

VICTORY OUTREACH

12 ESSENTIALS

For New Believers

ONE ON ONE DISCIPLESHIP

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ESSENTIAL ONE

Salvation

Essentials Topic 1: Salvation

Jesus came to save the world (John 3:17). A saved person crosses over from death to life (John 5:24). Here are some scriptures that speak about being saved & inheriting the kingdom of heaven.

1. To be saved we must call on the name of the Lord

- Romans 10:13 "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
- Acts 2:21 "And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

2. To be saved we need to declare with our mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead

- Romans 10:9–10 "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

3. To be saved we must do the will of the Father who is in heaven

- Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."
- Hebrews 10:36 "You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised."

4. To be saved we must love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind

- Luke 10:27 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind."

5. To be saved we must love our neighbor

- Luke 10:25 One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: "Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 Jesus replied, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?" 27 The man answered, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" 28 "Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!"

6. To be saved we must help the least of our brothers & sisters

- Matthew 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. 35For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. 36I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' 37"Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? 39When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40"And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters you were doing it to me!'

Essentials Topic 1: Salvation

7. To be saved we must have faith & be baptized

- Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;
- Mark 16:16 "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved..."

8. To be saved we must be born again

- John 3:3 "No one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

9. To be saved we must repent

- Luke 13:3 "Unless you repent, you too will all perish."

10. To be saved we must keep a humble spirit

- Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

11. To be saved we must keep the commandments & give some things up

- Matthew 19:16 And someone came to Him and said, "Teacher, what good thing shall I do so that I may obtain eternal life?" 17 And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you want to enter life, keep the commandments." 18 Then he *said to Him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER; YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY; YOU SHALL NOT STEAL; YOU SHALL NOT GIVE FALSE TESTIMONY; 19 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER; and YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." 20 The young man *said to Him, "All these I have kept; what am I still lacking?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." 22 But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property. 23 And Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly I say to you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." 25 When the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, "Then who can be saved?" 26 And looking at them, Jesus said to them, "With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

12. To be saved we need to listen & follow Jesus

- John 10:27 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, 29 for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else."

ESSENTIAL TWO

Prayer

Essentials Topic 2: Prayer

The best part about serving God is God. He invites us to a personal relationship with Him. Prayer is simply talking to God. Prayer gets us nearer to God. As Christians developing a consistent prayer life is essential. Here are 12 prayer targets a believer can use to help them develop a prayer life. Spend as much time on each topic as you desire. If you take 2 minutes on each you will pray for 24 minutes, if you take 5 minutes on each one you will pray one hour etc.

1. Worship

Begin prayer by honoring God for who He is.

- Psalm 95:6 "Come, let us bow down in worship."
- John 4:23-24 "True worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth."
- Revelation 4:11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory & honor & power."

2. Repent

Confess sins and receive God's forgiveness.

- 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us."
- Acts 3:19 "Repent, then, and turn to God."
- Psalm 51:10 "Create in me a pure heart, O God."

3. Pray for Loved Ones

- Acts 16:31 "Believe in the Lord Jesus you will be saved—you & your household."

4. Pray for Leaders

Pray for church, government, and family leaders.

- 1 Timothy 2:1-2 Pray for kings and all in authority.
- Hebrews 13:17 Pray for spiritual leaders.

5. Pray for the Lost

Pray for unbelievers to come to Christ.

- 2 Peter 3:9 — God does not want anyone to perish.
- Matthew 9:37-38 — Pray for laborers for the harvest.
- Luke 19:10 — Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

6. Pray for other people's needs

- Philippians 4:6-7 Present your requests to God.
- Matthew 7:7-8 Ask, seek, knock.
- John 14:13-14 Ask in Jesus' name.

7. Personal Needs

- Matthew 6:11 "Give us today our daily bread."
- Philippians 4:19 God will supply all your needs.
- 2 Corinthians 9:8 God is able to provide abundantly.

Essentials Topic 2: Prayer

8. Rebuke the Enemy

- James 4:7 Submit to God. Resist the devil.
- Luke 10:17-20 Authority over the power of the enemy.
- Jude 1:9 "The Lord rebuke you!"

9. Pray Using the Scriptures

Pray God's Word back to Him.

- Hebrews 4:12 The Word of God is alive and active.
- Isaiah 55:11 — God's Word will accomplish His purpose.
- Ephesians 6:17 — The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God.

10. Pray in Your Heavenly Language

- 1 Corinthians 14:2 Speaking mysteries to God.
- 1 Corinthians 14:4 The one who speaks in a tongue edifies himself.
- Jude 1:20 "Praying in the Holy Spirit."

11. Listen

Be still and listen for God's direction.

- Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God."
- John 10:27 "My sheep listen to my voice."
- 1 Kings 19:12 God spoke in a gentle whisper.

12. Thank Him

Thank Him in advance by faith.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Give thanks in all circumstances.
- Philippians 4:6 Present requests with thanksgiving.
- Colossians 3:15-17 Be thankful.
- Ephesians 5:20 Always giving thanks to God the Father.

Prayer Guides on YouTube to help you pray 24 min, 36 min or 1 hour

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_3AJldyllLEcN-DI5nIBvqrVKkD4vh0T



Worship Music Playlist

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_3AJldyllLFTGvB9vI-zCjnBZ8xg1eN9



ESSENTIAL THREE

Church

Essentials Topic 3: Church

Psalm 122:1 "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."

Scriptures that encourage participation in various aspects of a church service:

1. Pray Before Church

- Matthew 18:20 where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

2. Participate in singing Praise and Worship

- Psalm 100:2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs
- Ephesians 5:19 "Speaking to yourselves in psalms & hymns & spiritual songs, singing & making melody in your heart to the Lord."

Lifting Hands in Worship: Lifting hands is frequently used in scripture as a symbol of surrender, reaching out to God, and offering a blessing.

- Psalm 134:2: "Lift up your hands in the holy place & bless the LORD!"
- 1 Tim 2:8 I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing

Clapping Hands in Worship: Clapping is an outward expression of joy & triumphant praise.

- Ps 47:1: Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

Dancing in Worship: Dancing in scripture is an expression of overflowing joy, celebration, and exultation before the Lord.

- Psalm 149:3: "Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp."

Being Still in Worship: Being still is an expression of reverence, trust, and recognizing God's sovereignty. It emphasizes quieting the soul to listen and acknowledge God.

- Psalm 46:10: "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

3. Greeting People

- Romans 16:16 Greet one another with a holy kiss.
- Hebrews 13:2 Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!
- John 13:35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another

4. Getting Involved in Church Ministry (Announcements)

- 1 Corinthians 12:27 "Now ye are the body of Christ & members in particular."
- 1 Peter 4:10 "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another."
- Romans 12:4 Just as our bodies have many parts & each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body & we all belong to each other.

Essentials Topic 3: Church

5. Giving Tithes & Offerings

- Malachi 3:10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse
- 2 Corinthians 9:7 "God loves a cheerful giver."
- Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you."
- Proverbs 3:9 "Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops"

6. Hearing the Word of God

- Romans 10:17 "faith comes by hearing & hearing by the word of God."
- James 1:22 "But be doers of the word & not hearers only."
- Luke 11:28 "Blessed are they that hear the word of God, & keep it."
- 2 Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, & is profitable..."

7. Responding to Altar Calls / Commitment to Christ

- Matt 11:28 "Come unto me, all you that labor & are heavy burdened & I will give you rest."
- Isaiah 55:6 "Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near."
- 2 Corinthians 6:2 "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."
- Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

8. Fellowshiping with Other Believers

- Hebrews 10:24 Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have made a habit, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. forsaking the assembling of ourselves together..."
- Acts 2:42 "they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine & fellowship..."
- Psalm 133:1 "Behold, how good how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"
- 1 John 1:7 "If we walk in the light... we have fellowship one with another."

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ESSENTIAL FOUR

Devotion

Essentials Topic 4: Devotion

A devotional life is a daily appointment with God where we read His Word, pray, listen, and apply what He teaches us.

1. Devotional Time Is Meeting With God: Jeremiah 29:13 "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

- God desires a personal relationship with us. A devotional time is not simply reading a book, it is spending time with the Author.
- Set aside time each day to intentionally meet with God.

2. Devotional Time Helps Us Hear God's Voice: John 10:27 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

- God primarily speaks through His Word. As we read Scripture, we learn His will, His character, and His direction.
- Approach the Bible expecting God to speak to your life.

3. Devotional Time Provides Spiritual Nourishment: Matthew 4:4 "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

- Just as our bodies require food daily, our spirits require God's Word daily.
- Make Bible reading as important as eating your daily meals.

4. Devotional Time Produces Spiritual Growth: 1 Peter 2:2 "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation."

- Growth in Christ does not happen automatically. Consistent time in God's Word causes us to mature spiritually.
- Faith grows through daily exposure to Scripture.

5. Devotional Time Gives Direction For Life: Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

- God's Word provides wisdom and direction for decisions, relationships, ministry, and everyday living.
- When facing decisions, look to Scripture first.

6. Devotional Time Strengthens Our Relationship With God: James 4:8 "Come near to God and he will come near to you."

- Relationships grow through consistent communication. The more time we spend with God, the closer we become to Him.
- Daily devotion builds intimacy with God.

Essentials Topic 4: Devotion

How to have a devotional time

The SOAP Method: *SOAP, Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer* is a simple Bible study method that helps us move from reading Scripture to living Scripture.

S — SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

- Begin by reading God's Word and selecting the verse that speaks most clearly to your heart.
- **Example:** Philippians 4:13 — I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

O — OBSERVATION

Psalms 119:18 "Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law."

- Observation is discovering what the Scripture actually says before deciding what it means to you.
- **Example:** This verse teaches that strength comes from Christ, not from myself.

A — APPLICATION

James 1:22 "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

- God's Word was given to change our lives, not merely increase our knowledge.
- **Example:** Today I will trust Christ's strength instead of relying only on myself.

P — PRAYER

Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

- Prayer is our response to what God has spoken through His Word.
- **Example:** Lord, thank You for being my strength. Help me trust You today and walk in obedience to Your Word. Amen.

ESSENTIAL FIVE

The Holy Spirit

Essentials Topic 5: The Holy Spirit

God gives all believers His Holy Spirit. This study will you further understand the Holy Spirit.

1. The Holy Spirit is your helper

- John 14:16 “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you.”

2. Holy Spirit is a teacher

- John 14:26 – But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

3. Holy Spirit will guide you and give you insight

- John 16:13 – “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

4. Holy Spirit is omnipresent

- Psalm 139:7-8 7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

5. We can grieve the Holy Spirit

- Ephesians 4:30 “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

6. The Holy Spirit distributes spiritual gifts

- I Corinthians 12:11 “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”

7. The Holy Spirit will help us pray

- Romans 8:26,27 “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” 27 “Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

8. The Holy Spirit validates our Sonship

- Romans 8:16 “For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children.

9. The Holy Spirit gives you power

- Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.””

Essentials Topic 5: The Holy Spirit

10. Holy Spirit can be taken from you

- Psalm 51:11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

11. Ask for the Holy Spirit

- Luke 11:13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

12. Your body is a home for The Holy Spirit

- 1 Corinthians 6:19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own

ESSENTIAL SIX

Sin

Essentials Topic 6: Sin

What is sin?

English Definition of Sin: An immoral act, wrongdoing, or violation of a religious or moral law. The word often refers to behavior that falls short of what is right, good, or holy.

The Hebrew word **chata** means: "To miss the mark."... Like an archer missing the target

The Greek word **hamartia** means: "To miss the mark" or "to fall short."

1. Sin is breaking God's law: "Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness." (1 John 3:4)

2. Sin is failing to do what is right: "Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin." (James 4:17)

3. Sin is falling short of God's glory: all have sinned & fall short of the glory of God Rom 3:23

4. Sin begins in the heart: Mark 7:20 then he added, "It is what comes from inside that defiles you. 21For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride & foolishness.

Why Should We Not Sin?

1. Because God is holy: "You shall be holy, for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:16)

2. Because sin separates us from God: "Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God." (Isaiah 59:2)

3. Because sin brings death: "For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23)

4. Because Jesus died to save us from sin: "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross..." (1 Peter 2:24)

5. Because we love God: "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." (John 14:15)

6. Because sin grieves the Holy Spirit: "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God..." (Eph. 4:30)

7. Because sin enslaves: "Everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin." (John 8:34)

8. Because sin destroys lives: "The way of the transgressor is hard." (Proverbs 13:15, KJV)

9. Because believers are called to be a witness: "Let your light shine before men..." (Matt 5:16)

10. Because God will judge sin: We must all stand before Christ to be judged (2 Cor. 5:10)

Essentials Topic 6: Sin

Passages listing sins:

Galatians 5:19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9 Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, 10 or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. 11 Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Ephesians 4:25 So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. 26 & “don't sin by letting anger control you.” Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 for anger gives a foothold to the devil. 28 If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need. 29 Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. 30 And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. 32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 5:3 Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. 4 Obscene stories, foolish talk & coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. 5 You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ & of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

2 Timothy 3:1 You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. 2 For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. 3 They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. 4 They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. 5 They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

Proverbs 6: 16 There are six things the LORD hates—no, seven things he detests: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, 18 a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, 19 a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family.

Revelations 21:8 “But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshippers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

ESSENTIAL SEVEN

Judgement Day

Essentials Topic 7: Judgement Day

1. Judgment Day Is Real: One day every person will stand before God.

- Hebrews 9:27 it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment

2. Everyone Will Be There: No one will be excluded from God's judgment.

- Romans 14:11 for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me & every tongue shall confess to God." 12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

3. God Knows Everything: Nothing is hidden from God. He knows our thoughts, words & actions.

- Hebrews 4:13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

4. We Will Give an Account: Each person will answer for how they lived their life.

- Matthew 12:36 I tell you that for every careless word that people speak, they will give an account of it on the day of judgment.

5. Those Who Accept Christ Have Hope: Believers do not need to fear condemnation because they belong to Jesus.

- Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
- John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

6. God Wants Everyone to Be Saved: God's desire is for all people to repent & come to Him.

- 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

7. Our Choices Matter: The decisions we make today affect our eternity.

- Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

8. Believers Will Receive Rewards: Christians will be rewarded for their faithfulness & service.

- 2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

9. Those Who Reject Christ Face Judgment: Rejecting God's gift of salvation has eternal consequences.

- John 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

10. We Must Be Ready: Jesus is coming again, so we should live for Him every day.

- Matthew 24:44 You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.

ESSENTIAL EIGHT

Temptation

Essentials Topic 8: Temptation

James 1:12 God blesses those who patiently endure testing & temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

What is temptation? Temptation is a test, trial, or enticement that seeks to draw a person away from obedience to God. It may come from Satan, the world, or one's own sinful desires. Temptation itself is not sin, but yielding to it results in sin.

1. Everyone faces temptation. God always provides a way of escape for every temptation.

- 1 Corinthians 10:13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

2. Be honest, confess & be accountable with your temptations to a spiritual leader.

- James 5:16 Confess your sins to each other & pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.
- Hebrews 13:17a Obey your leaders & submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account.

3. Temptation often begins with a thought or desire before becoming an action.

- James 1:13 Remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, & he never tempts anyone else. 14Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us & drag us away. 15These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

4. One of the ways we battle temptation is through the scriptures.

- Psalm 119:11 (NIV) "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."
- Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. 2For forty days & forty nights he fasted & became very hungry. 3During that time the devil came & said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." 4But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, 6and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'" 7Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'" 8Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain & showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9"I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down & worship me." 10"Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God & serve only him.'" 11Then the devil went away, & angels came & took care of Jesus.

Essentials Topic 8: Temptation

5. Sometimes the wisest way to respond to a tempting situation is to flee.

- Genesis 39:6 So Potiphar left all that he owned in Joseph's care; he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate. Now Joseph was well-built & handsome, 7& after some time his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph & said, "Sleep with me." 8But he refused. "Look," he said to his master's wife, "with me here, my master does not concern himself with anything in his house, & he has entrusted everything he owns to my care. 9No one in this house is greater than I am. He has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. So how could I do such a great evil & sin against God?" 10Although Potiphar's wife spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be near her. 11One day, however, Joseph went into the house to attend to his work, & not a single household servant was inside. 12She grabbed Joseph by his cloak & said, "Sleep with me!" But leaving his cloak in her hand, he escaped & ran outside
- 2 Timothy 2:22a Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love & peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

6. One of the best ways to avoid being in tempting situations is to be around godly company. As Christians we need to be willing to cut things out of our lives that will hinder our spiritual growth. Listen & watch things that are edifying.

- 1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."
- Proverbs 4:14 Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evildoers. 15Avoid it; do not travel on it. Turn from it & pass on by.
- Mark 9:47 If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell

7. Prayer helps overcome temptation

- Matthew 26:41 Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!"

8. When we give in to temptation we should repent. God is a God of grace. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ.

- Hebrews 4:16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy & find grace to help in time of need.
- Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

ESSENTIAL NINE

Involvement

Essential Topic 9: Involvement

Sunday Church Involvement

Running a healthy Sunday church service requires many people serving in different ministries. How should we as believers serve?

1. Serve with your spiritual gifts.

- God has given you spiritual gifts to serve others with. Discover, develop, & deploy them.
- 1 Peter 4:10 As good stewards of the manifold grace of God, each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve one another.

2. Serve like Jesus served.

- Jesus served. As believers we are to follow His example.
- John 13:14 you also should wash one another's feet. 15I have set you an example so that you should do as I have done for you. 16Truly, truly, I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17If you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.
- Mark 10:43 whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant

3. Serve unto the Lord.

- When we serve, we do it with joy, unto God.
- Col. 3:23 whatever you do, do it with all your heart, as to the Lord & not to men
- Psalm 100:2 "Serve the LORD with gladness."

4. Serve by using your spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality and experiences.

- Ephesians 2:10 "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."

SHAPE:

- ▶ **Spiritual Gifts:** These are the supernatural abilities God gives to believers to build up the church. What are your spiritual gifts?
- ▶ **Heart:** This refers to your passions, what truly motivates you, and where your deepest interests lie. What is in your heart?
- ▶ **Abilities:** These are your natural talents & strengths, the things you are naturally good at. What are some of your talents & skills?
- ▶ **Personality:** This includes your general tendencies and how your unique personality interacts with others. What personality type are you?
- ▶ **Experiences:** The significant life events and challenges God has brought you through, which shape your perspective and can be used in ministry. What are some things you've gone through?

Discuss & write down your SHAPE?

Essential Topic 9: Involvement

5. Serve in a ministry within the church.

- There are many ministries in the church on Sunday & throughout the week. Here are some teams you may consider joining:
 1. Music: Worship Singer, Musician
 2. Hosting: Greeting, Ushering, Security
 3. Media: Sounds, Lights, Livestream, Photography, Visual
 4. Children's Ministry: Workers & Teachers
 5. Levites: Set up, Tear Down, Clean up, Maintenance

Discuss what ministry God would want you to serve in. Get connected with the overseer of that ministry for further direction. Let God use you.

Online Spiritual Gifts Test: <https://trinityemc.com/spiritual-gifts>

Please take test and share your results.



ESSENTIAL TEN

Evangelism

Essentials Topic 10: Evangelism

God has anointed every Victory Outreach member to reach treasures out of darkness

Is. 45:2 "I will go before you & level the mountains; I will break down the gates of bronze & cut through the bars of iron.³ I will give you the treasures of darkness & the riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by name

Why we evangelize:

- ***Because Jesus Commanded It:*** We Are Sent by Christ: "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." John 20:21
- ***Because People Need Salvation:*** Jesus Is the Only Way "I am the way & the truth & the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 "How are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard?" Romans 10:14
- ***Because God Wants People Saved:*** "Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:3-4... God Is Patient Toward Sinners: "Not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." — 2 Peter 3:9
- ***Because We Love God and People:*** Love Our Neighbor: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:31
- ***Because We Are Christ's Ambassadors:*** "We are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us." 2 Corinthians 5:20

How to Lead someone to the Lord: Get them to Admit, Believe, & Confess.

The A, B, C of Salvation:

- Admit you are a sinner & repent of your sins
 - Believe in your heart that Jesus died & rose from the dead
 - Confess Jesus as Lord
- Acts 3:19 Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away
Romans 10: 9 if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved

The Roman Road to Salvation:

- Romans 3:10, "As it is written, 'There is none righteous, not even one...'"
- Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
- Romans 5:12 "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, & death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned."
- Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
- Romans 10:9-10 "if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."
- Romans 10:13 "For whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved."
- ***As believers we have become eye witnesses of what God can do. A witness testifies. Be a witness by testifying about the things you have seen God do in your life & in others.***

Essentials Topic 10: Evangelism

How to share your testimony:

1. Share about your life before Christ
2. Share about how you came to Christ (& to Victory Outreach)
3. Share what you are doing today for Christ

Paul shared about his life before Christ:

Acts 26:9 “I used to believe that I ought to do everything I could to oppose the very name of Jesus the Nazarene.^a 10Indeed, I did just that in Jerusalem. Authorized by the leading priests, I caused many believers there to be sent to prison. And I cast my vote against them when they were condemned to death. 11Many times I had them punished in the synagogues to get them to curse Jesus. I was so violently opposed to them that I even chased them down in foreign cities.

Paul shared about the day he had an encounter with Christ:

Acts 26:12 “One day I was on such a mission to Damascus, armed with the authority and commission of the leading priests. 13About noon, Your Majesty, as I was on the road, a light from heaven brighter than the sun shone down on me and my companions. 14We all fell down, & I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is useless for you to fight against my will.’ 15“‘Who are you, lord?’ I asked. “And the Lord replied, ‘I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting. 16Now get to your feet! For I have appeared to you to appoint you as my servant and witness. Tell people that you have seen me, & tell them what I will show you in the future. 17And I will rescue you from both your own people and the Gentiles. Yes, I am sending you to the Gentiles 18to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light & from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God’s people, who are set apart by faith in me.’

Paul shared about his life after accepting Christ:

Acts 26:19 “So, King Agrippa, I obeyed that vision from heaven. 20I preached first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem & throughout all Judea & also to the Gentiles, that all must repent of their sins & turn to God & prove they have changed by the good things they do. 21Some Jews arrested me in the Temple for preaching this & they tried to kill me. 22But God has protected me right up to this present time so I can testify to everyone, from the least to the greatest. I teach nothing except what the prophets & Moses said would happen 23that the Messiah would suffer & be the first to rise from the dead & in this way announce God’s light to Jews & Gentiles alike.”

ESSENTIAL ELEVEN

The Vision

Essential Topic 11: Vision

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keeps the law, happy is he- Prov. 29:18

1. **God will give you a personal vision:** God will use your Desires, Experiences, Spiritual gifts, Individual style (Personality), Growth stage, & Natural ability (D.E.S.I.G.N.) For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.- Jeremiah 29:11
2. **God has called you to be part of a local vision:** God has given VOHI Church a calling to build a multi-cultural, multi-generational mega base that will participate in the planting & establishing of Victory Outreach Churches throughout the Islands, Asia & beyond.
3. **God has called you to be part of a world vision:** God has given Victory Outreach members a call to reach & raise up the treasures out of darkness & their families. We are dedicated to reaching the hurting people of the world. God has anointed every member of Victory Outreach to minister to the lost.

3 Promise Scripture given to every Victory Outreach member:

Isaiah 45:2 “I will go before you & level the mountains; I will break down the gates of bronze & cut through the bars of iron. 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness & the riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by name

Isaiah 54:2 “Enlarge the site of your tent, stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, do not hold back. Lengthen your ropes and drive your stakes in deep. 3 For you will spread out to the right and left; your descendants will dispossess the nations and inhabit the desolate cities.

Isaiah 59:21 “As for Me, this is My covenant with them,” says the LORD. “My Spirit will not depart from you, and My words that I have put in your mouth will not depart from your mouth or from the mouths of your children and grandchildren, from now on and forevermore,” says the LORD.

These scriptures show us what God has called us to do:

- Reach & Raise up the Treasures (the lost)
- Reach & Raise up our Descendants (the next generation)
- Plant & Grow Churches Locally & Globally (the nations)

Victory Outreach Mission Statement:

Victory Outreach is an international, church-oriented Christian ministry called to the task of evangelizing and discipling the hurting people of the world, with the message of hope and plan of Jesus Christ. This call involves a commitment to plant and develop churches and training centers, in strategic cities of the world. Victory Outreach inspires and instills within people the desire to fulfill their potential in life with a sense of dignity, belonging, and destiny. Victory Outreach works cooperatively with others of mutual purpose in accomplishing the task before us

Essential Topic 11: Vision

Key values in Victory Outreach:

The 5 E's

1. Exaltation (Exalting Christ)
2. Evangelizing (Evangelizing the World)
3. Establishing (Establishing Christians)
4. Equipping (Equipping Christians for Ministry)
5. Envisioning (Envisioning People)

The 3 C's

1. Cause (We are an Army)
2. Community (We are a Family)
3. Corporation (We are a Business)

Local Church Vision:

See the lost, Saved.

See the saved, Discipled.

See the discipled, Trained.

See the trained, Mobilized.

Local Church Manta:

A Place of New Beginnings

Local Church Slogan:

We want to go to heaven & take as many people with us as possible

Local Church Maxim:

We have Warrior DNA

To Catch the Vision

The following are ways God uses to help us internalize the vision:

1. Pray: Ask God for His heart & a heart for the hurting.
2. Listen for the need. Look for the need. Do something about the need.
3. Evangelize: Go to the streets
4. Be around people with the vision: Get discipled. Get in a small group or ministry team.
5. Go to the Victory Outreach International events.
6. Consider joining an international pipeline: (UTC, VOBC, DTC, Leadership Campus, Believers Hub, VOBC)
7. Go to a Victory Outreach Internationally led missions trip, crusade, or conference.
8. Give to world missions: United We Can, participate in Run 4 Hope

United We Can Website:



ESSENTIAL TWELVE

Studying

Studying Tools

As Christians developing a time of studying Gods Word is essential

- Joshua 1:8 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day & night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper & succeed in all you do
- 2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed & is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting & training in righteousness

Why study the bible:

So we can grow in our salvation: Nothing less than the whole bible to be a whole christian

- 1 Peter 2:2 "Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the Word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation."

So we can grow in our faith: Study with seriousness & commitment

- Romans 10:17 Faith comes from hearing, & hearing by the word of Christ

So we can be healed: Make it your life task to know what God is saying in His Word

- Psalm 107:20 "He sent forth His word & healed them."

So we don't sin against God: Knowledge is gained through constant study of the scriptures

- Psalm 119:11 Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

So we can make wise choices: the Bible isn't only a book that was once spoken, it is a book that is still speaking

- Proverbs 1:5 A wise man will hear & increase in learning.

So we can get direction: Don't hear the voices, heed the verses

- Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet & a light to my path."

Studying Tips

1. *Have a set schedule*
2. *Get alone- Find a quiet place- Set an atmosphere*
3. *Pray for God to speak to you, for understanding & direction- Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit*
4. *Read it a few times- read it over & over again- use different bible version*
5. *Find the OIM- The authors Originally Intended Meaning- Find the who, what, when, where, why, & how- (Ask: what does it mean? **NOT** what does it mean to me?)*
6. *Try to see it from their prospective*
7. *Highlight key sections*
8. *Memorize a key verse*
9. *Take notes & review them*
10. *Get other peoples thoughts about what you're learning*
11. *Find out how to apply it to your life*
12. *Share what you learned with others*

Studying Tools

Websites & Applications:

Use [Biblehub.com](https://www.biblehub.com)

- To see the scripture in various versions & cross reference(click parallel)
- To see the definitions (click Lexicon or Strong)
- To see commentaries (click comments or study)

Use <https://www.openbible.info/topics/> to see scriptures on a particular topic (What Does the Bible Say About ???) in the topical bible section

Use <https://www.youtube.com/@bibleproject> to get a quick review on a bible book

Watch sermons from various Victory Outreach Churches Hawaiian Islands, Chino, San Diego, San Jose, Whittier etc. (also David Wilkerson Preachings)

How to Do a Character Study

Step 1: **Choose a Bible Character** Examples: Jesus, Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Samson, Samuel, David, Esther, Ruth, Daniel, John the Baptist, Mary, Peter, John, Paul, Timothy

Step 2: **Read Every Passage About Them:** use a concordance

Step 3: **Record Basic Facts** What does their name mean? Where were they from? Who is part of their family? Occupation? Time period? Friends? Enemies?

Step 4: **Study Their Relationship with God:** How did God call them? How did they respond? What promises did God give them? What tests did they face? How did God use them?

Step 5: **Observe Their Character Strengths:** Faith, Courage, Humility, Wisdom, Patience, Obedience etc. *Weaknesses:* Fear, Pride, Anger, Doubt, Jealousy, Disobedience etc.

Step 6: **Find Lessons** What should I imitate? What should I avoid? What does this reveal about God? What does this teach about faith?

How to Study a Chapter:

Step 1: Pray

Step 2: Read slowly. Don't rush. Read Several Times

Step 3: Identify the Main Theme

Step 4: Break It into Sections

Step 5: Ask Observation Questions

Step 6: Look for Key Words

Step 7: Look Up Difficult Words

Step 8: Cross References

Step 9: Find Applications

Step 10: Summarize

James 1:22 "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only."

Studying Tools

- **BIBLE HELPS**

BIBLE HUB



OPEN BIBLE



BIBLE PROJECT NT



BIBLE PROJECT OT



AUDIO BIBLE



- **PREACHERS TO HEAR**

P. TONY OF VOHI



P. SONNY SR.



P. DAVID WILKERSON



P. SONNY JR. OF VOC



P. AL OF VOSD



P. TIM OF VOSJ



P. JOE OF VOW



P. RYAN OF VOH



P. RICK OF VOSB

