

SOUTH CREEK #201: MATURITY CLASS

INTRODUCTION:

(1) THE PURPOSE OF THE CLASS

(2) THE FOCUS OF THE CLASS

(3) WHAT IS “SPIRITUAL MATURITY”?

(4) THE FACTS ABOUT SPIRITUAL MATURITY

a. FACT #1 – IT’S NOT AUTOMATIC

b. FACT #2 – IT’S A PROCESS

c. FACT #3 – IT TAKES DISCIPLINE

(5) UNDERSTANDING DISCIPLESHIP

a. REAL BELIEVERS ARE CALLED “DISCIPLES”

b. ONCE CANNOT BE A GROWING DISCIPLE WITHOUT BEING DISCIPLINED

c. THE MORE DISCIPLINED ONE BECOMES THE MORE THEY GROW AND ARE USED BY GOD

d. THE MARK OF DISCIPLE IS CROSS BEARING

e. CROSS BEARING IS TO BE DONE DAILY

f. WHAT’S INVOLVED IN CROSS BEARING?

g. TO BE A GROWING DISCIPLE ONE MUST DEVELOP DISCIPLINED HABITS

(6) THE FOUR HABITS OF A DISCIPLE

- a. TIME IN GOD'S WORD
- b. TIME IN PRAYER
- c. TIME IN FELLOWSHIP
- d. GIVING YOUR RESOURCES

(7) THE DEFINITION OF A HABIT

(8) THE GOAL OF THE CLASS

(9) THE OVERVIEW OF THE CLASS

- a. DEVELOPING THE HABIT OF SPENDING TIME IN GOD'S WORD
- b. DEVELOPING THE HABIT OF SPENDING TIME IN PRAYER
- c. DEVELOPING THE HABIT OF SPENDING TIME IN FELLOWSHIP
- d. DEVELOPING THE HABIT OF GIVING YOUR RESOURCES

LESSON:

POINT #1 – DEVELOPING THE HABIT OF SPENDING TIME IN GOD'S WORD:

A) THE REASONS FOR STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES

REASON #1 – IT'S AN ACT OF OBEDIENCE

REASON #2 – IT'S THE SOURCE OF TRUTH

REASON #3 – IT'S THE SOURCE OF POWER

REASON #4 – IT REVEALS HOW GOD THINKS

REASON #5 – IT ENABLES US TO WORSHIP

B) THE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES

REQUIREMENT #1 – YOU MUST BE SAVED

REQUIREMENT #2 – YOU MUST BE HUNGRY

REQUIREMENT #3 – YOU MUST BE SEARCHING

REQUIREMENT #4 – YOU MUST BE OBEDIENT

REQUIREMENT #5 – YOU MUST BE CONTROLLED

REQUIREMENT #6 – YOU MUST BE PRAYERFUL

C) THE REWARDS FOR STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES

REWARD #1 – YOU WILL GROW SPIRITUALLY

REWARD #2 – YOU WILL OVERCOME SIN

REWARD #3 – YOU WILL HAVE GUIDANCE

REWARD #4 – YOU WILL REVER GOD

REWARD #5 – YOU WILL HAVE ANSWERS

REWARD #6 – YOU WILL PRAY EFFECTIVELY

REWARD #7 – YOU WILL EXPERIENCE HOPE

REWARD #8 – YOU WILL KNOW BLESSING

REWARD #9 – YOU WILL GAIN EXCITEMENT

D) THE RESPONSES TO STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES

NEGATIVE RESPONSES:

- 1) UNBELIEVERS NEGLECT GOD'S WORD**
- 2) UNBELIEVERS REJECT GOD'S WORD**
- 3) UNBELIEVERS DESPISE GOD'S WORD**
- 4) UNBELIEVERS ARE ASHAMED OF GOD'S WORD**

POSTIVE RESPONSES:

- 1) HERE IT**
- 2) RECEIVE IT**
- 3) BELIEVE IT**
- 4) OBEY IT**
- 5) REMEMBER IT**
- 6) THINK IT**
- 7) PRAY IT**
- 8) LOVE IT**
- 9) HONOR IT**

10) ENJOY IT

11) GUARD IT

12) DEFEND IT

13) SHARE IT

14) STUDY IT

E) THE ROUTINE FOR STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES

STEP #1 – AFFIRMATION

STEP #2 – PREPARTION

STEP #3 – OBSERVATION

- a) Begin with prayer**
- b) Read a passage repeatedly for 30 days**
- c) Look for the stated reason for the book**
- d) Watch for repeated words**
- e) Watch for the logical and chronological order of events**
- f) Compare Scripture with Scripture**
- g) Remember to ask the 5 W's and an H**
- h) Always check the context**

STEP #4 – INTERPRETATION

GUIDELINE #1 – INTERPRET CONTEXTUALLY

GUIDELINE #2 – INTERPRET LITERALLY

GUIDELINE #3 – INTERPRET HISTORICALLY

GUIDELINE #4 – INTERPRET GRAMMATICALLY

STEP #5 – MEDITATION

STEP #6 -- APPROPRIATION

STEP #7 – PROCLAMATION

F) THE RISK OF STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES

MAJOR ATTACKS:

ATTACK #1 – THE ACADEMIC ATTACK

ATTACK #2 – THE CULTIC ATTACK

ATTACK #3 – THE HYPOCRITICAL ATTACK

ATTACK #4 – THE LIBERAL ATTACK

MAJOR ERRORS:

ERROR #1 – SPIRITUALIZING

ERROR #2 – PROOFTEXTING

ERROR #3 – MISAPPROPRIATING

ERROR #4 – EMBELLISHING

ERROR #5 – ANGLICIZING

ERROR #6 – ISOLATING

ERROR #7 – EXPERIENTIALISM

ERROR #8 – ACCOMMODATION