

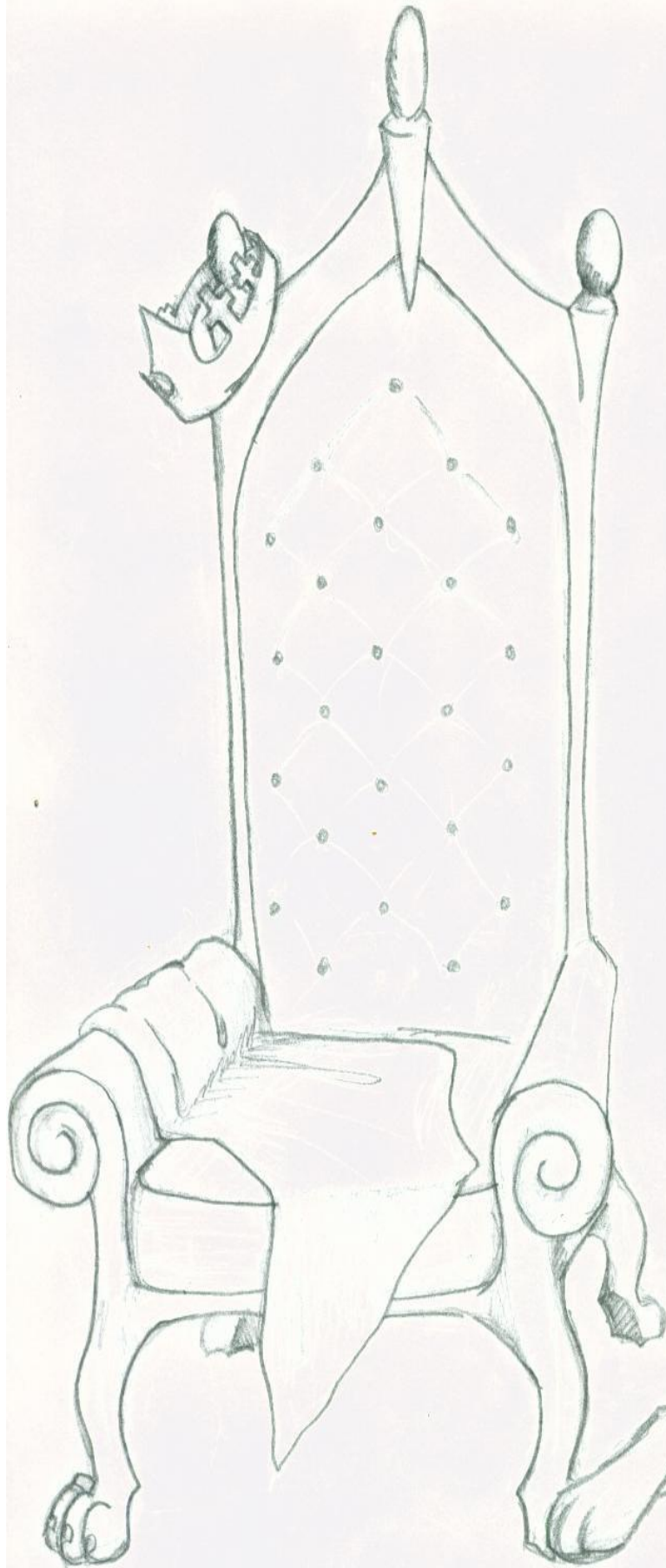
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Workbook

# Who's Really In Control

Great for  
Self Study or  
Group Study

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Is Jesus - the Lion  
of the Tribe of  
Judah - on the  
throne in your  
life?

Pencil Sketch by Angelique Ritchie

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### Introduction:

1. What is the purpose of this book?

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2. Do you believe that “everything happens for a reason?” If you’re studying this as a group, discuss each person’s answer.

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3. What type of relationship does God want with His creation?

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4. Name the two classes of people.

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5. Evaluate your personal life and the life of your church. Do you pose a threat to the enemy by your daily lifestyle? Write out your thoughts.

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Does your church pose a threat against the enemy? Write down any areas of the church you are (or could be) involved in that is actively involved in fighting the enemy and/or enlarging the kingdom.

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6. Write down your thoughts and discuss openly in class what the difference is between religion and relationship.

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7. What does Paul teach in 2Corinthians about the letter versus the spirit of the law?

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8, Describe a WIIFMite.

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9. What is one way Satan has been successful in keeping people from their true destiny?

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10. What is our true destiny?

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11. According to John 10:10, what is Satan's plan for us and what is God's plan for us?

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12. Why do we have such things as diseases, birth deformities, viruses, etc., in this world?

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13. Who has authority over the sin nature?

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14. Read John 9:1-5. Have a group discussion concerning the meaning of Jesus' words. Write down your own thoughts.

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15. How is “truth” described in this book and what two things must we avoid?

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16. Read and discuss “The Pen” as a group. Write down any personal thoughts.

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### Chapter One

#### What is the Definition of Control?



1. Write out your definition of the word control.

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2. How does God control us?

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3. What does John 15:5 mean to you? Discuss this as a group.

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4. What determines a person's success or failure in life?

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Discuss among the group specific circumstances that two people can go through but handle differently, and how the outcome might be different. Write down any personal thoughts.

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5. What is the 'fruit' that is referred to in John 15:5?

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6. What will eventually become of our life's works?

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7. Discuss among the group what types of works will not survive the fire and what types of works will survive the fire. Write down your thoughts.

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### Chapter Two

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1. Write out your definition of the word “influence.”

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2. What was Cain’s offering to God?

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3. What was Abel’s offering to God?

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4. Why did God accept Abel’s offering but not Cain’s?

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5. Discuss how our “offerings” sometimes reflect Cain more so than Abel.

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6. Who controls the sin nature in our lives?

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7. Explain the IF/THEN principle found in the Bible.

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8. What causes us to receive God's blessings in life according to Deuteronomy 28?

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9. What causes us to receive curses in our lives according to Deuteronomy 28?

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10. What is God telling us in Ezekiel 3:18-19 about the control he has given us on this earth concerning other people?

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11. Name two reasons it was important for Jonah to obey God?

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12. Where does God's control begin and our control begin?

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13. What is God's ultimate plan when it comes to blessing our giving?

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14. What happens when you stop seeking the Blessor and only seek the blessing?

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15. Every act of evil and disobedience and every act of obedience is an act of what?

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16. Explain how God does things in multiple layers, using John 18:4-6 as an example.

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17. Explain how God does things in multiple layers using the crucifixion of Jesus as an example.

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18. Have you ever experienced God's protective hand? Write out what you learned from it and share with the group.

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19. What has the power of life and death according to Proverbs 18:21?

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20. If you want God's protection and His blessings, then God must be a

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### Chapter Three

#### God's Divine Influence



1. How did God take what Satan meant for evil in Joseph's life and turn it to His glory?

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2. How is Joseph a great example of how all Christians should act?

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3. How many years passed from the time God gave Joseph the dreams of being a leader until the fulfillment of the dreams?

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4. What was God's ultimate plan for Joseph?

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5. What possible reason would God have for suggesting to Satan that he should consider Job as a target?

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6. What was God's ultimate plan for Job?

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7. At what point in Job's series of troubles did he finally start complaining?

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8. What was the cause of Satan's fall from heaven?

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9. Which story in the Bible proves that Satan does not know all things like God does?

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10. What was God's ultimate purpose for Jesus dying on the cross?

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11. What do we gain IF we walk in faith?

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12. What was God's ultimate purpose for Jesus being beaten?

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13. What Scripture tells us that Jesus could have made a choice not to die on the cross?

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14. How do we know that God and Jesus are one?

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15. Write out 1 John 4:8:

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16. Write out Matthew 5:17:

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17. Write out Romans 13:10:

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18. Considering the above four scriptures together, why did Jesus fulfill the law?

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19. How did Steven in the book of Acts show this same kind of love to mankind?

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20. According to 1 Peter 4:8, what effect does love have?

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21. How did Jesus influence Saul?

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22. Who did Paul influence?

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23. To whom did God use Paul to witness to primarily?

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24. Look at the word "availability." When you avail yourself to God, what does he give you in return?

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25. When Paul was imprisoned for doing what God told him to do, what was Paul's response?

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26. When we become Christians and are obedient to Christ, will God save us from any and all troubles in life?

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27. According to 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, why should we delight in our own weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, etc.?

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28. According to James 1:2-4, why should we count it a joy to suffer trials?

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### Chapter Four

#### You Can Have What You Say

1. Since God spoke everything into existence, what reason can we say our words have power also?

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2. What is one of the biggest tools Satan uses against us?

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3. Since Satan wouldn't be able to deceive with "obvious lies," what method does he use to deceive people?

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4. What is Satan's goal for deceiving Christians?

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5. What happens to thoughts left unguarded?

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6. Why should Christians not be involved in hypnosis?

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7. If God's spiritual law is "the power of words," what is Satan's counterfeit?

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8. What scripture tells us that God forbids his children from experimenting with the psychic realm?

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9. According to Ezekiel 13:6, what does God call people who claim to have psychic powers?

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10. What happens, according to James 1:14-15, when we don't take captive thoughts of temptation?

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11. From a godly perspective, how does the power of our words control certain aspects of our lives?

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12. Write out Deuteronomy 30:19.

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13. Do you believe what God told Moses in the above scripture applies to us today?

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14. According to Proverbs 18:21, how do we choose life or death, blessings or curses?

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15. Why do Christians sometimes fail to see the manifestation of their blessings?

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16. According to Daniel 10:12-13, can God's answer to our prayers be delayed? And if they can, how are they delayed?

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17. Write out the following scriptures in order to engraft them firmly in your mind.

Proverbs 10:19-21: \_\_\_\_\_

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Proverbs 12:18: \_\_\_\_\_

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Proverbs 13:3: \_\_\_\_\_

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Proverbs 21:23: \_\_\_\_\_

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18. Who is responsible for guarding our tongues AND for the consequences of what we speak? \_\_\_\_\_

19. How do we benefit from or suffer the consequences of God's laws?

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20. According to James 3:5 and 6, what corrupts the whole person and can set the course of his life on fire?

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21. According to Proverbs 26:20, what will ensure that a quarrel dies down?

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22. What scripture is often used by the "name it and claim it" believing Christians.

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23. Many people believe that money is evil and Christians should not be wealthy. What does God say, in 1 Timothy 6:10, is the root of all kinds of evil?

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24. Why do people who are eager for money wander from the faith?

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25. What is the reward of the righteous according to Proverbs 13:21?

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26. Who are “the righteous” and why are they called righteous?

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### Chapter Five

### Walk in His Ways



1. Write out Moses' request to God as recorded in Exodus 33:13.

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2. What common theme is found in Deuteronomy 5:33, 26:17, and 1Kings 2:2-3?

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3. What are three requirements, according to the above scriptures, to walk in God's ways?

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- b. 

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- c. 

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4. Write out Isaiah 30:21 and share a story where you heard God's voice and obeyed or disobeyed and what the consequences were.

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5. According to Deuteronomy 30:15-16, what must we do in order to gain God's blessing?

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6. Read 2 Kings 6:8-23. Are you more like Elisha or his servant? List some things you would like to intentionally change in your life in order to be more like Elisha.

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7. When we do what is right in the eyes of God, as individuals or as a nation, what consequences can we expect?

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8. List the Ten Commandments by memory and then turn to Exodus 20:3-17 to see how many you got right.

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b. \_\_\_\_\_

- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_
- f. \_\_\_\_\_
- g. \_\_\_\_\_
- h. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. \_\_\_\_\_
- j. \_\_\_\_\_

9. List some things today that could be considered idols.

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10. What is the danger of worshipping the pastor of a church?

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11. What is the purpose of a pastor according to Ephesians 4:11?

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12. What does Jesus instruct us to do concerning leaders that are not walking the walk?

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13. When you perform an act to gain attention, respect, or recognition from a human being, what is your reward?

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14. Why is there no reward from God when an act, even an act that is considered “godly,” is performed for man’s benefit?

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15. List some ways spiritual leaders can exalt themselves above others.

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16. Write out Matthew 23:11-12.

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17. What is the most godly characteristic Christians should possess?

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18. Name some other common godly moral characteristics we should possess.

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19. Describe a Sunday Morning Christian:

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20. What moral character did Abraham possess that showed he walked in the ways of God?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

21. What moral character did Moses possess that showed he walked in the ways of God?

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22. What moral charters did David possess that showed he walked in the ways of God?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

23. Who walked in the ways of God to the point of being taken from this earth at the young age of 365 years?

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24. What did Jesus do to show that he walked in the ways of God?

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### Trials and Tribulations

1. Describe in your own words a wolf in sheep's clothing:

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2. What is our best defense against the enemy who often times shows up as an angel of light?

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3. What does the Bible say covers over a multitude of sins?

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4. Write out the first part of Psalm 35.

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**5.** What is the only effective way to fight the enemy?

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**6.** Describe how Anne “walked in the ways of God” during her trials and tribulations with Barb.

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b. \_\_\_\_\_

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c. \_\_\_\_\_

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**7.** Is your lifestyle reflected in the character of the friends you choose?

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### Chapter Seven

#### Don't Over-spiritualize

1. Why does sin run rampant on the earth?

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2. Who does the Bible say is the ruler of this earth?

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3. What problems do we see as a result of sin running rampant?

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4. When negative things happen in life, is it always an attack of the enemy?

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5. Why do some negative things happen to Christians?

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6. What is the biblical thing to do when negative events happen?

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7. What causes a person to win or lose over a negative situation in their life?

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8. Blaming God and Satan for everything in life is but one way we over-spiritualize. List another way we over-spiritualize.

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9. Explain in your own words what is meant by “being so spiritually minded that you’re no earthly good, or so earthly minded that you’re no spiritual good.”

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10. Is the God of the Universe, the great I AM, concerned about the “little things in life” such as our pets, our lost car keys, or our personal desires?

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11. Explain the saying “A person with an opinion can never convince a person with an experience.”

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### Conclusion

1. How many years were there between the time God told Abraham he would have children and when the promised son was born?

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2. As Christians, we must take an active role in:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_

- b. \_\_\_\_\_

- c. \_\_\_\_\_

3. How are we irresponsible by believing that everything is predestined by God and therefore blame Him when things go wrong?

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4. How can we use the story of Cain and Able to validate the belief that everything is not foreordained by God?

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5. What is required on our part for God to involve himself in our lives?

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6. Even as Christians, does God respect our rights to live the life we want to live rather than the life He wants us to live?

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7. What does Paul instruct us to do in 2 Timothy 4:1-4:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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8. When we refuse to take personal responsibility for our actions we eventually “turn our ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.” In light of the world around you today, describe what you think Paul meant by this.

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