

LEVELS TWO, THREE AND FOUR

Progressively, these steps follow the same basic pattern as level one with the following exceptions:

LEVEL TWO: The student examines the who's who, the events, the Life of Christ and the church of Christ via the study of AUTHORITY. Special attention in this level focuses on the fact **GOD IS IN CHARGE**. The various contrasts found within Scripture showing the good resulting from obedience to God's Authority as opposed to the horrendous consequences when God's Authority is not followed becomes the subject matter through this level. Such grants the student a firm foundation of the REQUIRED authority of God in all we say and do (Colossians 3:17). As with all other steps, testing of the student's comprehension should exist no less than every four to six weeks through each of the four steps of study. In this particular series, every four weeks prove extremely profitable as you enter the areas of "Why can't the church do?" or "Why does the church do?" It is here comparative arguments abound for most students and the proof of Scripture will need to be abundant and the teaching patient.

LEVEL THREE: The student examines these same basic materials (expanding into greater depth of study of course – including different who's who, events, etc.) and on this level answers an abundance of questions regarding ISSUES OF LIFE. Moral issues, social concerns (both then and now), idolatry (then and now) paganisms, various cultures, etc. find their discussion at this level. Obviously, students may have more questions than those proposed in the course of the study. Use them! Be able to instruct the student in the literal fact of God's Word being the answer to every situation of life (2 Peter 1:3). Show various examples of the ills of fornication, lusts, drunkenness, lying, theft, situation ethics, etc. as you journey through this level. Here again, patience must present itself in great abundance, with testing every four to six weeks. **DO NOT FORGET THE NECESSITY OF REVIEW** in these levels of study. Remember each level must combine with the others in order to bring the complete picture into focus.

LEVEL FOUR: Theoretically, this is the last level of the series. But remember, this is only IN THEORY. The achievement of this level is directly dependant upon the student's PROVEN comprehensive abilities. At this level, studies following generally the same course of direction (with expanding who's who, events, etc.) should involve the student in the strongest segment of STENGHTHENING FAITH. It is in this level that a deep appreciation for the faith of Noah, Job and Daniel are discovered and applied. Here we would study the greatness of men's resolve like Ezra and Nehemiah, the stoning of Steven in the church, and the examination of the first Christians put to death for their faith. It is here we would examine the more difficult challenges of Scripture including Ezekiel and Daniel and even Revelation: but not from an historical view; rather from a LET'S BE PREPARED view for our own applications to this time world. Again, testing is very important. Various and sundry questions may well arise in this level – some of which are not "planned" in any fashion. The teacher must be prepared to address these matters quickly, but NOT without

deep and fervent study WITH the student. It is here strongly suggested that various projects of “research” find inclusion in the student’s study. Permit him/her to use their proven skills to this level in dealing with various individual FAITH issues in their lives and help them see clearly the Scriptural pattern for release from temptation and the direction of truth and righteousness.



While this material is a lengthy discussion of the outlined proposal, it is just as obvious there is flexibility within the steps of each level. Within this brief outline, there is no possible way to detail each lesson proposed over the course of twelve years of less. Still, it is my prayer this has provided a sampling that through diligence and determination, teachers who factually CARE about the well being of the souls within this charge will see the value of BUILDING their comprehension rather than “expecting” same as considered through secular means and more tested INDIVIDUAL spiritual fashion.

Should this system meet with your approval, all suggested lessons can be finalized and ready for distribution by 1 January 2010. From this basic level, testing will reveal how many souls are NOW ready for advancement, and how many need the reception of additional teaching to make their foundation sure and steadfast. Inasmuch as this system requires ALL members of this local work to involve themselves in the same study initially, we could potentially see three to six months of studying the same things until the testing showed a necessity to expand the material. Once expanded however, every member would have a PERSONALLY PLANNED PROGRAM OF STUDY by which to someone or more they would be accountable as they not only LEARNED, they would in effect teach others who are endeavoring their maturation of truth and righteousness.

Further, this system would permit easy access for a “new convert” or any interested student of the Scriptures to start with the basics and PROVE his/her comprehension in patient deliberate fashion. Class structure as we presently know it may decline in favor of individualized couples in each room studying to show themselves approved: in other words, people helping people to learn what they need to know rather than what we EXPECT them to know based on chronological and/or assigned grade levels.

This is indeed a COMPREHESIVE BIBLE STUDY PLAN that does work if implemented with prayer and zeal for determined success!!