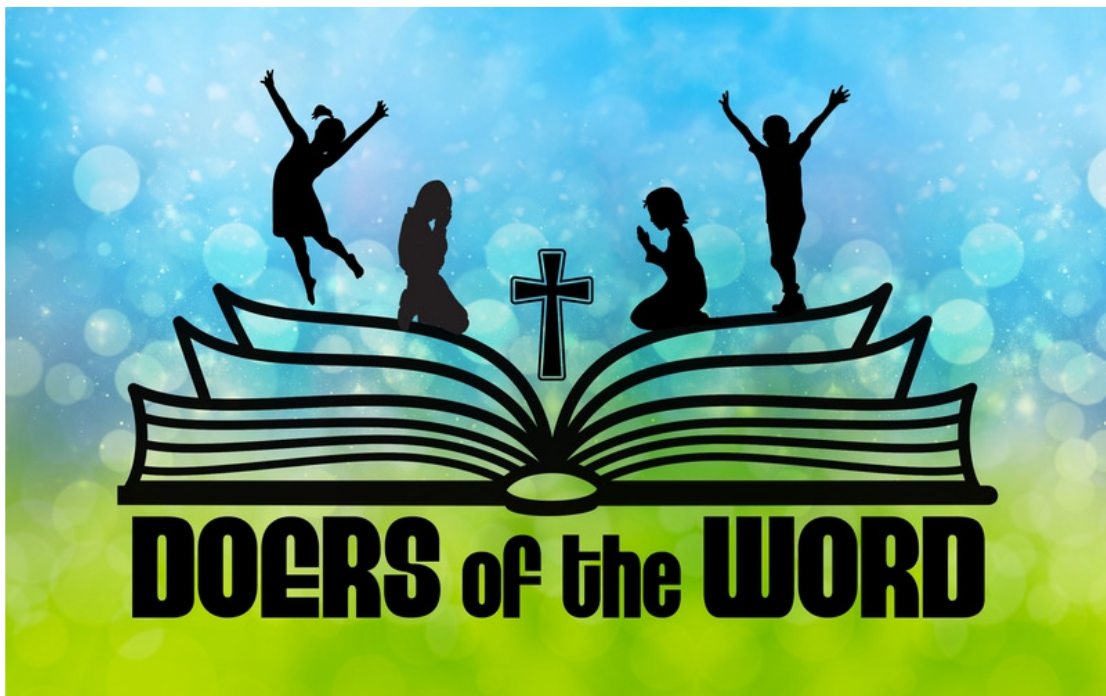


*The Light - Junior Series*

*Lesson 141*

*Practical Sanctification: Doers of the Word  
Obeying Jesus Everyday by Learning His Word*



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## **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

*Jesus Christ, God's Son, loves us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to go to the cross, take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sins of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior, died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again from the dead and He is alive today seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven. Believe in the Lord, Jesus Christ and you will be saved and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. (Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave is One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



## **LESSON**



Hi Kids, here we are today getting to hear from Jesus on this same subject from James that we had in our last lesson. That would be on being doers of the Word

and not just hearers only...in other words, obeying and serving Jesus...behaving just like Him. That is our daily practical sanctification.

After we hear from Jesus, we'll hear a little more from Paul. We are concentrating on looking at and reading the Scripture verses today. So, get ready there's a lot of God's Word coming your way. Let's dig in. This is the BEST part of your day. Never forget that. When you fill your soul with God's Word, the MIND of JESUS, you will grow up spiritually and you will not only please the Lord, but you will have so much confidence, peace and wisdom...knowing what to do in every situation in your life.

Let's hear from Jesus first in [Luke 6:46-49](#). **"Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? (47) Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: (48) he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the flood burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. (49) But the one who has heard and has not acted accordingly (obeyed Jesus), is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the flood burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great."**

Here we have Jesus teaching us who He is and the pharisees arguing with Him because they hate Him and do not believe that He is the promised Messiah in John 8:12-32. "Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, **'I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.'** (13) So, the Pharisees said to



Him, 'You are testifying about Yourself; Your testimony is not true.' (14) Jesus answered and said to them, 'Even if I testify about Myself, **My testimony is true**, for I know where I came from (heaven) and where I am going (back to heaven); but you do not know where I come from or where I

am going. (15) You judge according to the flesh (worldly thinking NOT God's thinking); I am not judging anyone. (16) **But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone in it, but I and the Father who sent Me.** (17) Even in your law it has been written that the testimony of two men is true. (18) I am He who testifies about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me. (19) So they were saying to Him, 'Where is Your Father?' Jesus answered, 'You don't know Me or My Father; if you knew Me (from the Old Testament Scriptures that prophesized about Jesus), you would know My Father also.' (20) These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one seized Him, because His hour (to die on the cross) had not yet come. (21) Then He said again to them, 'I go away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come (heaven because they do not believe Him or in Him).' (22) So, the Jews were saying, 'Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, "Where I am going, you cannot come?"' (23) And He was saying to them, 'You are from **below** (from the world and the devil), I am from **above** (heaven); you are of this world, **I am not of this world.** (24) Therefore, I said to you that you will die in your sins (because they do not believe); for **unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.'** (25) So, they were saying to Him, 'Who are You?' Jesus said to them, 'What have I been saying to you from the beginning? (26) I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and the things

which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world (so the Jews and the Gentiles would believe in Him).' (27) They did not realize that He had been speaking to them about the Father. (28) So, Jesus said, 'When you lift up the Son of Man (on the cross), then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but **I speak these things as the Father taught Me.** (29) And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him (He is teaching us to be just like him and obey the Father).' (30) As He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him. (31) So, Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, 'If **you continue in My word,** then you are truly disciples of Mine; (32) and **you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.**'"

We read what Jesus asked: "**Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?**" Anyone who comes to Him and hears His words and believes and acts on them is like a man who secured his house on the rock foundation. When the flood hit, it could not shake that house.



But the one who hears Jesus but doesn't believe Him or do what He says is like a man who built his house on the sand. It was destroyed when the rain and floods and winds came.

That's what happens to the souls of people who do not believe what the Lord tells them to do. Their souls become unstable and when troubles hit and batters their souls can't handle it.

What will we do, kids? Will we keep it together or will we fall apart? It all comes down to whether we believe Jesus and the Word of the Lord and act on it by obeying Him or not. We **MUST DO** what He tells us to do! We must trust in Him to help us in our times of need and trouble.

Jesus tells His disciples on the night before He went to the cross to love and serve one another as He did for them. They were blessed when they obeyed and trusted Him and we will be, too, if we do exactly that.



"Serve one another through love" (Gal. 5:13).

Teaching Picture  
Jesus Washed the Disciples' Feet

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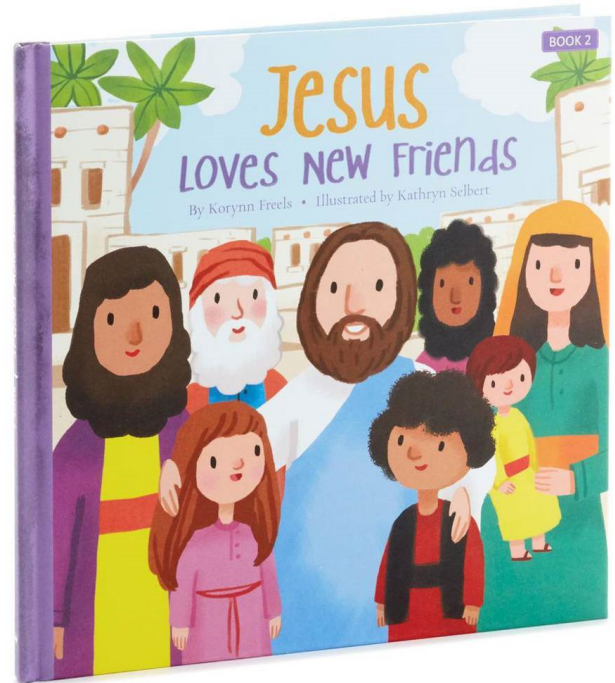
Look at John 13:12-17. "So, when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and lounged at the table again, He said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? (13) You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. (14) If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. (15) For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. (16)

Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one (Jesus) who is sent greater than the one (the Father) who sent Him. (17) If you know these things, **you are blessed if you do them.**"

If we obey His commandments, if we love one another just as He has loved us, our joy will be complete, and we will be a friend of the Lord! John 15:10-14 "If you keep My commandments, you will live in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and live in His love. (11) These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. (12) **This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.** (13) Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. (14) You are My friends (He died for them and us on the cross) if you do what I command you."



There is no greater joy or more complete joy than that of becoming a friend of the Lord. He insists that we all be doers of the Word, and not simply hearers who fool themselves by the clever lie of the devil, who tries to get us to believe that it doesn't matter if we serve the Lord or not because we are under His grace. That is a lie. Never fall for it. After our salvation we MUST obey the Lord by serving Him and we do that by serving and loving others.



Now, after hearing from James and Paul in our earlier lessons about the importance of being a doer of God's Word, we attended the classroom of Jesus to listen to Him on the same subject. It's so powerful to hear it from Jesus Himself, isn't it? It should make us want to please Him since He sacrificed Himself for our souls' sakes...so we can have eternal life with Him forever. Be grateful for that and serve Him.



Do you remember how concerned James was about this in our other lessons? Now, let's see how the apostle Paul is just as concerned about this as James was. Paul proves it is a lie that grace means it doesn't matter what we do after we are saved as long as we believe.

Paul showed us how the gospel of Jesus Christ includes the fulfillment of the righteousness in us who walk according to the Spirit by obeying Jesus.

We are to live a life after salvation where we consistently stop doing the bad, receive the Word implanted in our souls, and start doing the good by obeying Jesus and serving Him by serving others whenever we can.

John 14:23-24 "Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will obey My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make our home with him. (24) He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the Word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.'" We find this described by Paul in Galatians 5 and Colossians 3...DOING and not simply hearing...obeying Jesus.

Paul deals with the clever lie (what matters is what I believe, not whether or not I live according to what I believe) in the book of Galatians. Let's look.

Gal 5:13-26 "For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh (sinning), but through love serve one another. (14) For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, '**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**' (15) But if you bite and destroy one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. (16) But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh (sinning). (17) For the flesh sets its desire against the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit against the flesh; for these are against one another, so that you may not do the (bad) things that you please. (18) But if you are led by the Holy Spirit, you are not under the Law. (19) Now the deeds of the flesh are clear, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, (20) idolatry, magic, hatreds, fighting, jealousy, outbursts of anger, arguments, conflicts, divisions, (21) envying, drunkenness, bad

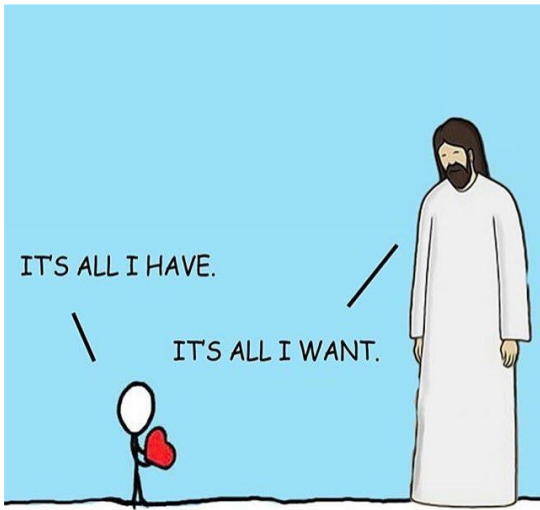


partying, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit (rewards) the kingdom of God. (22) But **the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control;** against such things there is no law. (24) Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh (used self-control from the Holy Spirit to not sin) with its passions and desires. (25) If we live by means of the Spirit, let us also walk by means of the Spirit. (26) Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another."

And Paul writes about the so very importance of love in Col 3:1-17.

"Therefore, if you have been raised up with Christ (and we have), keep looking for **the things from above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God (the Father). (2) **Set your mind on the things above, not on**

**the things that are on earth.** (3) For you have died (with Christ on the cross) and your life is hidden with Christ in God (the Father). (4) When Christ, who is our life, is revealed (at the Rapture), then you also will be revealed with Him in glory (in resurrection bodies like Jesus' resurrection body). (5) Therefore, **consider** the members of your **earthly body** as **dead**



**to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry (loving the world).** (6) For it is because of these things that the anger of God will come upon the sons of disobedience (unbelievers), (7) and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. (8) But now you also, **put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.** (9) **Do not lie to one another,** since you laid aside the old self (man flesh) with its **evil practices,** (10) and

have put on the new self (man) who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One (Jesus) who created him (11) a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek (all non-Jews) and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all. (12) So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, **put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;** (13) **bearing with one another, and forgiving each other,** whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you (forgive one another). (14) Beyond all these things put **on love,** which is the perfect bond of unity. (15) Let **the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,** to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. (16) **Let the Word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom** teaching and warning one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (17) Whatever you **do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."**

And it is Paul after all who gives us all this divine advise to take care of ONE ANOTHER!

Let's close with some wonderful Bible advise: the fear (respect) of the Lord is the BEGINNING of Wisdom and love is the GOAL (END) of Wisdom. Prov 9:10 "The fear (respect) of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

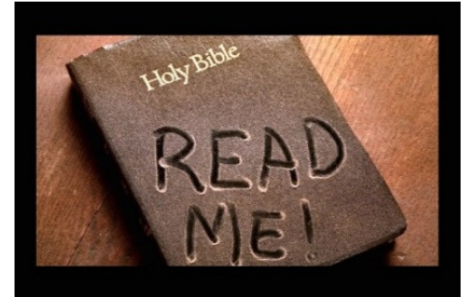




1 Tim 1:5 "But the goal of our instruction is **love** from a **pure heart** and a **good conscience** and a **sincere faith**. Perfect love takes away fear."

So, until next time, stay in God's Word...obey Jesus.

Close in prayer.



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