



**LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME (LTP)
PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES
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Bible study

WALKING WITH GOD

Genesis 5: 21 – 24; 17:1; I John 2:6

Enoch and Abraham in our text followed the Lord with a life characterized by holiness in spite of the evils and filthiness around them. They understood the nature and demands of the God they had believed in, and therefore, maintained a close relationship with Him. They exercised faith in order to walk with God **“for he that cometh to God must believe that he is ...”** (Heb 11: 6).

Question 1: What is the first step we must take if we are to walk with God?

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God is holy. He demands holy living in the life of every youth that comes to Him (Leviticus 11:44). For sinners and backsliders to walk with God, they must repent of their sins and exercise faith in the atoning blood of Christ, shed at Calvary. Believers are also called to a life of consistent holy walk with God.

Question 2: According to the following Bible passages, mention some believers who maintained a consistent walk with God

- Genesis 5: 22 – 24

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EXHORTATION
WE DO NOT WELL
2 Kings 7:3-11; John 4:35

Just as the four leprous men accepted the challenge to spread the good news that saved lives despite their physical handicap, so are Christian youths expected to go and preach the **“GOSPEL MESSAGE”** without delay or procrastination.

Sinning youths are helpless, and we owe them a duty of rescuing them from imminent pain, sorrow, misery and eternal torment that await the unrepentant (Psalm 9:17; Isaiah 48:22).

“We do not well” if we are nonchalant in preaching the gospel. We must awake and repent of our lukewarmness and coldness. It is a matter of urgency because friends, classmates and neighbours are waiting to hear the message of life from us for their freedom, deliverance and salvation. We can borrow the method of Philip and Andrew who invited their friends and family member to Christ (John 1:40-46). This method, called **Personal Evangelism** is highly recommended for Christian youths because it neither cost money nor requires knowledge of many Bible passages. And it is not time consuming either. Besides, they are people that know our previous lifestyles and can easily be influenced by our transformed lives. Moreover, they have more confidence in us than outright strangers.

WHY SHOULD CHRISTIAN YOUTHS PREACH WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY?

Christian youths are expected to preach with a sense of urgency because:

- the time is short (1 Corinthians 7:29).
- sinning youths can die at anytime (2 Kings 7:9).
- the trumpet can sound at anytime (1 Thessalonians 4:17).
- the time to preach is NOW (John 9:4).
- Christ commands us to preach the gospel. (Matthew 28:18-26).

WHY IS SOUL WINNING IMPORTANT TO EVERY CHRISTIAN YOUTH?

Soul winning is so important to every Christian youth for the under-listed reasons:

- The judgment of God is certain and imminent upon unrepentant sinners who die without knowing the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:11).

- It is also the only way we can be free from the blood of unsaved youths (Ezekiel 3:17,18)
- Preaching the gospel is a divine command (1 Corinthians 9:16,17)

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PREACHING THE GOSPEL?

The gospel is the solution to many problems of the world today. The government and non- government organizations have tried to find solution to the challenge of restiveness among young people. Little or no result has been achieved. The truth is that only divine means can transform the moral and spiritual state of our youths. The only means God has provided is the gospel. Preaching the gospel makes the sinner aware of God's love and demand for his soul as well as affords him the opportunity of making decision for transformation. The following benefits will therefore accrue when we preach the gospel

- The gospel saves souls (James 5:20)
- The faithful soul winners will be full of joy over a saved soul (Psalm 126:5, 6).
- Our society will be rid of violent and unreasonable youths
- Great rewards await soul winners (Daniel 12:3).

The call comes to you today. You do not well by standing still while multitude are dying and going to hell. The challenge comes to you today; **“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me”** (Isaiah 6:8)



TALK

UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU READ

Nehemiah 8: 1- 8; Acts 8: 30

The secret of success lies in your ability to understand what you read. To understand what you read, the sense of what you read must be clear to you. And this is the basic problem and reason for the increasing rate of failure among students today. Many do not know what reading is all about, therefore, they fail to understand what they read. Some sincerely want to read but do not prepare themselves to read with understanding- they lack basic reading skills.

READING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS READ

Nehemiah 8: 1- 8

Nehemiah brought the book of the Law of Moses to be read before the congregation. This is the book of the law of Jehovah to Israel. It is the book that reveals the commandment of God to His people. In reading this book of the law, one must take note of the sense of its content. And this was what Nehemiah and his fellow ministers sought to achieve (Nehemiah 8: 1, 3, 8). They spent sufficient time to read and explain the contents of the book in order

for the people to have the sense of it. There are different methods of reading depending on the subjects or books.

It is important to know the methods of reading the subjects available to students today. In the early elementary grades, children read **stories and selections** containing common words they are already familiar. With practice, most children read with increasing fluency and understanding. In the mid-elementary and junior high school years, emphasis shifts from reading stories with known content to reading more difficult materials that teach the child new words, ideas and opinions. At this stage, silent reading for understanding and study skills is emphasized. There is a shift from learning to read to learning facts and concepts in **social studies, science, business studies, technical knowledge** and other subjects.

What reading skills are available to students today? Understanding what you read involves series of connected skills such as understanding word meanings in context, finding the main idea, making inferences about information implied but not stated, and distinguishing between facts and opinions. **Word study** is one way for the student to improve the understanding of what is read. This involves using a dictionary and thesaurus. Students can also improve their vocabularies by paying conscious attention to any new words they may encounter.

In senior secondary school and college, reading materials become more abstract. They contain large and more technical vocabularies. At this stage, the student not only must acquire new information, but also must **critically analyze** the text and achieve an optimal reading speed based on the difficulty of the material and the purpose of the reading. A mature reader must have several reading speeds available for different materials. For this purpose, the practice of **skimming** a passage for general meaning and **scanning** for specific information is useful. The development of efficient study strategies is important in learning various kinds of subject matters. One useful study technique is **outlining**, which helps to develop an awareness of the main points and details of a selection. The ultimate goal of reading is to be able to understand written materials and use them for specific purposes.

BENEFITS OF UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU READ

1Timothy 4: 13-15

Understanding what you read is very important in everyday life. To be a successful person in your studies and life in general, you must understand what you read. Besides its intrinsic value, the ability to read has economic consequence. Those who are better – than average reader- are also higher – than – average earners or are more likely to have high – paying jobs. Some even say **‘readers are leaders’**. The growing technological advancement of our society has brought increasing demands for understanding what you read. A higher level of understanding is needed in business, industry, in the armed forces, and other live endeavours. The reading ability needed to understand materials important to daily living, such as forms, manuals, instructions, and news papers cannot be over emphasized. Some efforts have been made to simplify forms and manuals, but the lack of sufficient reading ability definitely impairs a person’s capacity to function in this modern society. Learning is the power to know what and how, understanding what you read is the key.



BIBLE STUDY
THE BOOK OF LIFE

Revelation 20: 11 – 15; Exodus 32: 33; Luke 10:20

Our text reveals an important thing that every human being on earth needs to give serious attention, and that is, **THE BOOK OF LIFE**. **“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire”**. Jesus came into the world to set humanity free from sin and its consequences, thereby giving us eternal life. Accepting Him is the only means of having eternal life. All who accept Him have eternal life abiding in them, and consequently, their names are written in the Book of life. Those who reject Him have eternal damnation; and their names with works are written in the books of records awaiting the great white Throne judgment.

Q1: According to our text, what are the categories of books in Heaven?

The Scriptures make it very clear that there are two categories of books – The books of records and The Book of Life. The Book of Life is that which contains the names of the redeemed of the Lord (Revelation 20:21). Notice that the books of records are in plural; for they are many, while the Book of life is singular. Sinners are more than believers. On the last day, many shall be lost but few shall be saved (Revelation 20: 21a; Matthew 7: 13- 14; Luke 13: 23 – 24). All youths still living in sin shall face the judgment of God. For all their works and acts shall be made manifest as recorded in the Books of records.

Q2: From the following passages state the reasons why many people’s names will be missing in the book of life.

- Revelation 21: 27
- Revelation 22: 19
- Galatians 5: 19 – 21

Believing youths need not manifest any fear; for it is the Lord's pleasure to give them the kingdom. All true believers' names are boldly and assuredly written in the Lamb's Book of Life (Hebrews 12: 23). Sinners need to acknowledge, confess and genuinely repent of their sins and accept Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour.

To keep your position in Christ and have your name retained in the book of life, you must constantly strive to remain holy; overcome all temptations, trials and persecutions. You must keep growing in the grace of God. Moreover, you must labour and strive for souls.

Q3: From the following passages state the conditions for having one's name written and retained in the book of life:

- Hebrews 12: 14
- Revelation 5: 5
- Daniel 12: 3

“And there shall in no wise enter into it, anything that defileth, neither whosoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in Lamb's book of life”.

Are you sure, then that your name is there, are you born – again? Make up your mind today. Then can you only say like the song writer who wrote thus:

“I am bought not with riches,
Neither silver nor gold;
But Christ had redeemed me,
I am safe in His fold;
In the Book of His kingdom,
With its pages so Fair,
Through Jesus my Saviour,
My name's written there”.



BIBLE STUDY

REPENTANCE

Acts 4:19, 20; Luke 13:1-5

The Bible, God's eternal word, contains cardinal teachings which, to a true believer, are what a foundation is to a building. A building without foundation will soon collapse, for it cannot stand the test of time. No wonder Christ, in rounding off His noble sermon on the mount, said: **"And every one that heareth these saying of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the flood came, and the wind blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall it"** (Matthew 7:26, 27)

Repentance is one of such cardinal teachings in Scripture. As eternally important as the subject of repentance is, many young people do not like to hear about it. Yet, it is the factor that determines where one will spend eternity.

Question 1: What is repentance?.....

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Repentance is a conscious and complete turning away from all forms of sin and accepting Christ as Lord and personal Saviour (Acts 3: 19;17:30). As many youths do not like the subject of repentance because it makes them feel guilty of their sins, so do many preachers avoid preaching repentance so as not to make their congregation unhappy. But Christ preached repentance and warned sinners of the necessity to repent or else they will perish. **“I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish”** (Luke 13: 3, 5). Moreover, he left His followers with a commission to preach the word of repentance till He returns. **“...And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations ...”** (Luke 24:27).

Question 2: What must all sinning youths do concerning the message of repentance?

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Christ, during His earthly ministry preached repentance. He went from place to place, **“And Saying, the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel”** (Mark 1: 15). All sinning youths are therefore called upon to repent of all their sins and believe the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Question 3: Why is it compulsory for sinners to repent of their sins?

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Repentance opens the way and makes the sinner receive the grace of God. It provides pardon and remission of sins (Isaiah 55:7). Through repentance, sinners receive justification and acceptance (John 1:12; 3:19). True repentance and faith in Christ ensure reconciliation with God and qualification for heaven. The call of the Lord to all sinning youths today is to repent of their sins. There is danger in continuing in sin. Sin leads to eternal damnation in hell fire. **“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth...”** (Ecclesiastes 12: 1).

Question 4: What are the evidences of genuine repentance?

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True repentance manifests in proper attitude towards sin (2 Corinthians 7: 10, 11; Psalm 38: 18). The repentant heart treats sin with disdain and exalts righteousness. Having experienced the inward work of grace, the repentant youth begins to live in newness of life as old things such as stealing, fighting, lying, immorality e.t.c. are passed away and all things are become new(Romans 6 :1-4; 2 Corinthians 5: 17). Have you truly repented of your sins? Are you living in newness of life? If not, why not do it now? Christ said: **“Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth”**. (Luke 15: 10).