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PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY NOTES

You Can Live A Better Life



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Hi,

Over the years I have had numerous people ask me for a copy of my sermon notes for their own personal Bible studies. I am glad to be able to present them to you. You have in your hands an exact copy of my sermon notes for your very own personal studies. I pray that as you study the Word, that the Holy Spirit will add even more than what you have before you. Put yourself there in what you are studying. What were they feeling, what were they facing...make the Word come alive by placing yourself there.

I am also including a list of the resources that I use to obtain my information, but I will say this, without the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you under the anointing all you have is just a bunch of books. I always pray before, during, and upon deliverance of each message I receive. I pray that...***you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9)***. I am both honored and blessed that you have selected a Sermon Notes Series and I pray that it will be a blessing to you!

With Much Love,
Pastor John

RESOURCES USED

- * The Companion Bible
- * Dake's Annotated Reference Bible
- * Young's Analytical Concordance To The Bible
- * A Dictionary Of Bible Types
- * Vine's Expository Dictionary Of New Testament Words
- * The American College Dictionary
- * World's Bible Handbook
- * The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary
- * Nelson's Three- in- One Bible Reference Companion
- * The Word -The Bible In 26 Translations
- * God's Plan For Man
- * Harper's Encyclopedia Of Bible Life
- * Nelson's Expository Dictionary Of The Old Testament
- * Manners And Customs From the Bible
- * What The Bible Is All About
- * Halley's Bible Handbook

These are just a small listing of the study aides that I use. The greatest study aide available is letting the Holy Spirit be your teacher. May you get to know Him!

Words translated from the Gk = Greek and Hb=Hebrew.

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OUR VISION

“My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge;”

Hosea 4:6

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:”

Proverbs 23:7

“...and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”

Colossians 1:9

“Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.”

Proverbs 24:3-5

“And the Gospel must first be published among all nations.”

Mark 13:10

As the Scriptures speak for themselves, our vision is to empower Believers everywhere to live a victorious abundant lifestyle that can be obtained through wisdom and understanding. If you are willing to change the way you think, you can change the way you live. A renewed mind towards the Word of God established you firmly in the faith and opens the door for the blessings and benefits of God to become evident in your life.

Because We Believe In You,
John and Karen Pelizzari

YOU CAN LIVE A BETTER LIFE

1. You can live a better life if you live according to the rules that God has set into motion.
2. God desires for all of us to live a full life, not a life that is lacking and wanting all the time.
3. I am going to give you **7 Kingdom Keys** so you can have harvest time all the time.

Deuteronomy 8:11-14 [11] **Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: [12] Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; [13] And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; [14] Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;**

4. This is a warning to remember to keep the Word of God in the forefront as you begin to prosper.

- a. Meaning, in order for God to warn you, then prosperity must be inevitable.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 [17] And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. [18] But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

- a. **Deuteronomy 8:18 (NLT)** A l w a y s remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you power to become rich, and he does it to fulfill the covenant he made with your ancestors.
- b. God gives power to get wealth, so it is not sinful in itself but it is the misuse of wealth—its use contrary to God's will—that makes it a sin.

- c. But the reality is that God does want you to live a better life, but it has to be by His rules.

Deuteronomy 8:14-18 (MSG) [14] make sure you don't become so full of yourself and your things that you forget God, your God, the God who delivered you from Egyptian slavery; [15] the God who led you through that huge and fearsome wilderness, those desolate, arid badlands crawling with fiery snakes and scorpions; the God who gave you water gushing from hard rock; [16] the God who gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, some-thing your ancestors had never heard of, in order to give you a taste of the hard life, to test you so that you would be prepared to live well in the days ahead of you.

[17] If you start thinking to yourselves, "I did all this. And all by myself. I'm rich. It's all mine!"— [18] well, think again. Remember that God, your God, gave you the strength to produce all this wealth so as to confirm the covenant that he promised to your ancestors—as it is today.

5. Notice verse 16...**“to test you so that you would be prepared to live well in the days ahead of you.”**
 - a. This verse explains why you get large sums of money but quickly begin to lose it.
 - b. Because some folks do not pass the ‘money test’.
6. The money test is this according to **Deuteronomy 8**: *“When you become entrusted with larger sums of money, will you continue keeping His commands, His judgments or His statutes, or will you begin to call the shots and compromise your church*

attendance, bible reading, personal devotions and serving in the house of the Lord?”

- a. Hence the warning.
7. So what are the 7 Kingdom Keys to live a better life? (Kingdom Keys = KK)

KK #1 YOU MUST CULTIVATE SPIRITUAL ROOTS IN A NATURAL WORLD.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2:14 (MSG) The unspiritual self, just as it is by nature, can't receive the gifts of God's Spirit. There's no capacity for them. They seem like so much silliness. Spirit can be known only by spirit—God's Spirit and our spirits in open communion.

8. You must understand that the reason God wants the power for you to get wealth to be activated in your

life is so that you can advance the Kingdom of God first.

- a. **That he may establish his covenant** - meaning to take care of the things and house of God first.
 - b. To support the church, its ministries, missions, outreaches and endeavors to reach souls, change lives and launch leaders.
9. Meaning that wants you to live a better life so that you will become a funnel, not a storage shed.
10. God wants to prosper you so that you will be a conduit for Him to flow through.
- a. To some people this is an actual ministry.

Romans 12:8 (NLT) **If your gift is to encourage others, do it! If you have money, share it generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.**

11. But if you do not have any spiritual understanding as to why wants you to prosper, you won't give generously.

KK #2 UNDERSTAND THAT GIVING IS PLANTING SOMETHING, NOT LOSING SOMETHING.

John 12:24 **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.**

12. In order to have a harvest, you must plant something. That's God's way of doing things. We have to play by His rules to reap His benefits.

John 12:24 (NLT) **The truth is, a kernel of wheat must be planted in the soil. Unless it dies it will be alone—a single seed. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.**

13. Becoming prosperous is a process.
14. What is a harvest? (ANYTHING YOU NEED OR WANT)
- a. It's being able to pay all your bills on time.
 - b. It's being able to go to the store and buy what you want with cash, not credit.
 - c. It's being able to be a blessing to others by giving to their needs.
 - d. It's having your body healed and whole.

- e. Relationships are without problems.
 - f. You have favor at every turn, no worries, no stress, no fears.
 - g. It's having money in the bank and then some.
15. Here is a reason prosperity seems to be on hold for most people...

Galatians 6:7-8 [7] Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. [8] For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

16. When you sow, you are giving into the spirit realm, not to fleshly things.
- a. Sowing after the flesh is when you think you are supporting something instead of sowing towards something.
17. For example, when you give money towards our African missions, you're not supporting the missions...you are sowing towards 300 pastors who will be taught and trained by our visits, you are supplying materials and bibles that will change and equip them.

- a. They in turn will minister what they have learned from us and teach it to their churches.
 - b. Some have over 20 bush churches per pastor.
18. Then, the people who hear the messages will be changed and begin to live a better life so they in turn will be able to sow towards others.

Proverbs 19:17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

Proverbs 19:17 (NLT) If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord—and he will repay you!

19. When you sow towards building a well, you're not just providing water, you are saving lives.
- a. Mommas will no longer have to bury their babies because of a lack of unclean water.
 - b. The sick will have a better chance to live because of fresh water.
 - c. The well that we helped to build in the West Pokot district birthed seven new churches, with seven new pastors, with seven new congregations providing seven new opportunities for people to live a better life.

Galatians 6:7-8 (NLT) [7] Don't be misled. Remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it. You will always reap what you sow! [8] Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful desires will harvest the consequences of decay and death. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

20. Sowing to the flesh is seeing what you are giving as another bill to pay instead of an investment into your life as well as the lives of others.
21. What is sowing? Sowing is giving what is yours into someone else.
22. Even tithing is an act of sowing.

Deuteronomy 26:1-2 [1] And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein; [2] That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the Lord thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go

unto the place which the Lord thy God shall choose to place his name there.

23. When you bring your tithe to the front and put it in the basket/bucket, it is a spiritual act, not a plunk and chunk act of the flesh.

KK #3 THE TESTIMONIES OF OTHERS ARE ALSO YOUR EXTRA SEEDS.

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

24. When someone gives a testimony concerning their harvest, the word of their testimony becomes more seed for you to plant.
25. See, when someone gives a testimony, you can become envious, jealous, resentful, bitter or angry and believe God is unfair. That's sowing to the flesh.
 - a. Or, the word of their testimony is a seed on top of your seed.
 - b. "Lord, if you did it for them, I know You'll do it for me because You are not a respecter of persons."
 - c. Remember that words are seeds as well...your words produce the life you live.

3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

26. Most people believe the big testimonies that others share God would not do for them.
- a. If that is not the case, then most people condemn themselves because their testimony is that they don't believe they are worth anything and therefore undeserving.
 - b. Or that their faith is too small.
 - c. You need soul prosperity, a healthy, godly outlook of yourself.

James 1:6-7 [6] But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. [7] For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

James 1:6-7 (NLT) [6] But when you ask him, be sure that you really expect him to answer, for a doubtful mind is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. [7] People like that should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

27. So, they will sow, but in reality they will not expect an exceedingly, abundantly above all they could ask or think harvest, they have subconsciously purposed that they will get a bare minimum return.
- a. Which is sowing after the flesh, a double standard.

James 1:6-7 (MSG) [6] Ask boldly, believingly, without a second thought. People who "worry their prayers" are like wind-whipped waves. [7] Don't think you're going to get anything from the Master that way,

28. Allow the testimonies of others to encourage you to ask boldly, let the testimony of their harvest become your spoken seed.

KK #4 UNDERSTAND HOW THE KINGDOM WORKS.

Mark 4:26-29 [26] And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; [27] And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. [28] For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. [29] But when the fruit is brought forth,

**immediately he putteth in the sickle,
because the harvest is come.**

29. Jesus said the kingdom of God operates just like a person planting seeds.

Matthew 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

30. Your faith works like a seed.

Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

31. God's Word is seed.

32. Words are seeds. Some of you have proven that by having become the kind of person others spoke over you.

a. If you were told you were worthless and will amount to no good, I can assure you that you probably have a harvest of low self esteem, self rejection and abandonment issues.

33. If you have not seen a manifestation yet, maybe it's because you have not spoken God's Word enough.

KK #5 IF IT WORKED THEN, IT WILL WORK TODAY, NOTHING'S CHANGED.

Genesis 8:22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

34. Since we're still here, nothings changed.

35. So when will you get yours?

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 [1] To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: [2] A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

36. The whole idea that God wants you to get is that when you sow, you will reap.

a. Every harvest has an appointed time.

b. If your big harvest has not manifested yet, maybe God is requiring more seed.

KK #6 DO YOU WANT TO GET STARTED, JUST ASK.

2 Corinthians 9:10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply

your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT)

For God is the one who gives seed to the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will give you many opportunities to do good, and he will produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

37. God is looking for people who are willing to give. If you are ready to get started, he will put something into your hands to give. Just ask Him.
38. Now, once you have that seed that you asked for, your flesh will confront you.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 [6] But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. [7] Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

39. Your flesh will try to convince you to give only a little.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NLT)

[6] Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. [7] You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully.

40. The beauty is that God wants you to make up your own mind on how you want to live.

2 Corinthians 9:8-9

[8] And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: [9] (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor:

**his righteousness remaineth
for ever.**

41. Here's what separates the boys from the men and the girls from the women. When it says that **God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work**....that is God's way of saying, whatever your flesh is thinking contrary wise, I will make up the slack one way or another.
42. Understand, your flesh will provide reasons and example on why you should not give so much or if you're giving is too much...but God is saying He will make up the slack for what you think is your lack.

2 Corinthians 9:8-9 (NLT)

**[8] And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.
[9] As the Scriptures say, "Godly people give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will never be forgotten."**

43. Need seed, just ask.

**KK #7 UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR WORDS
WILL AFFECT YOUR SEEDS.**

Deuteronomy 22:9 Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled.

Deuteronomy 22:9 (NLT)

"Do not plant any other crop between the rows of your vineyard....."

44. Don't plant seeds of faith and then weeds of doubt in between.

Deuteronomy 22:9 (MSG)

Don't plant two kinds of seed in your vineyard. If you do, you will forfeit what you've sown, the total production of the vineyard.

45. This is the number one reason people are not living a better life. Their words have destroyed their potential.

46. Many people have back orders of blessings waiting to manifest but with their words they have signed off the manifestation to remain on hold.

Matthew 12:37 (NLT) The words you say now reflect your fate then; either you will be justified by them or you will be condemned."

Matthew 12:37 (MSG) Words can be your salvation. Words can also be your damnation."

47. What you said yesterday, you are living today.

Matthew 15:11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

48. Some people don't need satan to cause problems, they bring it upon themselves.

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

49. Your words spoken over what you have given physically can make or break your harvest.

Malachi 3:10-12 [10] Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now

herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. [11] And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. [12] And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.

50. Most people know Malachi 3:10-12 and they stop there.

a. So they tithe, usually reluctantly.

b. But what really hinders the tithe from being ineffective in a believers life?

Malachi 3:13 Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee?

51. Our words give the tithe the power to become activated in our life.

Malachi 3:13-15 (MSG)

[13] God says, "You have spoken hard, rude words to

me. "You ask, 'When did we ever do that?' [14] "When you said, 'It doesn't pay to serve God. What do we ever get out of it? When we did what he said and went around with long faces, serious about God-of-the-Angel-Armies, what difference did it make? [15] Those who take life into their own hands are the lucky ones. They break all the rules and get ahead anyway. They push God to the limit and get by with it.' "

52. God wants you to live a better life, but it has to be by His rules.
53. The bottom line for living a better, more blessed life is that your words must match your actions.
- a. Your words either bring life to your tithes and offerings or they hinder and destroy it.

- b. Your words must match your actions in order to produce the results you desire.

54. So how do you start living the a better life?

Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

55. When you start giving, God will move upon others to bring you blessings.

Ecclesiastes 11:4 He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.

56. "Well, when I win the lottery, when I get that bonus..."

Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NLT) If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.

57. You have been empowered by God to live a better life.

Deuteronomy 8:18 But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his

**covenant which he sware unto
thy fathers, as it is this day.**

58. The power is there, God is waiting and wanting to bless you.
59. The choice is yours.
60. Start taking charge of your life and quit taking in what life throws at you.

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