealousy, gossip, slander, evil-speaking, complaining, lying, false teachings, false gifts, false manifestations, lying signs and wonders, poverty, fear of lack, spirits of fear, murmuring spirits, complaining spirits, hindering spirits, retaliatory spirits, deceiving spirits [including spirits of rebellion, witchcraft, control, idolatry, fornication, Jezebel, Delilah, Queen of Heaven and Appollyon], and the spirits of the antichrist.

I come against every spirit that wants to rob me of God's will and seeks to destroy God's order and the family priesthood. I come against every stronghold of Satan and wicked assignments against me and all spirits that curse my destiny.

I bind and break all curses that have been spoken against me. I bless those who curse me, and I pray blessings on those who maliciously use me. I bind all spoken judgments made against me, and judgments I have made against others.

I bind the power of negative words from others, and I bind and render useless all prayers not inspired by the Holy Spirit; whether it may be physical, soul force, witchcraft or counterfeit tongues that have been prayed against me.

I am God's child. I resist the devil. No weapon formed against me shall prosper. I put on the whole armour of God. I take authority over this day in the Name of Jesus. Let it be prosperous for me, let me walk in the love of Christ. The Holy Spirit leads me and guides me today. I discern between the righteous and the wicked.

I take authority over Satan and all his demons and those people who are influenced by him. I declare Satan is under my feet and shall remain there all day. I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. I am God's property.

Satan you are bound from my family, my mind, my body, my home, my household and my finances. I declare that the spirit of divorce will not visit my home or my children and their children. Satan, you can't have my children and my spouse. They belong to God, and I claim them for the kingdom of God.

I confess that I am healed and whole, full of peace, patience and love. Whatsoever I set my hands to do shall prosper, for God supplies all my needs. I have all authority over Satan, all demons and beasts of the field.

God, I pray for the ministry You have for me. Anoint me, God, for all You have called me to do for You. I call forth divine appointments, open doors of opportunity, God-ordained encounters and ministerial positions. Your anointing and favour is on my life which gives me favour also with every person I come in contact with today and in business deals I need to make. My labour shall not be in vain.

I claim a hedge of protection around myself, my spouse and my children (*name them*), throughout this day and night. I ask You God, in the Name of Jesus, that You dispatch angels to surround me, my spouse and my children today, and to put them throughout my house and around our cars, souls and bodies. In the Name of Jesus I pray that You will send angels to protect my house from any intrusion, and to protect me and my family from any harmful demonic or physical or mental attacks. I shall walk this day in victory and liberty of the Spirit. You purify my lips with holy fire and I receive words of wisdom from You which my adversaries will not be able to resist in Jesus' Name.

I announce that my name is written in the Lamb's book of life. Lord I thank You for the victory You gave me by the work which Your Son Jesus Christ has done on the cross by cancelling, blotting out and wiping away the handwriting of the note with its legal decrees and demands which was in force and stood against me. You set it aside and cleared it completely out of my way by nailing it to Jesus' cross. You disarmed the principalities and powers that were directed against me and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Jesus and in the cross (Colossians 2:14-15). I claim the victory of Jesus on the cross for my life today in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Week 1

Spiritual Victory: Soul, Spirit and Body

The Bible tells us that a person is as he thinks in his heart. As born again children of God, we are now taught by the Word in Romans 12:2 that we must renew our mind from the old sinful patterns and habits to become more like Christ in thought and in deed.

Day 1	You are spirit, you have a soul and you live in a body.	1 Thess 5:23; Rom 8:1-17
Day 2	Satan is the god of this world.	2 Cor 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17; John 8:34, 36
Day 3	Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.	1 Cor 6:18-20; 1 Cor 3:16-17
Day 4	The work of the flesh.	Gal 5:16-26; Col 3:1-25; Col 3:2-14

Day 5	The battlefield is in your mind.	Prov 23:7a; 25:28; 3 John 1:2; Rom 12:1-2; Phil 4:6-8; Matt 5:27-30
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Week 2

Spiritual Victory: Identifying strongholds

Satan can establish strongholds in our lives and we need to identify and destroy them. We must understand that salvation is only the first step and stage in God's plan for our lives. The next step is to demolish these strongholds that keep us from walking in the Spirit. A stronghold is a hiding place for demonic activities and from this stronghold they are defending their right in the lives of people according to the sinful way they were allowed entrance and right.

Day 1	Partnerships that bring strongholds.	1 Cor 5:9-13; Deut 18:10-14; Matt 5:27-30
Day 2	There are things you yourself have to conquer, put off and things you have to clothe yourself with through the power of the Holy Spirit.	Col 3:5-14
Day 3	The work of the flesh versus the fruit of the Holy Spirit.	Gal 5:16-26
Day 4	Do not do things that grieve the Holy Spirit.	Eph 4:1-32; <i>Eph 4:25-32</i>
Day 5	Take up your powerful weapons of warfare.	2 Cor 10:3-6; Col 3:10-25; Eph 6:10-18

Week 3

Spiritual Victory: How to identify and deal with strongholds

- A stronghold is a high place (which is strengthened; a fortress) which has been set up against the knowledge of God in a person's life and in any other dimension such as a nation or even church.
- This is a satanic command- and control centre. Strongholds are being set up in a person's life through conscious or unconscious wrong choices which gives Satan the power to manipulate. In this process the person is being spiritually held back from living effectively in their Christian life due to Satan's hold on them.

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RAISING GODLY CHILDREN

A PRAYER FOR RAISING MY CHILDREN WELL

Dear Heavenly Father, Your Word declares that children are a heritage from You (Psalm 127:3). You promise peace and undisturbed composure of my children when they are taught by the Lord and obedient to His will (Isaiah 54:13). I dedicate my children to You today so that they will be raised as You desire and follow the path You have laid out for them.

I confess Your Word over my children and thank You that Your Word shall not return void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which You please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which it is sent (Isaiah 55:11).

Father, as a parent I commit myself to train up my children in the way they should go [and in keeping with their individual gifts or focus] and trust in Your promise that they will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).

I turn the care and burden of raising my children over to You as You care for us affectionately and care about us watchfully (1 Peter 5:7).

I will not irritate and provoke my children to anger [exasperating them to resentment or discouragement], but rear them [tenderly] in training and discipline them in the counsel and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4).

As a parent I will love You, Lord my God, with all my [mind and] heart and with my entire being and with all my might. Your Words shall firstly be in my own mind and heart and then I will sharpen them so as to make them penetrate, teach and impress them diligently upon the [minds and] hearts of my children. I shall talk of Your Word when we sit in our house, when we walk by the way and when we lie down and when we rise up (Deuteronomy 6:5-7).

Your grace (favour, loving-kindness and mercy) is enough for me to overcome my inabilities as a parent; for Your strength and power show themselves most effective in my weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).

My children are obedient and honour (esteem and value as precious) both their parents [as representatives of the Lord] and it will be well with them and they will live long on the earth (Ephesians 6:1-3).

My children are godly children. Thank You Father that they are happy, fortunate to be envied and blessed in every area of their lives because they are not ashamed nor afraid to honour and keep Your ways, because they are convinced that You are the Almighty God. Thank You that You will see to the salvation and obedience of their lives to Your ways (Proverbs 8:32).

I am thankful that they will escape out of the snare of the devil and be delivered to salvation through the purity of Your Son, Jesus (2 Timothy 2:26).

I pray that my children will increase in wisdom (in broad and full understanding), in stature, in years, and in favour with You and mankind as Jesus did (Luke 2:52). In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Week 1

Raising Godly children: Be positive parents

Day 1	If you want to make a difference in your children's lives, focus on clear goals you want to achieve in their lives. Don't be fearful while raising them - be goal orientated in your desires for them.	Eph 6:4; Hos 4:6; Rom 8:28-30
Day 2	The world's dream for your child is happiness. God's dream for your child is holiness, to be formed in the image of Jesus.	Rom 8:28-30
Day 3	Practice what you preach.	1 Cor 4:14-16; Luk 6:40
Day 4	Build relationships and strengthen your connectedness with your children.	1 Thess 2:7-13
Day 5	Constantly maintain your relationship and discipline styles. Use initiative and when things get messy always go back to the Word.	1 John 1:9; Eph 4:23; Rom 12:1-21; Rom 12:1-2

Practical advice for developing a good relationship with your children

1. **Communicate unconditional love.** Don't communicate that you only love them when they are good. You love them even when they make mistakes.
2. **Scheduled time.** Prioritize time with your family and stick to it. Your family is not optional. You only have a small window of opportunity to spend with your children.
3. **Focus your attention.** Look at them when they talk to you. Eat together with the television switched off.
4. **Eye contact.** Bend down for smaller children.
5. **Continual communication.** Eat dinner together as a family. Always kiss small children before bedtime. Read to them. Share experiences. Build good memories. Play sports together, have milkshakes together.
6. **Meaningful touch.** Give your children hugs. Wrestle with them when they are small. Touch is the most powerful vehicle for love.
7. **Make time to have fun together.** Keep family devotions short. Do things your children enjoy. Cut down on television during the week. Let them enjoy hobbies, learn to play instruments, be creative and spend time with friends.
8. **Pray together** at the table, before bedtime, during crises.
9. **Maintenance.** What works today, might not work tomorrow. Continually adapt to changing seasons and circumstances to maintain a good relationship and proper discipline with your children.

What are your responsibilities as parents?

1. **Encourage your children.** You are your children's number one cheer leader. You are standing next to the field of your children's lives and should encourage them in word and deed: "You are doing well my child! Go a bit to the left. Be careful for..."
2. **Admonish your children.** Warn your children. Speak into their lives so that they can be all God created them to be. When they go off the rails you need to get them back on the path. Communicate with them: "I don't think this is a good direction you are taking. Let us talk about it and get some better options". Other times you have to be more strict.
3. **Warn and charge you children.** "We have already talked about this and you know there will be consequences if you overstep this boundary. I love you but I will not allow this behaviour because it will destroy your life, therefore I have set down the following consequences if you overstep this boundary".

Week 2:**Raising Godly children: Develop your child's potential**

Day 1	Your child's primary needs are: (1) To feel important; and (2) Being secure. Children will always ask: Do you love me? You give security when you set boundaries which says you cannot have your own selfish ways.	Eph 6:4; Prov 22:6; Prov 13:24; Prov 23:13-14
Day 2	Your child's primary responsibility is to learn obedience.	Eph 6:1-3
Day 3	Obedience is a process.	Heb 5:7-9; Luk 2:52

How do I teach my children obedience?

CURRICULUM 8

BEING A GODLY TEENAGER

(This chapters is to be studied by teenagers and parents)

Week 1

Being a Godly teenager: What does God expect from you

Day 1	The foundation of all relationships. The foundation for respect for authority. Foundation for personal development.	Ex 20:12; Lev 19:3
Day 2	How do I honour my parents? Obey immediately and completely, with a good attitude.	Eph 6:1-3
Day 3	What does it mean to honour my parents?	Prov 23:22; Prov 20:20; Rom 1:21-32; 2 Tim 3:1-5
Day 4	Interesting to know how rebellious children were dealt with in the Old Testament.	Deut 21:18-21

You respect your parents through your

- **Speech.** Speak with love and respect. Answer their questions truthfully and immediately. Respond you are called.
- **Clothes.** Put on proper clothing that says you respect yourself and that are not lustful and degraded. Always be neat, comb your hair and smell nice.
- **Attitude** (even the part they don't see, your thoughts, God knows it).
- **Body language.** Show respect. Don't be sluggish. Have body language that speaks of excellence.
- **Dealing with the grey areas of life** such as films, friends, music; don't look at movies that will degrade your value system and bring death and destruction in your life.
- **Behaviour away from the house.** Remember your manners and respect for others. Don't degrade your parents by negative talk.
- **Responsibility towards school work, homework, or any other work you may have.** Don't wait until you are asked to do it. Be prompt for if you work hard you will see God's hand in the results of your tests and promotions at work (Col 3:23-25). You will only reap that which you sow.

Week 2

Being a Godly teenager: How will I respect my parents when I am an adult?

Day 1	Communicate with them frequently.	Prov 10:1; Eph 6:2; Ex 12:20
Day 2	Respect them and be considerate.	1 Tim 5:4
Day 3	Provide for them financially.	1 Tim 5:8

More advice on honouring your parents:

- **Priority of salvation.** If your parents turn against you because you are a Christian and want to take away your inheritance, you will have to choose between God and your parents (Mark 10:23-31).
- **Priority of service.** When God gives you a ministry to fulfil, you honour God. (Luke 9:59-62)
- **Priority of marriage.** If your parents use emotions or finances to bring in division between you and your spouse, you must protect the unity in your own household and with your spouse. God's calling for you is first of all to your spouse. If necessary communicate to your parents that: "My priority and calling is firstly my spouse and children and if you want to remain in a good relationship with me these type of calls, behaviour or actions toward my spouse or children must stop".
- **Priority of wisdom.** If you come from an abusive relationship where your parents abuse alcohol, drugs or are verbally and emotionally abusive towards you and your spouse and children you have to protect your new family. If they are a danger to your spouse and children and are not willing to respect them, you need to break contact with them (Prov 9:6-11).

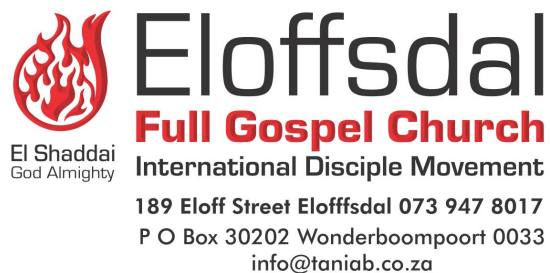
Week 3

Being a Godly teenager: Important life lessons

Day 1	Life is hard, but God is good. Life is unfair, but God is sovereign.	(History Gen 37-50) Gen 50:20 ; 1 Pet 2:21-24; 2 Cor 4:6-12; 1 Pet 1:3-7
Day 2	All work (school work, homework) is done for the audience of One (God). He will reward you.	Gen 2:15; Col 3:23-25
Day 3	God expects a positive return for the talents He bestowed on you.	Gen 1:26-28; Matt 25:14-30

	You are a custodian for what God has endowed you with. Use it well.	
Day 4	Make wise decisions by making God's Word your standard and truth.	2 Tim 3:14-17
Day 5	Live a life of grace. Grace is undeserved, unconditional love and not performance orientated. We fail, we make mistakes, we forgive, we grow and move on.	Eph 2:8-10

More advice to apply the lessons of life in your circumstances



If you would like to speak to someone about your situation, we would love to help you and pray with you. Please contact the El Shaddai FGC Offices or you can email us at info@taniab.co.za