

A Christian Growth Study For Sunday School Leaders

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OUR SPECIAL STUDY TODAY IS -

BEING A PERSON OF GRACE

The Bible commands us... "But grow in <u>GRACE</u>, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (II Peter 3:18) (KJV)

Each letter in the word "GRACE" in our study today represents an important part of our being fully devoted to Christ as Christians and Sunday School leaders.



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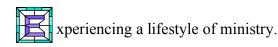
reating an atmosphere of caring and FELLOWSHIP.

xperiencing a lifestyle of $\underline{MINISTRY}$.

These five elements of GRACE are a picture from the New Testament of what it means to be a fully devoted follower of Christ (worshipping God – sharing our faith – applying God's word through Bible study – caring for other believers and ministering in our church and world). God calls us as His followers to practice these five areas in our lives. Being a person of GRACE is a key to being an effective and Godpleasing Sunday School leader.

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God blesses those churches and Sunday Schools where His leaders are fully devoted to Him.



Through our service in the Sund	ay School we have an
opportunity to use our	, passion
for certain ministries,	, and unique personality,
as well as past experiences and e	expertise.
We also serve God through the t	use of our financial resources
(Malachi 3:10). A tithe is giving	of our income. An
offering is anything we give in _	to our tithe.

BEING A PERSON OF GRACE

OUR OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AS SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

- 1. Am I growing closer to God through worship at church and in my daily quiet time?
- 2. Am I seeking to reach others for Christ?
- 3. Am I applying God's word to my life for spiritual growth?
- 4. Am I caring for and fellowshipping with other believers?
- 5. Am I serving God through my time, talents and financial resources?

Philippians 2:13

Being a Person of Grace



rowing closer to God through worship.

- Fellowship with us is so important to God that Jesus
 _____ on the cross so that we might have the most intimate fellowship with Him.
- ____ himself gives us a great example. He spent time alone with the father.
- Every Sunday School leader should be faithful in worshipping God at church worship services. God is ______ of our worship.

Hebrews 10:24-25

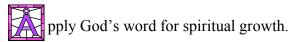
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It is important to decide on a specific where you will not be disturbed.	and
are a good time to have a quiet tim	ne.

RESOURCES

- BIBLE
- **JOURNAL** Something to write down what God speaks to us about and record our prayer requests.

WHAT TO DO IN YOUR QUIET TIME

	read the scriptures, God	
S W	ord. As we pray we	·
1.	God for who He is a Thank Him for blessings.	nd what He has done.
2.	Commit yourself to	·
3.	Ask God to supply your	(Phil. 4:19)
4.	Ask God to your significant others)	ns. (A time to forgive
5.	Pray for other	
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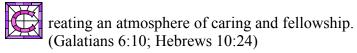


II Timothy 3:16

Group Discussion Questions

In James 1:22 we are commanded: "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only."

- Do you think most Christians have a passion to apply the wisdom of the Bible in everyday decisions?
- What competes in our busy schedules with taking the time to study and apply God's word?



Through the Sunday School, God gives us many opportunities to care, fellowship and minister to one another. We can...

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	together.		
	to the worl	d by the testimony of our lov	e
for one a	nother.		
	together	r using our spiritual gifts and	
abilities.			
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	for those wh	no don't attend.	