**The Tabernacle School Of Ministry – Certificate Program**

# Lesson 2: Developing A Relationship With GOD (4 Credits)

1. This lesson is based on Message 1, in our Foundation Series MP3 DVD entitled: **“Unveiling A Relationship With GOD”**.
2. This message can also be heard on our website: [**www.TheTabernacleSchool.com**](http://www.TheTabernacleSchool.com)
3. Actual relationship with the living GOD is the treasure of true Christianity. The Law of GOD declares the reality that we can each come to love GOD with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength!
4. **The idea of relationship in the Bible relates to the reality of GOD’s love revealed causing a passionate love for GOD to be ignited in our hearts.**

# Relationship Develops By *Hearing* And *Understanding* The Word

1. **Hearing** and **understanding** the audio messages are an important part of your learning process in this School of Ministry. You are expected to hear and understand **the flow of the Scriptures** presented in each message.
2. The messages in The Tabernacle School Of Ministry are designed to motivate the development of ***relationship*** with GOD through the hearing and understanding of the Word of GOD. **Your response** to GOD ***must always*** involve **prayer**.
3. The Learning Process in developing relationship with GOD must always involve GOD. Only GOD saves. Only GOD heals and delivers. Only GOD is life. Only GOD is eternal and abiding. GOD is the Teacher. GOD uses the Word of GOD to manifest His realities. We relate to GOD through realities HE has brought to life within us.
4. GOD is Spirit and His realities are spiritual. The Word that gives expression to the reality of GOD is spiritual. Because GOD is Spirit, relationship with GOD is necessarily spiritual. **Relationship with GOD is not intellectual**; although relationship with GOD will profoundly change the intellect of man.
5. Ministry must be developed and manifested in actual relationship with GOD. Our relationship with GOD opens through Jesus Christ. Jesus declared in John 14:6 that: < “**no one** comes to the Father but **through Me**.” > NASB
6. Hearing and understanding the Word of GOD, through what Jesus Christ accomplished, is ***our response*** to GOD through His Word**.**
7. Our ***willingness*** to respond to GOD’s Word – through an understanding that arises from what Jesus Christ has accomplished - is fundamental to developing a **relationship** with GOD.
8. Relationship with GOD ***comes into being*** as the Word takes form in us - **meaningfully**. The Word takes form in us as **we pray the Word**; ***asking*** GOD to bring the realities expressed in His Word - ***to life within us***.
9. Our willingness to develop relationship with GOD is demonstrated as we ***make time*** for the Word of GOD **and prayer**.
10. You can understand this from the following Scriptures:

* Romans 10:17 reads: < So then **faith *comes* by hearing**, and **hearing by the word of God**. > NKJV
  + When we hear **by the Word of GOD** we actualize a **GOD-given faith**! This faith will be in accordance to what the Scripture declares.

* + **Praying the Word** with understanding, as well as by the Holy Spirit, facilitates this faith formation! We need to **appropriate** or **take hold of** GOD’s faith contained in His Word.
  + **Faith formation through the Word is part of GOD’s provision**. In this faith formation we will be **enabled** to ***increasingly respond and relate*** to GOD through ***realities*** that the Word of GOD brings to life in us.
  + Faith is the **structure** and **framework** of our relationship with GOD.
* GOD **demands** a faith that recognizes that **HE IS**.

* + Hebrews 11:6 reads: < And **without faith it is impossible to please *Him****,* for he who comes to God must believe that **He is** and *that* **He is a rewarder of those who seek Him**. > NASB
  + Faith is the ***necessary pre-requisite*** for our **relationship** with GOD. Love gives true meaning to our relationship with GOD.
  + Faith that develops a **relationship** with GOD **only comes** as we hear ***by*** the Word of GOD. And, this is because it is the Word of GOD that **defines** how GOD wants to relate to us. It is **His** Word!
  + Hearing ***by*** the Word of GOD involves our understanding of Scripture in the unleavened bread of ***sincerity*** and ***truth***.
  + Ultimately, it is our **life** and **lifestyle** that reflects our relationship with GOD.
* Hebrews 11:3 declares that: < **By faith** we ***understand***..... > NKJV
  + Hearing the Word gives us faith; and, **GOD-given faith** according to the Word, gives us a **GOD-given understanding**!

* + GOD develops us through a ***faith fabric*** that **He** brings to life within us personally. This faith formation unfolds a relationship with Him. Love gives **meaning** to our relationship with GOD.
  + This will always happen if we hear and receive the Word with a good and honest heart.
  + The human race has many kinds of problems. Through the hearing and understanding of His Word, GOD has undertaken the complex process of healing us, creating us and giving us a future.
  + The process of healing and creating us anew is called salvation. Such a salvation **develops** as we hear and understand the Scriptures. Salvation enables us to ***relate*** to GOD.
  + Relationship with GOD is the wealth that Scripture can unfold to the human heart, soul and mind. Relationship with GOD is our strength.
  + Proverbs 9:10 declares: < The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and **the knowledge of the Holy One is *understanding***. > NASB
  + **True biblical understanding results in us coming to *know* the Holy One**! The reference to the Holy One in Proverbs 9:10 above, prophetically points to Jesus the Messiah; the Holy One who will explain GOD to us by relationship.
  + **GOD has the passion and desire to develop us so that we will all know Him.** [Only we can take ourselves out of this reality.]
    - Jeremiah 31:33-34 declares: < 33 "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 "They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' **for they will *all* know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them**," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." > NASB
  + GOD brings His passion and desire to develop us to life in us through the Testimony of Jesus.
  + In John 17:6, 26 Jesus the Messiah declares: < 6 "**I have manifested Your name** to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ... 26 and **I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known**, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them." > NASB
  + Revelation 19:10c declares that: < “The **testimony of Jesus** is ***the*** spirit of prophecy." > NKJV

# Relationship With GOD Develops *Through* Jesus Christ

1. Understanding the Word of GOD ***correctly*** – **necessarily** - involves our understanding the Scriptures in the context of the Testimony of Jesus.
2. The Scripture speaks by Law and Principle, by Promise and, by Prophecy. Only ***in*** and ***by*** and ***through*** the Testimony of Jesus does Scripture find its ***actual fulfilment*** in the ***eternal*** and the ***abiding***.
3. We must ask the Holy Spirit to teach us to understand Scripture through the Testimony of Jesus.
4. The Testimony of Jesus explains the Word of GOD as **the Spirit and Life of Jesus** takes form in us.

* In John 6:63, the Lord Jesus makes an awesome statement: < "**It is the Spirit** [the Holy Spirit] **who gives life**; the flesh profits nothing; **the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life**. > NASB
* In Matthew 5:17-18, Jesus declares: < 17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; **I did not come to abolish but to fulfill**. 18 "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until **all is accomplished**. > NASB
* In Luke 24:44-45, Jesus explains: < 44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms ***must be fulfilled***." 45 **Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures**. > NASB
* The writer to the Hebrews (1:1-2) opens his account by declaring: < God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 **in these last days has spoken to us *in* His Son**, whom He [GOD] appointed **heir of *all* things**, through whom also He made the world. > NASB

1. There is an **eternal** and **abiding** context to the Scriptures. The eternal and abiding context to the Scriptures is based on the Omniscience of GOD (the fact that GOD is all-knowing) and His Messiah (Jesus Christ or, **Yeshua Mashiah** in Aramaic).

* Hebrews 13:8 declares that: < Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever. > NKJV

1. The Testimony of Jesus arises out of His death and resurrection. The Testimony of Jesus is framed in **the *finished* work of the cross**.

* The Testimony of Jesus through sacrifice was willed by GOD from the foundations of the earth. Revelation 13:8 declares: **< The Lamb slain from the *foundation* of the world. >** **KJV**

1. The Testimony of Jesus, opened to our heart, is the ***exclusive*** reality in which intimate relationship with GOD is developed in the ***abiding*** and the ***eternal***.

* This is why Jesus Christ made the following statement: **<** "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life**; ***no one* comes to the Father but through Me**. 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." > NASB
* Scripture also declares in John 3:16 that: < "**For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. > NASB

1. Understanding comes by faith; and ultimately, this faith **must be** of the ***substance*** of Jesus Christ for it to be ***true faith***.
2. Relationship involves the substance of Jesus Christ being formed in us – so as to express our every reality in GOD and of GOD.
3. Relationship with GOD opens and develops in an on-line witness opened in us – by GOD - when we were born again.

* 1 John 5:6-10a reads: < This is He who came by water and blood --- Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. 9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son.10 He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself. > NKJV

# *You* Can Develop A Deeply Personal Relationship With GOD

1. **In the Old Testament the idea of personal relationship with GOD is powerfully depicted in the life of Abraham**

* Abraham built altars to GOD in specific places and at specific times.
  + For example in Genesis 12:7 we read: < The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." **So he built an altar *there* to the LORD** who had appeared to him. > NASB
  + Another example we find Genesis 13:1-4 is: < So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, he and his wife and all that belonged to him, and Lot with him. 2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver and in gold. 3 He went on his journeys from the Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, 4 to the place of the altar which he had made ***there*** formerly; **and *there* Abram called on the name of the LORD**. > NASB
* **In the New Testament** our heart is the altar of GOD. Through relationship with GOD in prayer, based on the hearing, understanding and acceptance of the Word, we are each building an altar to GOD in our heart. And, this altar is built as we learn to think, speak, act and relate to GOD in our every reality.

* + **Even when we choose to repent we are building relationship with GOD through repentance!** It is when we repent and pursue the change necessary that we come to know GOD; and, progressively come to love GOD.
* **Abraham built relationship with GOD *through* faith**. Abraham simply believed what GOD said to him and he expressed his faith by his deeds that followed!
  + In Genesis 15:1-6 we read: < After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great." 2 Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir." 4 Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir." 5 And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 **Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness**. > NASB
* **In the New Testament** when we hear, understand and accept the Word of GOD in a good and honest heart, we are expressing our faith with a view towards building relationship with GOD. **By faith we partake of the righteousness of GOD.** And GOD does what we can’t do. As we discover the reality of GOD through His Word performed in our life, GOD builds relationship with us! Everything that we discover in the Word we must hold in a good and honest heart and, bear fruit with the Word through our thoughts, words and deeds.
  + Luke 8:15 reads: < "But the *seed* in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in **an honest and good heart,** and hold it fast, and **bear fruit with *perseverance***. > NASB
* Abraham built relationship with GOD by entering into the Covenant that GOD made with him. The sign of Abraham’s entry into GOD’s Covenant was by the circumcision of his foreskin.

* + Genesis 17:1-11 reads: < Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; Walk before Me, and be blameless. 2 "I will establish My covenant between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly." 3 Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying, 4 "**As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you will be the father of a multitude of nations.** 5 "No longer shall your name be called Abram, But your name shall be Abraham; For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. 6 "I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you. 7 "**I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants** after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. 8 "I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." 9 God said further to Abraham, "Now as for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. 10 "This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 **"And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you.** > NASB
* **In the New Testament** we (both male and female) enter into the New Covenant through a new birth. And this New Covenant is developed into us as we hear, understand, accept and hold fast to the Word of GOD in a good and honest heart; choosing to bear fruit with perseverance in our thoughts, words and deeds and relationships. In the New Covenant the sign of Covenant is ***our heart being circumcised*** **by the Holy Spirit**.
  + Deuteronomy 30:6 addresses this reality ***prophetically***: < "Moreover **the LORD your God will *circumcise* your heart and the heart of your descendants**, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live. > NASB
  + Romans 2:28-29 reads: < For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. 29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God. > NASB
  + Circumcision breaks the yokes of our fallen flesh. Colossians 2:11 reads: < And in Him [in Jesus Christ] you were also circumcised with ***a circumcision made without hands***, **in the removal of the body of the flesh** by the circumcision of Christ. > NASB

1. **In the Old Testament the idea of relationship with GOD is powerfully depicted by the demands of the Law that GOD gave Israel through Moses. The Law was the basis of Blood Covenant with GOD by His Name YHWH (called Y*A*HW*E*H through vowel inserts) or YHVH (called Y*E*H*O*V*A*H through vowel inserts).**
   * In Exodus 20:1-21 GOD gives us **the Ten Commandments** by manifesting His glory on Mount Sinai: < Then God spoke all these words, saying, 2 "**I am the LORD your God**, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3 "You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. 5 "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. 7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain. 8 "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 "Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. 11 "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. 12 "Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you. 13 "You shall not murder. 14 "You shall not commit adultery. 15 "You shall not steal. 16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 17 "You shall not covet your neighbour’s house; you shall not covet your neighbour’s wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbour." 18 All the people perceived the thunder and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it,* they trembled and stood at a distance. 19 Then they said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen; but let not God speak to us, or we will die." 20 Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come in order to test you, and in order that the fear of Him may remain with you, so that you may not sin." > NASB
   * Deuteronomy 6:4-6 reads: **< 4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! 5 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. >** NASB
   * **In the New Testament** the Law **is brought to fulfilment** in the Testimony of Jesus. Jesus Christ came to fulfil the Law and the Prophets. **Salvation is the *process* by which the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets is brought into being *in us***. Salvation unveils a ***new man*** **created** in the ***image*** and ***fullness*** **of** Mashiah Yeshua.

* **In Matthew 5:17-18**, the Lord Jesus declares: < 17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; **I did not come to abolish but to *fulfill***. 18 "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law ***until all is accomplished***. > NASB

1. In the New Testament revelation, relationship is established **by Blood Covenant** fashioned into a heart of flesh. This heart of flesh is of the **substance** of the ***fullness*** **of Jesus Christ**.

* **In Jeremiah 31:31-34**, the Prophet Jeremiah announced and described this New Covenant formation in the fulfilment of the Law and Prophets in the following terms: < 31 "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah --- 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 33 But **this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.** 34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' **for they all shall *know* Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them**, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." > NKJV
* The reality in which this fulfilment will be engineered into us is declared in a flow of the Scriptures as recorded in the three verses below:
  + Exodus 31:18 reads: < When He had finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, **written by the finger of God**. > NASB
  + Exodus 32:15-16 reads: < Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets which were written on both sides; they were written on one *side* and the other. 16 **The tablets were God's work, and the writing was God's writing engraved on the tablets**. > NASB
  + 2 Corinthians 3:3 reads: < Clearly you are an epistle of Christ... written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on **tablets of flesh, *that is,* of the heart**. > NKJV
  + The reality of this fulfillment involves a GOD-given witness alive within us. This witness is the witness Jesus Christ perfected through His Life, Death and Resurrection for us. This is the witness that develops in a relationship with GOD.
  + 1 John 5:10a reads: < He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself > NKJV
  + In Revelation 3:14b, Jesus Christ describes His Witness in the following terms: < The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God > NASB
  + This is the Witness of the cross. 1 John 5:8 describes this Witness as: < And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. > NKJV

# HOMEWORK

* In being a student of the Tabernacle School of Ministry you have undertaken to do all of your studies in ***the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth*** (see 1 Corinthians 5:7-8). This is a pre-requisite for the making of the man and woman of GOD. Your commitment in this program is **to GOD**, for training and equipping for the work of the ministry. You need to understand that Scripture declares that we shall ***all*** be taught of GOD and our well being will be great.
  + Isaiah 54:13 reads: < "**All** your sons will be **taught of the LORD**; And the well-being of your sons ***will*** **be great**. > NASB

* + 2 Timothy 3:16-17 reads: < **All Scripture is inspired by God** and profitable for ***teaching***, for ***reproof***, for ***correction***, for ***training*** in ***righteousness***; 17 so that **the man of God** may be ***adequate***, ***equipped*** for **every good work**. > NASB
* Please make sure that you understand the Scriptures presented above because they relate to your coming alive to GOD **by relationship**. Please be reminded that GOD will make Covenant with you by writing the Word into the tablets of your heart. Covenant is the ***essential*** form of relationship with GOD. **Prayer is *the* necessary tool for the building of relationship with GOD.** So pray the Word with understanding and, also by the HOLY SPIRIT. If you need ministry please ask the course facilitator during the teaching sessions.
* **Pray the Word that it may be written into the tablets of your heart**. Understand the flow of Scripture in Exodus 31:18; 32:15-16; Jeremiah 31:31-34; 2 Corinthians 3:3.
* **Assignment:**
  + Write down **(in your own handwriting)** the flow of Scripture that enables you to understand **how** ***your relationship with GOD will be developed***.
  + Use the Scriptures mentioned above and any other that you may be aware of. Please write the flow of Scripture in a sequence.
  + Use **brief** headings to give meaning to the flow of Scripture but make sure that you do not write anything but actual Scripture under each heading, in your assignment.
  + Make sure that you write your assignment by making actual reference to your own Bible. **Meaningfully underline the Scripture passages in your own Bible.** Visualize the passage of Scripture as it appears in your Bible.
  + Pray each Scripture as you write it. Use your tongues in the conviction that GOD will write Scripture into your heart by the Finger of GOD. Amen!
  + Hebrews 10:15-17 reads: < And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying, 16 "***This is the covenant that I will make with them*** ***After those days, says the Lord***: ***I will put My laws upon their heart***, ***And on their mind I will write them***," *He then says,* ***17 "And their sins and their lawless deeds*** ***I will remember no more***." > NASB

# How We Relate To GOD

* Hebrews 11:3 (NASB) declares: < **By faith** we ***understand***.... >
* Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV) declares: < Now faith is the **substance** (Greek: **Hupostasis**) of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.>
* **Faith configured in substance is how we are enabled to relate to GOD.** Our relationship with GOD will be of the ***substance*** of Jesus Christ.
* Our relationship with GOD will be of the substance of Jesus Christ ***if*** we have our **hope** on Him as we read, understand and hold fast to Scripture in our daily lives.
* You need to pray in the understanding and conviction that GOD will deposit the substance of Jesus Christ into you as you ***ask*** and ***seek*** this from GOD (who is by Name YAHWEH or YEHOVAH). [Please understand that this is a process in eternity. It will take time; but it is genuine and tangible and will have profound impact on your life.]
* You need to pray in the understanding and conviction that through Christ who strengthens you, you can do all things. It will take time and ***persistence*** but it will come because it is written! Amen! [The enemy will try and discourage you; but, you must be steadfast in your faith. He who has begun a good work in you will faithfully complete it.]
* It is the Holy Spirit who will do this work. In John 16:14, the Lord Jesus declares this about the Holy Spirit’s ministry: < **He** **(the Holy Spirit)** **will take of Mine** and **will disclose *it* to you**. > NASB The disclosure comes in the ***substance*** of Jesus Christ. [The substance of Jesus Christ will be perfected and completed into us through the Holy Spirit’s ministry.]
* The Lord Jesus Christ, in Luke 11: 8-13 declares: < 9 "So I say to you, **ask, and it will be given to you**; **seek, and you will find**; **knock, and it will be opened to you**. 10 "For ***everyon*e who asks, receives**; and **he who seeks, finds**; and **to him who knocks, it will be opened**. 11 "Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? 12 "Or *if* he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? 13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will *your* heavenly Father *give* the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him**?" > NASB

# Do You *Understand* The Following?

1. That the Scriptures declare that **GOD will build relationship with you** as He teaches you His Word? Yes / No
   * See Isaiah 54:13; John 6:45
2. That GOD will teach you as you **hear** and **understand** the Word of GOD? Because faith comes through the hearing ***by*** **the Word of GOD**? And, faith is the fabric of relationship with GOD? Yes / No
   * See Matthew 13:23; Romans 10:17 (KJV/NKJV); Hebrews 11:6
3. What GOD teaches you will become the basis of **your** relationship with GOD? The basis of your relationship is defined in substance? And this **substance** must be of Jesus Christ? Yes / No
   * See John 1:16-17, (KJV/NKJV/NASB); John 17:6, 26
4. That GOD will teach you as you **hear** and **accept** the Word of GOD? ***Acceptance* of GOD’s Word is the basis for Covenant** formation in your heart and mind? GOD’s Word is **His offer** and **your acceptance is contract** or **Covenant**? Yes / No
   * See Mark 4:20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17
5. That GOD will teach you as you ***hold*** the Word of GOD **in a good and honest heart** and put it into practice in your thoughts, words, deeds and relationships – daily? That when you fail, you can ***repent*** and ***ask*** **GOD** to work the changes necessary in your thoughts, words, deeds and relationships? Your ministry will come into being within you as you practice the Word in your thoughts, words, deeds and relationship? The desire and passion for ministry will come as the Testimony of Jesus opens in your heart? Yes / No
   * See Luke 8:15; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:10; 1 Peter 4:10-11
6. That nothing happens in a Christian’s life except through prayer? That in doing this course, you are committing to pray daily for your growth and development in the purposes GOD has for you? That in prayer you are developing your abilities to ask, seek and knock according to the understanding of the Word of GOD? In asking seeking and knocking you are developing relationship with GOD? Yes / No
7. That the Lord Jesus Christ was trained for ministry in a life lived with His earthly parents, the local community and in a workplace that was a carpenter’s workshop. Luke records Jesus’ training for His ministry in the following words in Luke 2: < 40 **The Child** **(see Matthew 18:3-4)** continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. >; and, < 52 And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men. > NASB Yes / No
8. That you must not despise the day of small beginnings: (i) Because He who has begun a work with you is faithful to complete it (see Romans 8:28-30). There are an infinite number of levels of completion in the Most High GOD (see Genesis 22:14; Psalm 24:3-4; 15:1-2)!; and, (ii) Because Yeshua Mashiah has purchased for us each – in His Blood - a secret dwelling place in the Most High GOD (see Psalm 91:1)! Amen (see Revelation 3:14b)! Yes / No

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