

Unit 4: The Messenger

Unit Introduction

“Stand firm...(having) your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace” (Eph 6:14-15).

Being prepared to give the gospel message is part of clothing ourselves with the full armor of God (Eph 6:11). It's part of being able to stand against Satan's schemes. We often don't see it as part of our defense, but this passage tells us it also plays a role in defending ourselves spiritually. It's part of being complete in the Lord.

So what can we learn that will help us in witnessing? Maybe you wonder why you should witness. Or maybe you don't witness out of fear. As we study through this unit we will look at these and other issues involved with bringing the word of life to unbelievers.

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings...that publisheth salvation” (Isa 52:7).

Unit Outline

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Lesson 9: The Messenger Part 1: Being an Effective Witness

Lesson Introduction

Much of being an effective witness boils down to being considerate of others. We as Christians want to represent God. So, what was God's attitude towards us when we were yet sinners? Romans 5:8 tells us, "But God demonstrates his own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Ephesians 2:12 tells us that at that time you were "without the Messiah, alienated from the citizenship of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world."

Christ died for us when we were still His enemies. When we had no hope He met our hope. Christ, the God of the universe, came as a servant to serve humanity: "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Lesson Outline:

Lesson 9: The Messenger Part 1: Being an Effective Witness

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Topic 1: Your Testimony

People naturally fear being embarrassed in front of other people. Our dreams sometimes reveal those fears. One common dream people have is being caught in a public place, like a classroom, not fully clothed. The fact that the fear of embarrassment comes out in a dream shows how deep seated this fear is for people.

One of the best ways to ruin an opportunity for witnessing is to unnecessarily embarrass someone. This is just one of the issues we will look at during this topic.

Topic 1: Your Testimony

Don't Embarrass Others

Soul-winning; like I shared with you there's nothing better than to be a soul winner. I want us to think on our testimony. Like I shared with you we had a man coming out and I had the privilege of being able to witness to him. And I did it real slowly and he started telling me certain things and I would listen to him and I asked him what was his background and what was his church background. He said I was a little bit of everything that was Seventh-day Adventist I was Mormon we were Methodist were Baptist we were just about a little bit of everything. But he didn't know he was going to heaven which is the main issue; he didn't know what was the main issue. So I was able to go over the gospel with him and explain to him what the Bible really has to say. But you know our testimony is so important and without a testimony you might be able to win someone you don't know to Christ if you have a bad testimony you will never win anyone that you know to Christ. If your testimony with your family is not what it ought to be around your family you don't him act right and you're always acting wrong and grumpy and everything else, don't expect to have a testimony that will help win people to Christ. Many times as a soul winner as a messenger we have to be in a position to do exactly what God wants us to do. We have to be in a position as a soul winner to have a testimony and with our families we got to have a testimony. Sometimes we have got to bite our tongue. You know some people are so insensitive to what other people think. They just blurt things out, they talk loud, they talk about crazy things with unsaved people listening. You have to be careful. You can talk about things of the Lord but do it in a nice quiet way. Don't do it where everyone hears you, be a good testimony. There are sometimes when you have to bite your tongue. There are some things I'd like to say. You've got to bite your tongue sometimes. You have to have a testimony.

QUESTION 2

Your testimony needs constant attention to ensure it attracts people to Christ. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 3

You should feel free to talk about any subject with an unsaved person. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

Topic 1: Your Testimony

Don't Fall Away

Assignment

- Please memorize Titus 3:8.

in Titus 3:8 as you have your verses, this is a faithful saying and these things that I will affirm constantly that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works these things are good and

profitable unto man. These are good and profitable unto man. Be careful to maintain good works. It's very important that we have good works. It's not for our salvation, it's because of our salvation. The Bible says be careful to maintain good works. You can be sure that Satan will pull every trick he has to get you to ruin your testimony. It's very important that you understand this. Look at 1st Peter 5: Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: It's very important that we realize this. Satan will pull every trick. Now let me tell you when you are most set susceptible to Satan's tricks is when you are a new Christian. Satan will try and get you away from the flock. Let me to you something else. The first time in your life that you try to serve Christ Satan's tricks will get you away from the church that you can serve Christ in. I've seen it over and over and over again, the minute a person tries to serve Christ they get an awesome opportunity to move away. When your a new Christian be prepared because Satan will try to get you away from the flock. And if he can get you away from the flock, then he can destroy you. It's real easy to do, real easy to do.

QUESTION 4

Please write Titus 3:8 from memory.

QUESTION 5

The bible reference you should use to show someone that they must be vigilant because Satan prowls about looking for whom he may devour is _____.

QUESTION 6

The biggest danger from Satan for new believers is _____

- A. To keep you from ministering outside of your church
- B. To keep you from reading God's word
- C. To separate you from others in the church
- D. To tempt you to deny your faith

Topic 1: Your Testimony

Don't Ruin Your Testimony

Assignment

- Please memorize Ephesians 6:11.

Ephesians 6:11 put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the Wiles of the devil. Do you know what that whole armor of God is? That means if you do everything you're supposed to do that means you're in church when you can be in church that means that you read your Bible and you have your devotions, and you witnessed to people, and you put on the whole armor of God so that you can stand against the Wiles of the devil. Do you know what the greatest while of the devil is? It is wait a while. Someday I'll serve Christ. Let me tell you new Christian's, you stay right here in church and get fed until you get past the point of being a baby lamb. Because a baby lamb is the one that the wolf

devours and desires. You know many times when a new Christian is sound doctrinally and is determined to witness Satan will sneak around the back door and ruin the Christian's effectiveness because he wasn't careful about his testimony. Listen you can ruin your testimony in 5 minutes! You girls and you guys, you can ruin your testimony in 5 minutes. Don't put yourself in a position to do that. Don't put yourself in any position that you can ruin your life. Don't put yourself in a position that you will regret it the whole rest of your life. It is so important. In 2nd Corinthians 6:3 giving no offense in anything that the ministry be not blamed. In other words we've got to live our life so that people can't see anything wrong in our life so that the ministry won't be blamed. We should do what is proper in every situation because people will use our poor testimony to criticize the Christian work. Listen how many of you believe that if your going to sneak around you're not going to get caught? You're not going to get away with it. Why do you think that every Christian leader that fails it always gets exposed? How come God exposed every Christian leader in the Bible that sinned? God will make sure that it gets exposed. Some people say, wouldn't it be better if God hid it? God doesn't hide things God doesn't do a Watergate cover up. God does not cover things up. Listen Christians, you have that testimony. You have a testimony that is so clear. It is a great way to live when you know don't have to worry about anything coming up, or does somebody know about this. I tell you it is a great weight to live. It is a terrible way to live when you're not doing what is right, and you are living a double life. Listen Christians, no you cannot lose your salvation, but I tell you you will be miserable. And God does not allow you to get away with it, he will never allow you to get away with it. It's just not worth it.

QUESTION 7

Please write Ephesians 6:11 from memory.

QUESTION 8

Please briefly explain, in practical ways, how you “put on the whole armor of God”.

QUESTION 9

When a Christian sins secretly God usually protects that person from having that sin exposed. *True or False?* Answer: _____

Topic 2: Be Sensitive to Others

The decision of the Jerusalem council about the gospel, in Acts 15, is an interesting lesson. The issue before them was the content of the gospel (Acts 15:1). Paul and Barnabas had a major argument and debate about whether the gospel of faith in Christ was enough to save someone. Some Jewish elements were trying to say that circumcision and observing the Law of Moses was also necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1; 15:5).

One would think that they would give as clear and simple of a gospel as possible. And they did make it clear that believing the gospel, apart from the law, was all that was required (Acts 15:7-11). But they didn't leave their answer at that point. They chose to include instructions telling them to "abstain from things defiled by idols and from sexual immorality and from what has been strangled and from blood" (Acts 15:20). Why did they do that? James said it was to show respect for the Jews and their customs (Acts 15:21). In other words, they showed sensitivity to others.

Topic 2: Be Sensitive to Others

Don't Offend Others

Assignment

- Please memorize 1 Thessalonians 5:22.

First Thessalonians 5:2, and I hope all of you know that verse, it's on your verse sheets, abstain from all appearance of evil. One time one of our men in our church, and I won't tell you his name, but he's told this before publicly, found a deal on soda pop, but it was in a liquor store. And he went in to buy pop in a liquor store, and low and behold someone caught him. They called me and said, Pastor you have one of your deacons going in a liquor store. It turned out to be pop, but it's that appearance of evil. It's the appearance of evil, abstain from all appearance of evil. We have said for years in our church, that men do not drive in a car anywhere with another lady ever. It's the appearance of evil. You just don't have an appearance of evil. Some things may be perfectly harmless, and there might be no evil intended, and there might be no thought of evil, but we have got to think about how does this look. How does this look. You know, some Christians have a different attitude, and they think, what is the big deal. There was a big flood over here in Indiana, and they said you can't go to your own house because its flooded. This man went in and put on a wet suit, went in his own house, got a bunch of stuff and came out and they arrested him. The famous comment, they asked him what did you get, he said it wasn't much, it wasn't worth getting arrested for. You know, people do such stupid things sometimes, and you look at it and say, why did they do it? It's just not worth it, but they do it anyway. It's just not worth it. Your ministry, that you want to build, that you are trying to accomplish, is just too valuable to risk it for any reason. God knows your heart and he will bless your faithfulness. Listen God knows it when your faithful. The secret to not getting into sin dear people is just don't put yourself in the position. Any of us can sin. I can sin, you can sin, it so easy to sin. It is hard to sin if you don't get the appearance of evil. If you don't put yourself into the appearance of evil you won't be in evil and you won't sin. It is so simple. I would hate for anyone ever say, well Pastor you're just a phony, you're really not right. That would just destroy me. We can't ever let our testimony go.

QUESTION 10

Please write 1 Thessalonians 5:22 from memory.

QUESTION 11

Some things which appear evil may be perfectly harmless and with no evil intended. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

Topic 2: Be Sensitive to Others

Example: Meat Offered to Idols

The apostle Paul was in a very rough situation. It was common to eat meat which was offered to idols. It was a cheap meat, you know? You know today it's hard to get meat you have to shop around to get meat that's on sale, and to get something that's a good price. And the meat that was offered to idols, that was a very expensive meat. But it was real cheap, and so Christians who don't believe in idols were enjoying eating that meat because there was nothing wrong with it. There is no such thing as idols. So as a Christian you can go eat that meat anytime you want to. Man, it's a good deal! But there's a problem, because some people got offended because they couldn't understand because to them it was wrong to eat meat offered to idols. First Corinthians 8:8, for meat commendeth us not to God, for if we eat neither are we the better, neither if we eat not are we the worse. Could Paul eat meat? Yes, but if he ate meat he might make some people to stumble and they might not get saved. It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine nor any other whereby a brother stumbleth, that's in Romans 14:21. Wherefore if meat make that brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world stand if, lest I by eating cause my brother to offend. What an awful thing when we would offend somebody. Let's say you're trying to win a Mormon to Christ, and you know that they are offended if you drink coffee, then you shouldn't drink coffee. You say, there's nothing wrong with drinking coffee. But you still shouldn't offend them should you? You just shouldn't.

QUESTION 12

It was tempting for people to buy meat sacrificed to idols because it was cheaper than meat that wasn't. *True or False?* Answer: _____

QUESTION 13

The problem of eating meat that had been sacrificed to idols is a moral issue that is always wrong. *True or False?* Answer: _____

Topic 2: Be Sensitive to Others

Don't let Others Offend You

Assignment

- Please memorize Galatians 5:13.

Now here's another thing that I want to get this very clear about soul winning. It's not only you offending other people that will stop your soul winning, let me tell you what will stop your soul winning, is letting other people offend you. Letting other people offend you. A preacher has to have skin as tough as a rhinoceros. You better learn to get yourself some tough hide because the other way Satan will get you out of serving Christ is let people offend you. And there's some people, I'm not kidding, that always go

around thinking that someone doesn't like them, that someone didn't speak to them, and it is a misery to be around those kind of people. If you want to have friends, show yourself friendly. Don't worry about it. Quit worrying about whether or not so and so likes you or so and so doesn't like you. Listen, be thankful you're saved, be thankful you are going to Heaven. Be thankful, when you close your eyes at night pretend you're in Heaven for a while. Be thankful for the things that God wants you to have. Don't worry about whether other people like you or not like you; you have to be thick-skinned. Quit worrying about every little thing like that. You can't let people offend you. You just can't let people offend you. It will take you right out of the ministry; it will take you right out of the ministry. You know what? You should just determine, man I want to serve God, and I love him, and I love Jesus, and you just think about what it's like to be in Heaven, you won't get offended so easily. So let me just say that. As a soul winner, you will probably give up things that the average Christian wouldn't even question. Not because you have to but because you loved the Lord, and you just don't want it to be a problem. In first Corinthians 6:12, all things are lawful unto me but all things are not expedient for me all things are lawful unto me but I will not be brought under the power of any. In other words what Paul is saying, I am saved. All things are lawful unto me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. It is not a question of can you do this and still be saved, that was not the question. He knew the law could not affect his eternal life. But he kept himself from being enslaved by sin in his daily life. Look at Romans 15 and 16, what then shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? God forbid. Now if I were to do that his way I would be screaming at you. Know you not that whom you yield your self servants to obey, his servants you are to whom you obey? Whether from sin unto death or of obedience to righteousness. Do you see that? Know you not that whom you yield your self servants to obey? That's why you need to yield yourself and say I'm always going to be in church even on Sunday night. It's not affecting our eternal life. So many people are enslaved by sin, there just enslaved by it, and I think this is a very very dangerous thing. For brethren, we have been called unto liberty, and I think it's very important if you will look at Galatians 5:13 for brethren you have been called on to liberty, only use not liberty as an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve on another. Don't let your testimony be such that you don't do what God wants you to do. To be a faithful witness we need to voluntarily discipline our life. Now let's don't go to the opposite extreme, you know what we're talking about, and we try to be holy. And we try to spend hours in prayer and meditation and we neglect to witness. It is so important. First Corinthians 1:31 that according as it is written he that glorieth let him glory, in the Lord. Isn't that what we want to do with our witnessing? You know if they would only see Christians when they have problems and they don't just fall apart. Wouldn't that mean something to everyone, if they would see Christians in trial and turmoil and they still keep going? It would be a great thing. You know the world sets higher standards for Christians even then Christ sets. Do you know that? The world is so filthy and dirty and everything else but they set higher standards than Christ does. But I'll tell you what if you are a witness for Christ and you don't have the life to back it up then you are going to be considered a fanatic. If you have the life to back it up and your witnessing correctly, you are not always going to be considered a fanatic. When I worked at Brinks, they did not really consider me a fanatic. I just tried to show them, help them, always help them carry their money in when they came in from Jacksonville, and it made a big difference. Now that sounds like bragging I'm just telling you if you help people and you put other people first you can witness to them if you are polite and you don't embarrass people. Listen Christian, God did not intend you to be a soul winning person that embarrasses people. It is called soul winning not soul embarrassing isn't it? Oh I wish I could get that across. How people embarrass other people and then they wonder what went wrong.

QUESTION 15

Deciding to **NOT** let people offend you is a relatively minor issue for a Christian who serves. *True or False?* Answer: _____

QUESTION 16

Please write Galatians 5:13 from memory.

QUESTION 17

Read both Romans 6:15-16 and 1 Corinthians 6:12. Which of the following teachings do they have in common? Answer: _____

- A. Being enslaved by sin
- B. God's omniscience
- C. Questionable moral issues
- D. The weaker and stronger brother

QUESTION 18

Who has the higher moral expectations for a Christian, the world or God? Answer: _____

- A. Both are equally high
- B. Both are equally low
- C. God
- D. The world

Topic 3: Doing What it Takes

Many young people have a goal to be a successful athlete. To accomplish their goal they may follow a strict diet, exercise strenuously, get plenty of rest, and compete with and against other athletes. Some go to even more extremes to try to get to the championship level of a sport. They will do whatever it takes to push the limits and be the best athlete they can be.

Paul used this illustration of athletic training to describe how he trains for his spiritual battles (1 Cor 9:23-27). He did what it took to be prepared to win in what was the most important arena to him. And he finished at the top (2 Tim 4:6-8).

Topic 3: Doing What it Takes

Being a Servant

Satan will deceive anyone who will accept his line, whether the person be saved or unsaved. In John 8:44, ye are of your father the devil and the lust of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie he speaketh of his own for he is a liar and the father of is. The devil, boy I tell you he is good at deceiving isn't he? He is one of the greatest deceivers that you will ever see. One of the greatest deceivers. Listen as a soul

winner, Paul was a soul winner he was bold in his witnessing. He used no deceit or trickery. He did not use trickery. We need to be gentle and we need to learn to not jump too quickly, not talk before we think. I think it is so important. Now if you want to be a great soul winner, I tell you this mark 10:43 in your verses, but so shall it not be among you that who would ever be great among you shall be your minister. In other words the ones who are to be great, the word minister means servants. It means the one that's going to be your servant is the one that's going to be great. A real Christian soul winner is one that is a servant to other people. The apostle was a great example of someone who was a servant. Look at first Corinthians 9:1 Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? And yet he was a servant, he was a servant he made himself a servant. And I tell you a means a lot of difference. In acts 20:20 and 21 this is what is called acts 20:20 vision. But how I kept back nothing that was profitable onto you but have showed you and have taught you publicly and from house to house testifying both of the Jews and also to the Greek's repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul did what ever it took whenever it took. He gave his time whenever he needed to give his time. What did he give up as a soul winner? He gave up money, he gave up position, he gave up spare time, he gave up home, he gave up health and he gave up life itself. He gave up sports. Paul? Listen friends we can be absorbed in that stuff, we've got to be careful. But you say poor Paul he never had any time off, listen do you know how long Paul has been in Heaven? How do you think he has been enjoying the last 2000 years? I think he is doing better than we are. But you say Oh poor Paul. Listen friends I don't mean to be silly, I don't mean to run yourself into the ground, or never rest, all I'm telling you is serve Christ. Don't worry about punching the timeclock. Don't worry about how many hours you've got to work. I tell you the more you work the more your going to be blessed. Take your opportunities, do what God wants you to do, and don't worry about it. You just serve God and see how it's really going to pay off. And it will, it will really pay off, and it will be a tremendous thing. Oh how Paul loved souls. In first Thessalonians 2:8 so being affectionately desirous of you we were to have imparted onto you not the gospel of God only but also our own souls as you are dear on to us. Paul was saying he was willing to go to hell for the Jews. And I think all of us have a long way to go before we can say that we loved souls to wear were willing to give our own soul up so they can go to heaven, but Paul did. I want to be more like that, am certainly not that way yet. But that's my goal someday to love souls so much that I be willing to give up my own soul. Romans 9:3 I wish I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my Kinsman according to the flesh. That's incredible.

QUESTION 20

Paul did whatever it took to accomplish his Christian mission. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

Topic 3: Doing What it Takes

Don't Get Bugged Down

Some things aren't a poor testimony in themselves, but they bog us down. We can't let things bog us down. Then listen it's not wrong with having an outside activity, it's not wrong with say fishing or golfing or anything as long as it doesn't bog you down. We could make anything ruinous. I could be out every weekend fishing and not have time to do my studying and not have time to go meet people and none have time to do this, and all of a sudden I wonder why aren't things getting done? Why am I getting in the pulpit unprepared? How come things aren't happening? And you know its labor, sometimes its labor on a

preacher has got to go and study and he had a lot of things going that week and he didn't get everything done he wanted to and he has to study way up into the night. But you think of what it's going to be like in Heaven, and it is worth it. It really is. It is so important. In Hebrews 12:1 it says wherefore seeing we also our compassed about was so great a cloud of witnesses let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily be set us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. And 2nd Timothy 2:4 no man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life that he may please him who has called him to be a soldier. See no one can tell you exactly how to run your life, or how to schedule your life, or what is exactly important in your life. But I tell you what, you better make what is important in your life the Lord Jesus Christ. And you better learn to read that Bible, I tell you take these verses and study them and used them and let them prepare you. Your time is your life did you know that? What is time? Do you know scientists have never come up with the definition of time yet? There is no definition of time. We don't understand how could there could have always been a God, and how there could have never been a God. We can all understand how there could never be an end but we cannot understand how there could have ever been a time when there was not a God because there always was a God. But that's because we deal in time. What is time? Nobody knows what time is. Time is, really my definition of time is, what helps you all get to the same place at the same time. That's what time is, but nobody knows. But you say what is time? It's right now; notes not it's already gone. While it's in the future. No it's not. If it's in the future it's not time. Right now; then it's not it's already passed but there is no such thing as time. No scientist has ever defined time. The only time I got defined with time was when I was late for school. Then they certainly define it. But listen what is time? Someone says isn't it awful that we live by the clock? No I'm thankful we do live by the clock. Because by living by the clock you have more freedom than if he didn't live by the clock right? Listen soul winner, don't let anything bog you down; you be a soul winner.

QUESTION 21

Which of the following images do the biblical authors use in 2 Timothy 2:4 and Hebrews 12:1 to illustrate that the Christian should not get bogged down? (*Select all that apply.*) Answer: _____

- A. A boxer
- B. A deer
- C. A runner in a race
- D. A soldier

QUESTION 22

What is the currently accepted scientific definition of time? Answer: _____

- A. It is a property of matter and energy
- B. It is based on the solar year (one rotation of the earth around the sun)
- C. The number of times certain atoms vibrate per second
- D. There isn't one

Lesson 9 Answers to Questions

QUESTION 1: *Your answer*

QUESTION 2: True [Without it, you may be able to win someone that you do not know to Christ, but if you have a bad testimony, you will never be able to win someone you know to Christ.]

QUESTION 3: False [It is insensitive to talk about some things and we must be considerate. You can talk about things of the Lord, but do it in a nice and quiet way.]

QUESTION 4: *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

“This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.”

QUESTION 5: *Your answer should be one of the following:*

1 Peter 5:8, 1 Pet 5:8 [New believers are very susceptible to his wiles.]

QUESTION 6

C. To separate you from others in the church [If Satan can get you away from the flock then he can destroy you.]

QUESTION 7: *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

QUESTION 8: *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

“It means you are at church when you’re supposed to be, that you read your Bible, have your devotions, and witness to people.”

QUESTION 9: False [God does not hide things or cover them up. It is a terrible way to live when you are living a double life.]

QUESTION 10: *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

“Abstain from all appearance of evil.”

QUESTION 11: True [There may be no evil thought, but we have to think about how things look.]

QUESTION 12: True [It was sold in the marketplace after the offering was made.]

QUESTION 13: False [According to 1 Corinthians 8:8 it is not a moral issue. No one is better or worse for partaking or abstaining.]

QUESTION 14

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Teaching</i>
1 Corinthians 8:8	We’re neither better nor worse for eating meat sacrificed to idols. If eating meat sacrificed to idols offends I will not eat meat.
1 Corinthians 8:13	
Romans 14:21	It is good not to eat flesh or drink wine or anything else that causes stumbling.

QUESTION 15: False [Letting people offend you will take you right out of the ministry.]

QUESTION 16: *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

“For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.”

QUESTION 17

A. Being enslaved by sin [Whoever or whatever you obey, whether sin or righteousness, you become its slave.]

QUESTION 18

D. The world [The world is filthy and dirty and everything else, but they set higher standards for Christians than Christ does.]

QUESTION 19

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Teaching</i>
Mark 10:43	Greatness among Jesus' followers is measured by service to others.
John 8:44	You are of your father the devil who lusts and murders and lies.
Acts 20:20-21	I have taught both Jews and Greeks everything profitable including Christ's gospel.
Romans 9:3	I could almost wish myself accursed from Christ for my Jewish brethren.
1 Thessalonians 2:8	Because you are so dear to us we imparted to you our souls along with the gospel.

QUESTION 20: True [Paul gave up money, position, spare time, home, and health.]

QUESTION 21

- C. A runner in a race
- D. A soldier

[Like an athlete or a soldier, the Christian needs to discipline his life so he can accomplish his mission.]

QUESTION 22

- D. There isn't one [We do not understand that there has always been a God and never has been an end to God. But we should be thankful we live by the clock because it gives us more freedom.]