



Youth • Age 13-18 • Learner Guide

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DAILY STUDY

P-E-A-C-E helps us stay in touch
with the Word and with the LORD.

When you read the Bible, is there any **P**romise to claim or
Praise to offer God? **E**xample to follow or avoid?
Action or **A**ttitude to adopt or change? **C**ommand to obey?
Error to avoid?

- Week of December 29**
- M. James 1:17
 - T. Deuteronomy 8:1-9
 - W. Deuteronomy 8:10-18
 - T. Proverbs 3:9-10
 - F. Malachi 3:10
 - S. James 1:17

- Week of January 26**
- M. Luke 9:23
 - T. Luke 9:24
 - W. Luke 9:25
 - T. 2 Corinthians 5:14-16
 - F. 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - S. Luke 9:23

- Week of January 5**
- M. 1 Timothy 6:6-7
 - T. Exodus 20:17
 - W. Luke 12:15
 - T. Luke 12:16-20
 - F. Luke 12:21
 - S. 1 Timothy 6:6-7

- Week of February 2**
- M. Hebrews 12:1-2a
 - T. Hebrews 12:1-3
 - W. Hebrews 12:1-2a
 - T. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
 - F. 2 Timothy 2:3-5
 - S. Hebrews 12:1-2a

- Week of January 12**
- M. Luke 14:28
 - T. Luke 14:28-32
 - W. Proverbs 6:6-8
 - T. Proverbs 24:27
 - F. Proverbs 30:25-27
 - S. Luke 14:28

- Week of February 9**
- M. Colossians 3:2-3
 - T. Matthew 5:1-8
 - W. Matthew 5:9-12
 - T. Philippians 2:1-8
 - F. Philippians 2:9-11
 - S. Colossians 3:2-3

- Week of January 19**
- M. Proverbs 3:5-6
 - T. Proverbs 20:18
 - W. Ecclesiastes 9:10
 - T. Matthew 6:33
 - F. Matthew 6:34
 - S. Proverbs 3:5-6

- Week of February 16**
- M. Galatians 6:9
 - T. Romans 5:3-5
 - W. Philippians 1:6
 - T. James 1:2-7, 12
 - F. James 1:5-11
 - S. Galatians 6:9

- M.
- T.
- W.
- T.
- F.
- S.

Week of February 23

- 1 Chronicles 16:24
- Psalm 105:1-4
- Psalm 105:5
- 1 Chronicles 16:23-27
- 1 Chronicles 16:28-31
- 1 Chronicles 16:24

- S.
- M.
- T.
- W.
- T.
- F.
- S.

Week of March 30

- Acts 4:12
- Hebrews 2:1-4
- Hebrews 2:5-9
- John 3:16-18
- John 17:1-5
- Acts 17:11
- Acts 4:12

- M.
- T.
- W.
- T.
- F.
- S.

Week of March 2

- 2 Corinthians 5:15
- 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-17
- 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
- 2 Corinthians 5:20-21
- 2 Corinthians 5:15

- M.
- T.
- W.
- T.
- F.
- S.

Week of April 6

- Romans 8:16-17
- Hebrews 2:10-13
- Hebrews 2:14-17
- Hebrews 2:18
- Romans 8:14-17
- Romans 8:16-17

- S.
- M.
- T.
- W.
- T.
- F.
- S.

Week of March 9

- John 15:16
- Luke 10:1-2
- Luke 10:3
- John 20:19-20
- John 20:21-22
- Matthew 28:18-20
- John 15:16

- S.
- M.
- T.
- W.
- T.
- F.
- S.

Week of April 13

- Hebrews 7:25
- Hebrews 7:25-27
- Ephesians 2:1-3
- Ephesians 2:4-5
- Ephesians 2:6-7
- Ephesians 2:8-10
- Hebrews 7:25

- S.
- M.
- T.
- W.
- T.
- F.
- S.

Week of March 16

- 1 Corinthians 3:9
- 1 Corinthians 3:1-4
- 1 Corinthians 3:5-9
- 1 Corinthians 3:8
- 1 Corinthians 3:10-15
- Galatians 2:7-9
- 1 Corinthians 3:9

- S.
- M.
- T.
- W.
- T.
- F.
- S.

Week of April 20

- Hebrews 8:6
- Hebrews 8:7
- Hebrews 9:1-5
- Hebrews 9:6-10
- Hebrews 9:11-14
- Hebrews 9:15
- Hebrews 8:6

- S.
- M.
- T.
- W.
- T.
- F.
- S.

Week of March 23

- Matthew 5:16
- Matthew 5:13-16
- Colossians 3:1-4
- Colossians 3:5-11
- Colossians 3:12-14
- Colossians 3:15-17
- Matthew 5:16

Happy New Year!

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Take a cup of **FORGIVENESS**,
stir in some of God's grace,
then fold it into your heart
and this recipe you'll embrace.

But, you'll need to keep adding,
more ingredients as you go,
if you plan on having a year
where **LOVE** can rise and grow.

You're going to need **PATIENCE**,
at least a cup or two...
if you want to have **MEEKNESS**
bubbling up inside of you.

You'll need to slowly blend in
a heaping spoonful of **Goodness**;
then beat it into the mixture
so you can whip up **GENTLENESS**.

Don't forget to add a pinch of **JOY**;
and as you whisk it into **PEACE**,
add a dollop of **FAITH** and **TRUST**
and **HOPE** you will release.

If you live in the Spirit,
you'll need to walk in it too...
and if you follow this recipe
it'll produce His fruit in you!

Meet Our Writers

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Wise Stewardship



January 5
God the Giver

January 12
**Guard Against
Covetousness**

January 19
Plan Wisely

January 26
**Making Career
Decisions**

Unit Overview: As youth, you are presented with various choices and have to make decisions that impact how you will live. In this Unit, we will study truths concerning two real life issues that you will be considering at this time: 1) money management and 2) career decisions. These lessons will encourage you to think about these issues and begin to plan how you can make godly, wise choices based on the Word of God to fulfil the plan God has for you.

Unit Central Truth: Every gift is from God; therefore, God expects us to be wise in managing our money and choosing careers.

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God the Giver

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Memory Verse – Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, Who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:17 (NIV)

A Leaf FROM LIFE



The Giver of All Things Good

Every day is a gift from God, a present for us to unfold the blessings of His splendour in the green pastures of His fold.

It is there where we will find, a Shepherd to lead us into valleys peaceful filled with faith and trust.

Every day is a gift from God, a treasure for us to explore the bounty of His goodness to soak in and to absorb.

It is there where we will find, all that is good and perfect coming down from heaven for us to daily inspect.

Every day is a gift to us, from the Giver of all good things a treasure trove of blessings... that each new morning brings!

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How often do you thank God for the gift of a new day?

In what ways do you show gratitude to God for your accomplishments and possessions?

Bible Focus

Deuteronomy 8:1-18;
Proverbs 3:9-10;
Malachi 3:10

CENTRAL TRUTH
Everything we have comes from God to be used for His glory and the good of others.

CENTRAL TRUTH APPLICATION

To what extent do you believe that all that you have comes from God?

What has been your attitude to using your talents, gifts, and possessions to honour God?



BIBLE FOCUS

Introduction

**Deuteronomy 8: 1-18;
Proverbs 3:9-10; Malachi 3:10**

In Deuteronomy 8:1-18, Moses reminded the Israelites of God's grace and mercy throughout their 40-year journey from bondage in Egypt to the Promised Land. He impressed upon them the importance of remembering their deliverance, and how God provided for their physical needs. He urged them to be obedient to God's commands. The Israelites were also warned against taking God's provisions and protection for granted and forgetting God when they were prospering, and all was going well.

The passages in Proverbs 3:9-10 and Malachi 3:10 deal with the privilege of tithing and is applicable to youth. We are reminded that all we have are blessings from God. We are commanded to use our possessions to honour God. The act of honouring God by tithing includes giving our best to God and one tenth of our monetary blessings. When we honour God by tithing, He promises to bless us in ways far beyond our expectations. Whatever we give must be given willingly and generously.



BIBLE SEARCH

Read **Deuteronomy 8:1-18, Proverbs 3:9-10, Malachi 3:10 (NIV)** and answer the following questions:

1. How long did it take for the Israelites to journey from Egypt to the Promised Land? _____
2. Why did God allow the journey of the Israelites to their promised land to last that long? _____

3. What provisions did God make for the Israelites as they journeyed to the land they were promised? _____

4. What benefits would the Israelites gain if they obeyed the commands of God? _____
5. What was God warning the Israelites against in Deuteronomy 8:17-18? _____
6. How should one honour God with one's wealth, and what are the rewards? _____
7. What is the meaning of tithing? _____

8. What are some ways in which one can benefit from being a tither? _____

Personal Learning ACTIVITY



A. Write three responses which support or oppose the statement below:
"Youth should not be expected to tithe."

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

B.i. Calculate the total amount of money you receive each week.

ii. Make a plan of how best you can spend your weekly allowances in order to ensure that you tithe. You could use the following headings to assist you in your plan as well as include your own headings.

- | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| 1. Tithe | _____ % | 5. Personal Items | _____ % |
| 2. Savings | _____ % | 6. _____ | _____ % |
| 3. Food | _____ % | 7. _____ | _____ % |
| 4. Transportation | _____ % | 8. _____ | _____ % |

C. Write a poem expressing your desire to give God your best and gratitude to God for three blessings you received last week.

The Lesson and Me

I believe that all that I have are blessings from God. I need to show gratitude to God for all His blessings. LORD, please help me to honour You with the best of my talents, my time and my monetary resources.

Guard Against Covetousness

January 12

Memory Verse – *But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.*

1 Timothy 6:6-7 (NIV)

A Leaf FROM LIFE



Marcus: Hey, Greg. What's up?

Greg: Nothing much. I'm great.

Marcus: Greg, you can't fool me. What's wrong?

Greg: Remember when you showed me the laptop your dad bought you?

Marcus: Yeah.

Greg: Well, I asked my dad for one like yours. I told him about all the cool features. He said he would think about it and I gave him some time. But this morning when I asked he said no.

Marcus: Did you ask him why?

Greg: Nope. I was too upset. I just told him that he's unfair and walked away.

Marcus: Greg, I don't think you should have done that. Maybe he said no because he can't afford it.

Greg: Marcus, you'll never understand. You get to eat out at restaurants, you have designer clothes and the latest phones and you get a lot of money for your weekly allowance. If I had half of that I'd be fine. You have parents who'll give you anything you want. I haven't even seen my mom since my sixth birthday. So you can't tell me anything.

Marcus: I didn't mean to upset you, Greg.

Greg: Well, you did. Just leave me alone.

Is Greg justified in how he feels? Why?

What wise advice could you give to Greg about his attitude concerning what he does not have?

Bible Focus

Exodus 20:17;
Luke 12:15-21;
Hebrews 13:5

CENTRAL TRUTH

Contentment and trusting God's promises to provide for our needs will prevent us from being covetous.

CENTRAL TRUTH APPLICATION

How can I be content with the little I have when my peers have more than they need?

How does being content and trusting God relate to faithful stewardship?



BIBLE FOCUS

Introduction

**Exodus 20:17; Luke 12:15-21;
Hebrews 13:5**

In Exodus 20:17, God commanded the Israelites to refrain from coveting their neighbour's material possessions, wives, and servants. So, when a man requested that Jesus intervene in a matter concerning the fair distribution of an inheritance, Jesus ignored the man's request (Luke 12:13-14). Instead, through a parable, Jesus seized the opportunity to teach about covetousness, the wise use of one's wealth, and the connection between greed and covetousness.

In the parable (Luke 12:16-20), a farmer who reaped an abundant harvest of grain prided himself in his possessions. He planned to construct larger storages for the rich harvest and to spend his wealth lavishly on himself. That would make him happy. But because he did not have control over his life or death, he died leaving all his wealth behind.

This parable teaches that material possessions do not necessarily bring happiness. We need to show gratitude to God for His blessings and honour Him with the blessings He showers on us. Our relationship with God is of far greater importance than material possessions in this world and after we die.

The writer, in Hebrews 13:5, encouraged believers to be content with what they had and to guard against the greed for money. God will always care about our concerns and will supply all our needs. Covetous youth who do not change their attitude become greedy, covetous adults.



BIBLE SEARCH

Read the **Bible Focus: Exodus 20:17; Luke 12:15-21; Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)**. Complete the statements by filling in the blank spaces with the appropriate letters. The first letter of each word has been provided.

1. You shall not covet your neighbour's h_____, s_____, s_____ and a_____.
2. Be on your g_____ against all kinds of g_____.
3. Life does not consist in an a_____ of p_____.
4. Your l_____ will be d_____ from you.
5. This is how it will be with whoever s_____ up things for themselves but is not r_____ toward God.
6. Keep your lives f_____ from the l_____ of m_____.
7. Be c_____ with what you h_____.
8. God has said, "Never will I l_____ you; never will I f_____ you."

Personal Learning ACTIVITY



A. In the table below, list three things that you think you covet. State how you can guard against coveting these things.

Things I Covet	Ways in Which I Can Guard Against Coveting These Things
1.	
2.	
3.	

B.i. Write down three crimes often committed in your country that you believe have been caused by greed.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

ii. How do you think that young people can avoid getting involved in these crimes?

The Lesson and Me

I recognise that there are some things that I covet, I need to show gratitude for the blessings that I receive from God. I need always to trust God to supply my needs and to use His blessings to honour Him.