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## LESSON 1

## SELF-TEST

After studying the lesson, please read each study question carefully and circle the correct response. There is only one correct response for each question.

1. *The principle of planning*
  - a) *originated from God.*
  - b) *is pointless, for life will simply happen.*
  - c) *has no basis in Scripture.*
2. *One main driving force for the success of great achievers in the Bible is that they*
  - a) *had natural wisdom and drive that was better than their peers.*
  - b) *knew how to build focus committees and coalitions.*
  - c) *were led by a God-given vision.*
3. *According to the lesson, the God-vision belongs to*
  - a) *the church.*
  - b) *God.*
  - c) *the recipient of the vision.*
4. *Name three elements of a vision from God.*
  - a) *A God-given vision is always divisive.*
  - b) *A God-given vision compels the recipient to act upon it.*
  - c) *The God-given vision is unclear and burdensome.*
5. *Jacob's vision of God resulted in*
  - a) *the scorching of his lips.*
  - b) *his being the apostle to the Gentiles.*
  - c) *his name change and hip dislocation.*
6. *Three people that the Bible specifically says had a vision from God are*
  - a) *Pilate, Hophni, and Nimrod.*
  - b) *Theophilus, Thomas, and Zerubbabel.*
  - c) *Paul, Isaiah, and Jacob.*
7. *The idea that "the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express" (Romans 8:26) suggests that the Holy Spirit*
  - a) *keeps us awake while we pray.*
  - b) *knows what we need better than we do ourselves.*
  - c) *is not interested in what we pray.*

8. *The main thing you can do as you seek a vision from God is to*
  - a) *read many books on vision.*
  - b) *earnestly fast and pray, and seek the face of God.*
  - c) *form a focus group of interested adults.*
9. *To receive God's vision for our lives, we position ourselves*
  - a) *to the east.*
  - b) *by kneeling humbly.*
  - c) *by being persistent, bold, and committed to the Lord.*
10. *One benefit of having a vision from God is that*
  - a) *it will make you wealthy.*
  - b) *you will never get out of God's will again.*
  - c) *the vision encourages accountability, candidness, and debate.*

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1. *We discover God's will most often through*
  - a) *Scripture.*
  - b) *friends.*
  - c) *circumstances.*
  
2. *The rigid person uses his or her mind but neglects his or her*
  - a) *relationships.*
  - b) *past.*
  - c) *heart.*
  
3. *Goals are necessary for success because*
  - a) *success will occur by chance.*
  - b) *goals help move people into the future.*
  - c) *only rich people have goals.*
  
4. *Which is a true statement?*
  - a) *The Bible forbids our setting goals.*
  - b) *In building the temple, Solomon was given no plans.*
  - c) *God's purpose prevails over human plans.*
  
5. *Faulty motives*
  - a) *produce healthy goals.*
  - b) *produce faulty goals.*
  - c) *please the Lord.*
  
6. *Judas' anger over the pouring of perfume on Jesus was*
  - a) *justified and righteous.*
  - b) *an example of godly stewardship.*
  - c) *motivated by Judas' greed.*
  
7. *One key to setting goals that honor God is*
  - a) *acceptance.*
  - b) *selfishness.*
  - c) *greed.*

8. When goal-setting, start with the \_\_\_\_\_ in mind.
  - a) beginning
  - b) middle
  - c) end
9. A false statement about SMART goals is that they
  - a) are attainable.
  - b) cannot be measured.
  - c) are specific.
10. Goal-setting is
  - a) your master.
  - b) not necessary for people of faith.
  - c) your servant.

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1. *In its simplest definition, an evangelist is someone who*
  - a) *travels from church to church holding special services.*
  - b) *devotes his or her life to proclaiming the gospel to the lost.*
  - c) *goes from door-to-door sharing the faith.*
2. *While some believers are gifted in evangelism, according to Acts 1:8, all of us are called to be Christ's*
  - a) *witnesses.*
  - b) *defenders.*
  - c) *friends.*
3. *Which term is not used to describe the spiritual condition of the lost?*
  - a) *Lost sheep*
  - b) *Slaves to sin*
  - c) *Alive in Christ*
4. *Any plan for sharing the message of the Gospel must include the fact that*
  - a) *God loves us and made full provision through Christ for our salvation.*
  - b) *we can get to heaven by being good.*
  - c) *everyone will eventually be saved.*
5. *The purpose of writing your personal testimony is to*
  - a) *show off your writing ability.*
  - b) *tell your story better.*
  - c) *detail your life of sin and remember those good old days.*
6. *Identify two roles the Holy Spirit plays in evangelism.*
  - a) *The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin.*
  - b) *He regenerates and renews us.*
  - c) *He gives understanding of the final judgment of sinners.*

7. *A good way to respond to people who question the Gospel message is to*
  - a) *teach them lovingly the message of Christ.*
  - b) *argue with them about the philosophies of life.*
  - c) *not even get into conversation with them in the first place.*
  
8. *Most people who come to Christ do so as a result of*
  - a) *evangelistic crusades.*
  - b) *the encouragement and influence of a friend or family member.*
  - c) *reading a Gospel tract.*
  
9. *The best time to begin discipling new believers is*
  - a) *immediately after they have received Christ into their lives.*
  - b) *after they have been a Christian for several months.*
  - c) *when they fully understand what it means to be a Christian.*
  
10. *You are more likely to be successful in leading someone to Christ if you*
  - a) *force the message of Christ on everyone you know.*
  - b) *wait for the perfect setting—when the person is grieving or in trouble.*
  - c) *concentrate your efforts on a list of specific people.*

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- Enrollment in the "School of the Master" is for*
  - those who are going into the ministry.*
  - those who want further training.*
  - every believer.*
- The goal of Jesus' discipleship training is to*
  - train believers in the art of getting along with other people.*
  - transform believers until they resemble Jesus Christ.*
  - help believers become skillful debaters.*
- The apostles' teaching to the early church was based on*
  - ancient philosophy.*
  - the Old Testament and Jesus' words.*
  - their wisdom gained through daily experience.*
- Responding to the Word of God includes two important dimensions:*
  - thinking and walking.*
  - trying and waiting.*
  - believing and doing.*
- The Christlike character is*
  - only for a few people.*
  - foundational for every believer.*
  - impossible to attain.*
- Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet*
  - showed His servanthood.*
  - encouraged the disciples to be lazy.*
  - set a bad example for other leaders.*
- Humility is important in our being teachable because humility*
  - makes us smarter than other people.*
  - is the queen of the virtues.*
  - makes us dependent on God.*

8. *The word Rabbi commonly means*
  - a) *teacher.*
  - b) *healer.*
  - c) *disciple.*
  
9. *According to Luke 6:40, which is true of the relationship between the student and the teacher?*
  - a) *The student will never become like the teacher.*
  - b) *The student is not above the teacher.*
  - c) *The student has no need of the teacher.*
  
10. *Jesus taught that to become great in the kingdom of God, you must*
  - a) *grow up and be a responsible adult.*
  - b) *have wealth and power.*
  - c) *be a servant.*

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1. *How does the Old Testament view servanthood?*
  - a) *Servanthood did not seem important in the Old Testament.*
  - b) *Servanthood was applied only to special people in the Old Testament.*
  - c) *Servanthood was a very important topic in the Old Testament.*
  
2. *In what way did Jesus teach the importance of servanthood?*
  - a) *He taught that servanthood was the mark of a true disciple.*
  - b) *He spoke about servanthood very little.*
  - c) *He said servanthood is only for leadership in the church.*
  
3. *How do good attitudes help us become better servants?*
  - a) *Having a good attitude is not that important for a servant.*
  - b) *Having a good attitude keeps a servant out of trouble.*
  - c) *Good attitudes like humility and submission are at the center of serving others.*
  
4. *Why is the motivation of love for others so important for a servant?*
  - a) *A loving servant can make more mistakes with fewer consequences.*
  - b) *Servants motivated by love are willing to serve others at any cost.*
  - c) *Serving others with love gives others a higher opinion of us.*
  
5. *Why is the Holy Spirit necessary for biblical servants?*
  - a) *The Holy Spirit does not help the servant that much.*
  - b) *The Holy Spirit empowers servants so they can effectively help others.*
  - c) *The Holy Spirit makes us feel better about ourselves.*

6. *According to the apostle Paul, the goal of biblical leadership is to*
  - a) *take care of the church business.*
  - b) *receive tithes and offerings.*
  - c) *build healthy servants of God.*
7. *According to the lesson, one danger that threatens servanthood is*
  - a) *not memorizing enough Scripture about servanthood.*
  - b) *disappointment that no one is complementing you about your servanthood.*
  - c) *pride that leads to selfish living.*
8. *One of the most effective ways to share Jesus with an unbeliever is to*
  - a) *serve the nonbeliever in a Christlike and compassionate manner.*
  - b) *preach to the nonbeliever every chance you get.*
  - c) *give the nonbeliever a lot of Christian literature.*
9. *What did Jesus say was the path to true greatness in the kingdom of God?*
  - a) *Studying the Bible for many hours a day*
  - b) *Telling others that you are a great servant of God*
  - c) *Serving others humbly*
10. *When we serve others in the name of the Lord, we*
  - a) *spoil them and teach them bad principles.*
  - b) *communicate their importance to us and to God.*
  - c) *do not help them to become better people.*

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1. *According to this lesson, the most important time management tool is*
  - a) *the calendar.*
  - b) *prayer.*
  - c) *the clock.*
2. *We are given time here on earth to*
  - a) *live fully and carelessly.*
  - b) *prepare for eternity.*
  - c) *condemn ourselves to more sin.*
3. *Which is a true statement about time?*
  - a) *Time cannot be retrieved once it is used.*
  - b) *Time has no value.*
  - c) *It is impossible to manage our time.*
4. *Priorities help us to achieve our primary goal, which is to*
  - a) *satisfy ourselves only.*
  - b) *please God.*
  - c) *please other people and ignore our own needs.*
5. *Our routines need to be in alignment with our values and*
  - a) *priorities.*
  - b) *people skills.*
  - c) *purses.*
6. *Time can be spent, saved, invested, or*
  - a) *heightened.*
  - b) *enjoyed.*
  - c) *wasted.*
7. *To say that each of us has an internal rhythm suggests*
  - a) *we all like the same type of music.*
  - b) *we are all morning people.*
  - c) *each of us functions best at a particular time and in a particular way.*

8. *Who is responsible for managing our time?*
  - a) *It is God's job to manage our time because He made us.*
  - b) *Our family is responsible for our time management.*
  - c) *We are responsible for our management of time.*
9. *Which of the following is not a common thief of time?*
  - a) *Planned moments devoted to prayer*
  - b) *Lack of planning*
  - c) *Indecision*
10. *Hurriedness is caused by*
  - a) *adequate planning.*
  - b) *poor time management.*
  - c) *new technology.*

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1. *Does God use our strengths or our weaknesses?*
  - a) *God primarily uses our strengths because He cannot tolerate our weaknesses.*
  - b) *God uses our weaknesses only.*
  - c) *God uses both our strengths and weaknesses.*
2. *The believer's gifts are intended to*
  - a) *advance God's kingdom.*
  - b) *make them rich.*
  - c) *be hidden.*
3. *The greatest gift God has given humanity is*
  - a) *the ability to read.*
  - b) *His only Son Jesus Christ.*
  - c) *the beauty of the earth.*
4. *Does everyone have a gift from God?*
  - a) *God has given everyone some gift to glorify Him.*
  - b) *Only preferred people have gifts from God.*
  - c) *We will never know for sure.*
5. *One truth the Parable of the Talents teaches is that*
  - a) *we are our own bosses.*
  - b) *God expects us to use what He has given us.*
  - c) *God understands our fear and will excuse us.*
6. *Jesus taught by using parables, which are*
  - a) *short stories.*
  - b) *miracles.*
  - c) *long, dreary sermons.*
7. *Which is not a basic necessity for human development?*
  - a) *The need for acceptance*
  - b) *The need to love and be loved*
  - c) *The need to eat three meals per day*

8. In Scripture, who is not referred to as a “servant of God”?
- a) Moses
  - b) Judas Iscariot
  - c) James
9. The Bible indicates that
- a) all people are basically the same in talents and disposition.
  - b) humans and animals have similar gifts and skills.
  - c) each person is unique and matchless in creation.
10. The first step towards discovering your God-given talent is to
- a) attend a Gifts seminar at a local church or university.
  - b) pray and fast for God’s desire in this area of your life.
  - c) visit a local psychologist and complete a series of personality tests.

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1. *The essential first step to becoming a leader in Christ's kingdom is to*
  - a) *ambitiously desire to be a leader.*
  - b) *be a faithful follower of Christ.*
  - c) *learn the skills of leadership.*
2. *The most common definition of leadership is*
  - a) *partnering.*
  - b) *hierarchy.*
  - c) *influence.*
3. *An effective leader is one who*
  - a) *directs and commands others.*
  - b) *learns to bring his or her power and authority under control.*
  - c) *is more concerned about success rather than character.*
4. *Which of the following statements is false?*
  - a) *Skillful leaders will not have any conflict in their organizations.*
  - b) *A true leader shares the credit with others.*
  - c) *Servant leaders show genuine concern for others.*
5. *Jesus said that those who desire to be leaders should first be*
  - a) *servants.*
  - b) *smart.*
  - c) *organized.*
6. *A biblical servant leader who experienced loneliness was*
  - a) *Pharaoh.*
  - b) *Judas Iscariot.*
  - c) *Moses.*
7. *Which of the following is not a skill belonging to a servant leader?*
  - a) *Learner*
  - b) *Tyrant*
  - c) *Communicator*

8. *In the Bible, Pharaoh's leadership illustrates the need for leaders to be*
  - a) *flexible.*
  - b) *humble.*
  - c) *hospitable.*
  
9. *According to Romans 12, we all have*
  - a) *the same gifts and abilities.*
  - b) *the ability to teach.*
  - c) *different gifts.*
  
10. *A helpful clue in determining your gift is knowing what*
  - a) *you enjoy doing.*
  - b) *requires the most effort.*
  - c) *brings you the most praise from others.*

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1. *In choosing the disciples—His team members—Jesus*
  - a) *sought for the greatest thinkers of His time.*
  - b) *called uneducated men.*
  - c) *consulted with the religious leaders of His time.*
2. *Who originated the team concept?*
  - a) *The disciples*
  - b) *Today's business leaders*
  - c) *God*
3. *The law of reciprocity suggests that*
  - a) *we will reap what we sow.*
  - b) *there is no consequence to our actions.*
  - c) *people will treat us badly no matter what we do.*
4. *Teamwork is important because it*
  - a) *completely eliminates the hardships of serving God.*
  - b) *increases everyone's stress.*
  - c) *makes the work manageable.*
5. *Some people are not good team players because they*
  - a) *have learned to submit to authority.*
  - b) *lack motivation.*
  - c) *are visionaries.*
6. *Teamwork impacts the individual*
  - a) *in that he or she is no longer the center of attention.*
  - b) *by making the individual more selfish.*
  - c) *in that it makes the individual a dictator.*
7. *Which is not a characteristic of good teams?*
  - a) *Shared vision*
  - b) *Unmanageable, large numbers of people*
  - c) *Commitment to one another*

8. *In managing conflict, it is important to*
  - a) *cast blame.*
  - b) *ignore other people's concerns.*
  - c) *attack problems, not people.*
  
9. *Which of the following helps create trust in teams?*
  - a) *Inconsistency*
  - b) *Loyalty*
  - c) *Dictatorship*
  
10. *Proverbs 18:15 states that the wise person*
  - a) *has no need of others.*
  - b) *has a clean heart.*
  - c) *seeks out knowledge.*

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1. *A true statement about unity is that*
  - a) *God molds our uniqueness into oneness.*
  - b) *our unity is uniformity.*
  - c) *in unity, our differences are removed.*
2. *The idea of unity originated from*
  - a) *business leaders.*
  - b) *God.*
  - c) *football coaches.*
3. *Ecclesiastes 4:12 speaks to the idea of*
  - a) *wisdom versus folly.*
  - b) *youthful arrogance.*
  - c) *strength in numbers.*
4. *According to Galatians 5, those who practice the works of the sinful nature*
  - a) *are only human.*
  - b) *will not inherit the kingdom of God.*
  - c) *please God.*
5. *Who is the mastermind behind the demise of unity?*
  - a) *The devil*
  - b) *We are the mastermind.*
  - c) *Church leadership*
6. *Paul speaks of unity as*
  - a) *an unachievable goal.*
  - b) *a calling.*
  - c) *a piece of cake.*
7. *Which is not a foundational principle for developing unity?*
  - a) *Taking care of the big things*
  - b) *Realizing relational conflicts will happen*
  - c) *Embracing unity as a lifelong challenge*
8. *The ancient Greeks regarded humility as a*
  - a) *virtue.*
  - b) *strength.*
  - c) *flaw.*

9. *The opposite of pride is*
- a) *humility.*
  - b) *irritability.*
  - c) *retaliation.*
10. *What lessons of unity can we learn from geese?*
- a) *Stick our heads in the sand, and ignore one another.*
  - b) *Repeat everything we hear, and gossip about one another.*
  - c) *Join the formation and encourage one another.*

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1. *Conflict usually emerges as a*
  - a) *lack of spiritual maturity.*
  - b) *symptom of other unmet needs.*
  - c) *sign that two persons are incompatible.*
2. *What does the Bible say regarding quarreling?*
  - a) *The Bible strictly forbids quarreling.*
  - b) *It has nothing to say about quarreling.*
  - c) *It encourages people to freely express their feelings.*
3. *What is a basic difference between good conflict and bad conflict?*
  - a) *Good conflict focuses on the other person; bad conflict focuses on the problem.*
  - b) *Good conflict can help clarify issues.*
  - c) *This is no such thing as good conflict.*
4. *Which is not a characteristic of constructive conflict?*
  - a) *Constructive conflict reveals the weaknesses in people's lives.*
  - b) *Constructive conflict can promote better communication.*
  - c) *Constructive conflict can be God's way of teaching us humility, forgiveness, and reconciliation.*
5. *What were some situations the early church faced that can also produce conflicts today?*
  - a) *Rapid changes and many differences among believers in the church*
  - b) *The early church was not growing; it was stagnant.*
  - c) *The early church did not experience conflict.*
6. *Which is true regarding the effect of change on conflict?*
  - a) *Both positive and negative changes can cause conflict.*
  - b) *Only negative changes cause conflict.*
  - c) *Only positive changes cause good conflicts; only negative changes cause bad conflicts.*

7. *In the story of the Prodigal, which attitude of the elder brother contributed to the conflict?*
  - a) *He was jealous of the good time his younger brother had.*
  - b) *He was glad that his younger brother had returned home.*
  - c) *The older brother was judgmental of his brother's actions.*
8. *James suggests the solution to interpersonal conflict is*
  - a) *prayer.*
  - b) *humility.*
  - c) *repentance.*
9. *What could you do to better inform another person of your feelings?*
  - a) *Learn to make "you" statements rather than "I" statements.*
  - b) *Learn to make "I" statements rather than "you" statements.*
  - c) *Ignore the person.*
10. *What is likely to happen if you accept responsibility for your part in a problem?*
  - a) *The other person may agree that it is your fault entirely.*
  - b) *The other person may consider the matter closed.*
  - c) *The other person may be willing to meet you half way.*

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1. *What is an attitude?*
  - a) *The soft drink Andre Agassi likes*
  - b) *A control issue*
  - c) *The way you behave that shows how you feel or think*
2. *A short temper is an example of what type of factor that causes bad attitudes?*
  - a) *Internal*
  - b) *External*
  - c) *Uncontrollable*
3. *Which of the following is not an attitude to avoid?*
  - a) *Know it all*
  - b) *Rejoice in the Lord always*
  - c) *It's not my fault*
4. *In managing our attitudes, it is important to know that*
  - a) *we cannot control our attitudes.*
  - b) *not everyone has bad attitudes.*
  - c) *we can control our own attitudes.*
5. *James advises that everyone should be*
  - a) *slow to listen.*
  - b) *quick to judge.*
  - c) *quick to listen.*
6. *Unwillingness to try new things*
  - a) *is a bad attitude that should be avoided.*
  - b) *indicates an attitude of victory.*
  - c) *is the reason for today's technological advancement.*
7. *Godly sorrow produces*
  - a) *only regret.*
  - b) *repentance.*
  - c) *guilt alone.*

8. *Who would not be a godly mentor?*
  - a) *Your pastor*
  - b) *A Christian friend*
  - c) *An unbeliever*
9. *Bad attitudes affect us by*
  - a) *increasing our effectiveness.*
  - b) *damaging our relationships.*
  - c) *stimulating our joy.*
10. *What is not a good way to develop Christlike attitude?*
  - a) *Praying to God*
  - b) *Memorizing Scripture*
  - c) *Being unloving*

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## LESSON 13

## SELF-TEST

After studying the lesson, please read each study question carefully and circle the correct response. There is only one correct response for each question.

1. *Which of the following is not true about obstacles?*
  - a) *Obstacles are normal in a fallen world.*
  - b) *Obstacles are an opportunity to bring glory to God.*
  - c) *All obstacles are God's punishment for your sin.*
2. *According to Ephesians 6:12, our enemies are*
  - a) *the politicians of world governments.*
  - b) *Satan and his fallen angels.*
  - c) *the leaders of false religions.*
3. *Every obstacle we face is*
  - a) *a result of our own sin.*
  - b) *a disappointment to God.*
  - c) *directly or indirectly a consequence of Satan's existence.*
4. *The account of Paul and Barnabas teaches us that*
  - a) *broken relationships are to be expected, even among Christians.*
  - b) *disagreement causes God's mission to be discontinued.*
  - c) *Christians with the same goals will always work together for the same purposes.*
5. *God's purpose in our facing obstacles is to*
  - a) *show us that He is not always in control.*
  - b) *help us develop a closer relationship with Him.*
  - c) *help us stick to our own plans.*
6. *The first step in dealing with obstacles from Satan is*
  - a) *standing strong in our own strength against him.*
  - b) *recognizing that he exists and is always at work.*
  - c) *rebuking those under his influence.*
7. *Although Job was blameless and upright,*
  - a) *he cursed God when he faced obstacles.*
  - b) *God directly caused Job's obstacles.*
  - c) *God permitted Satan to test him.*

8. *First Peter 4:12–13 says that*
  - a) *trials come as a result of our sin.*
  - b) *we should rejoice in our trials.*
  - c) *trials are unusual in the Christian faith.*
  
9. *In dealing with the obstacle of deceit, Christians must*
  - a) *embrace deceit as a natural way of the world.*
  - b) *accept it peacefully.*
  - c) *recognize it and replace it with God's truth.*
  
10. *When you forgive people, you*
  - a) *must understand why they offended you.*
  - b) *no longer judge or condemn them.*
  - c) *automatically forget the wrong committed against you.*

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