

# *The MasterClass*

## **A Bible Study for Performing Artists, Teachers & Students**

*“For you only have one Master, and you are all brothers.” - Matt. 23:8*

### *FOREWORD*

This study is intended as a guide and should be used **creatively**. The emphasis is always on applying Biblical principles directly to our lives. While **encouraging familiarity with the Scriptures** it is not meant to create more Bible “scholars” but to **change lives**, to bring us **closer to Christ** and to produce a lifestyle within the performing arts world that pleases the Master.

Furthermore, it should be observed that this study has been designed to encourage group discussion, not monologue preaching. **The leader’s role is not that of the speaker**, but that of the guide and inspirer. Rather than teach the lesson, the leader should encourage each member of the study to **speak**, while carefully keeping the group focused on the topic and the **practical applications** of the Scriptures rather than on individual opinions, though we surely encourage expression of each one’s understanding or questions.

Unlike a Bible study within a local Church, the members of a MasterClass may come from a wide variety of denominational and spiritual backgrounds. **No one in the group - leader or member - should try to influence someone else toward their denomination or specific interpretation of a disputable issue.** Instead, each should challenge one another to “examine the Scriptures daily” (Acts 17:11) and to “avoid foolish controversies.” (Titus 3:9)

The design of the MasterClass Bible studies is modelled after sonata form.

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| Introduction:   | Announcement of the Topic(s)                    |
| Exposition:     | Scripture                                       |
| Development:    | Discussion and further application of Scripture |
| Recapitulation: | Final Scriptures and application                |
| Coda:           | Prayer  |

This parallel is more than simply a clever idea. It is to remind us that **this Bible study is primarily for those involved in the arts, to meet their specific spiritual needs**. The leader should also keep this in mind, and not seek to create “just another Bible study” that the members could find at their local church. As Paul strove to be “Jew to the Jew, and Greek to the Greek,” (1 Cor. 9:20-22) we need to recognise the distinct temperaments and circumstances of the unique people to whom God has called us to encourage in the faith.

These studies have been revised since they were first written and we in no way consider them to the last word on the subject. As you discuss the topics you may well have members of the group contribute other Bible references, please take note of them so they may be incorporated in future revisions.

It is our prayer that the MasterClass Bible study will be used to train and equip all who are involved in the performing arts in their Christian walk and witness - that they may be “an instrument holy to the Lord, useful to the Master, and prepared to do any good work.” (2 Timothy. 2:21)

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## *Suggestions For Your Daily Quiet Time.*

**Praise and worship are fundamental to the way of life of a follower of Jesus, John 4:23-24.** Many of the Psalms are full of praise stating simply what God is worth - but often more than “simply stating” sometimes they seem to positively go “over the top”. That may be because the writer has received an expanding perception and revelation of who this God is that we are worshipping For example, look at Psalm 145 or 139.

**Thanksgiving is another foundation stone** on which we build our lives, and much of our praise and worship comes from an awareness of what Jesus has done for us. **Each day** note down some of the things you want to express to God about who He is and what he has done. **Then find a psalm** that expresses some thing of worship, praise and thanksgiving that you can express to God as part of your daily relationship with Him (Ps 95:2).

**God has blessed us to be a blessing to all** (including our enemies) and we can start being a blessing to them by praying for them -

**(1)** List the **members of your family** **(2)** List **friends** that are close to you **(3)** List people in your work/ study situation that you possibly class as an “**enemy**” (Matt. 5:43) - be honest with yourself! **(4)** List three or four specific **non-Christians you want to come to know Jesus.**

Each day **choose at least one member from each list and pray a** specific blessing on that person. Being specific means that you can know when God has answered that prayer. It may be for them to come to know Jesus, or to do with relationships, or their work situation etc. [*There is a page in the back of this study for your lists*]

**Jesus tells us we are to be salt and light in the world** (Matt. 5:14-16) . It is God’s world and He cares for each individual in it whether they are aware of Him or not! In your times of quiet God may bring to your mind all sorts of different situations for you to pray about. At Masterworks the particular situation we will focus on is the performing arts community: Your fellow music/drama/dance students, teachers, lecturers... and any artists in the world to whom your attention is drawn; those performers, teachers or fellow students that you really like and some you really don’t. He wants us to take responsibility for our world and to **work with Him in prayer** to change it.

**Make a note of what you pray for** - you may read the answers to your prayers in the newspapers!

**Meditation** in the Christian tradition is not emptying the mind, rather it is **taking a passage, a verse or even a word from Scripture** and chewing on it, thinking through all the possible meanings and the implications for you. Be prepared **for profound new insights** into God and His kingdom, and **be open to the conviction of the Holy Spirit** where He may want to bring you to a place of **repentance**.

Josh 1:8 *Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; **meditate on it day and night**, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.*

Psalm 48:9 *Within your temple, O God, **we meditate on your unfailing love.***

Psalm 119:97 *Oh, how **I love your law!** I meditate on it all day long.*

**Every day** we should have our ears open to **what God is saying** to us. We often expect Him to speak through the Bible, or a teacher but **God is not limited** and may speak through the music, drama, a friend, or any means He chooses, after all He spoke to Ballam through a donkey (Numbers 22:28). It may be **encouragement** and it may include **correction**.

If it is God it will, of course, always be **consistent with God’s character and principles as found in the Scriptures** and it always bears testing. It is a good idea though to write it down to refer back to at a later date. These writings can be a real blessing as you pursue the vocation to which God is leading you. These times can also bring a healing to past hurts and misunderstandings - keep a record of all these things.

## *General Points for MasterClass leadership:*

1. Give a brief opening, explaining the topics to be discussed. **Open with a prayer, asking God's help and blessing on the meeting.**
2. Ask a member to look up and read the opening Scripture passage.
3. The "**questions for individuals**" are designed to simply get the members to open up and get to know each other. One of these questions may provide an opportunity for a **short testimony** from one of the group. The "**group discussion questions**" are generally more meaty and should provoke a lively exchange.
4. Discuss the questions briefly then **encourage members of the group to look up the Bible references** (it is good if different translations are compared) then discuss **how they relate** to the question. Ask if anyone knows any **other Scripture** references that are relevant.
5. **Keep the discussion time moving, but be sensitive** to the time it may take some of the members to express themselves.
6. Observe the quieter members of the group and draw them out gently with your questions. **Give different member opportunities to look up and read the Scriptures.**
7. Cut off the more talkative members when necessary with a polite, "Thank you, let's hear from another member."
8. **Shut down unproductive arguments.** The group is to share in the Scriptures and not argue theology.
9. **If you discern that a member needs personal counsel, suggest a separate time** to get together with a counsellor or faculty for a talk, rather than revolve the meeting around this problem.
10. Remember that **when members "open up," they are making themselves vulnerable.** If another member is insensitive, things may be said that can deeply wound. (And there's no hurt like the hurt from a fellow Christian.) The leader should be aware of this and try to preclude such possible grievances.
11. After a time of productive discussion, try to wrap up the meeting with suggestions for **personal application.** This should include the basic truths gathered from the Scriptures as well as specific applications that can be undertaken by the members.
12. Ask for a reasonable number of prayer requests. **Encourage each of the members to pray** during the prayer time. Finally, end with a closing prayer.
13. Be timely in the length of the meeting. You may think it is going wonderfully, but someone else may really need to leave yet feel unable to until dismissed by the leader. **End on time,** perhaps then suggesting that individuals can continue fellowship afterward.
14. **Always encourage members to bring their Bible** and a notebook or personal journal.

***As the group prepares to leave, thank them, remind them to ponder and pray about the material which was discussed, and tell them the topic for the next MasterClass.***

## *Title: “Being faithful with your talent: always improving ourselves”*

### *INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. Stewardship of one's talent
2. Always striving to improve oneself
3. Given much, much is demanded
4. Perseverance in practicing

### *EXPOSITION* (Scripture to be read)

Luke 19: 13-26

### *DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

#### *Questions For Individuals:*

1. What are some of the performance pieces you are working on now?
2. What's the most challenging performance you've ever worked on?
3. Can you remember a time of “giving up” on a certain drama, dance or piece of music? Or give an example of successfully persevering through.
4. Do you think you have a talent/gift? Where does it come from?
5. When did you first realise that you had talent for the one (or more) of the performing arts ?

#### *Questions For Group:*

1. Why do you think God gives us talents? - Luke 12:48b
2. How does the repetitive and time consuming work of practice relate to Luke 19: 13-26
3. Why does God insist on our improving our talents? 1 Corinthians 4: 2, 1 Peter 4:10
4. What are the character qualities necessary to succeed in developing our talents ? - Hebrews 10: 35-36, Proverbs 9:9

### *RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

Use your talents, don't hide them - Luke 19:26

### *CODA* (Closing prayer time)

## *Title: “Taking instructions: learning from those who are experienced”*

### *INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. The importance of good instruction
2. Learning from those who are experienced
3. Emulating our teachers
4. Putting instruction into practice

### *EXPOSITION* (Scripture to be read)

1Corinthians 10:32 - 11:2

### *DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

#### *Questions for individuals:*

1. Describe your first teacher.
2. Who was your favourite teacher, and why?
3. How do you feel when you go into a lesson unprepared?
4. Do you enjoy teaching? Why or why not?

#### *Questions for group:*

1. Give some of the qualities of the “ideal teacher.” -Matt. 11:29, Luke 6:40
2. How do the many proverbs about teaching specifically relate to the arts? - Proverbs 1:5, 4:13, 16:20, 19:2
3. In John 13:13, Jesus calls himself our “teacher.” In what ways is He our true music/dance/theatre teacher?
4. Compare the different ways teachers and great performers make an impression on (or impact) people?

### *RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

Putting what we’ve learned into practice - PHIL. 4:9

### *CODA* (Closing prayer time)

## *Title: “Diligence: being prepared in advance”*

### *INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. Using His energy and our energy
2. Taking up our work every day
3. The joy and rewards of personal discipline
4. No substitute for hard work

### *EXPOSITION* (Scripture to be read)

1 Pet 4:11

### *DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

#### *Questions for individuals:*

1. Have you ever been tempted to quit practicing and give up any idea of a career in the arts? When and why?
2. If you were asked to give an important recital/performance next month, could you be prepared in time?
3. Have you ever been to a performance that was obviously unprepared?
4. Describe the best concert you've ever attended. What were the elements that made it so good?

#### *Questions for group:*

1. How could St. Paul's phrase "laboring with God's energy." relate to practicing? - Col. 1:29,
2. In what way is our daily practicing like "taking up our cross daily"? - Luke 9:23
3. Why has the word "discipline" taken on such negative connotations in our time? - Hebrews 12: 7-11 (What is the difference between discipline and punishment ?)
4. How can we learn to love practicing? Proverbs 10: 4, 14: :2

### *RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

Working for our true Master - COL. 3:23-24

### *CODA* (Closing prayer time)

## *Title: “Time priorities: practicing, quiet time, etc.”*

### *INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. Finding the balance between our work and our time with God
2. Godly time priorities
3. Daily quiet time as well as daily practicing
4. The need to have a deep, personal relationship with the Lord

### *EXPOSITION* (Scripture to be read)

Psalm. 90:12 Ps 40:1-3

### *DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

#### *Questions for individuals:*

1. Can you think of a time when you were under terrible time pressure? How did you get through or change the situation?
2. Are you a “morning person” or a “night person?”
3. When is the best time of day for you to practice? Why?
4. When is the best time of day for you to have a regular “quiet time”? Why?

#### *Questions for group:*

1. Why does God want us to spend time with Him every day? How does this effect our relationship with him? Matthew 11:28-30, Matthew 26: 40 - 41.
2. Discuss the concept of “paying a price” of time for anything which has worth. - Matthew 13:44-46
3. How does the pressure in your “pressure” situations today compare with the pressure Joshua was under ? How did God promise his success? - Joshua 1:7-9.
4. Why is it so important for young people in the arts to use their time carefully and thoughtfully? Matthew 6:33,

### *RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

The balance: our arts career and spiritual training - I TIM. 4:8

### *CODA* (Closing prayer time)

*Title: “Pursuing excellence”*

*INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. Developing a hunger for excellence
2. Working toward perfection
3. God’s purpose for our skill
4. Being God’s best

*EXPOSITION* (Scripture to be read)

II COR. 13:5 -11.

*DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

*Questions for individuals:*

1. Name some of your favourite performers.
2. Was there any one performer who has particularly inspired you? Why?
3. Can you think of a time when you really felt great about a performance you gave?
4. What is it about a performer’s excellence that so appeals to us? Why ?

*Questions for group:*

1. What is the price that no one else sees for performing excellence? Colossians 1: 28 - 2: 3, 1Thessalonians 1: 3
2. Discuss the elements of inborn talent vs. hard work. - Proverbs 6: 6-11, 24:30-34
3. Why are Christians sometime guilty of inferior or mediocre work? Proverbs 18:9
4. How can our excellence be a tremendous witness to the world? Phillipians 4:8, Proverbs 22:29

*RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

Pressing toward the goal - PHIL. 3:12-16

*CODA* (Closing prayer time)

## *Title: “Nervousness in performing”*

### *INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. The Fear of Man
2. Fear due to unpreparedness vs. fear due to nerves
3. Working through fear instead of being paralysed by it
4. Driving out our fears by casting our cares on the Lord

### *EXPOSITION* (Scripture to be read)

EZRA 3:3

### *DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

#### *Questions for individuals:*

1. How do you feel the last hour before a solo performance? Does any one have a testimony of the Lord's help?
2. Do you know anyone that never gets nervous? Why don't they? Is it an advantage or disadvantage?
3. Do you mind speaking before a large group of people?
4. Have you ever felt nervous simply because you are unprepared?

#### *Questions for group:*

1. In Ezra 3:3, God's people are obviously afraid. What did they do to overcome their fears?
2. What causes our fears ? What can you do about them ? - 1 John 4:18, 1 Peter 5: 7
3. How does fear of man fuel performance anxiety? Proverbs 29:25, Romans 12:12
4. Share some different ideas for reducing performance anxiety. Luke 18:1

### *RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

Guarding our hearts and minds with the peace of Christ - PHIL. 4:6-7

### *CODA* (Closing prayer time)

*Title: “Egomania vs. humility, or confidence vs. timidity”*

*INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. Our confidence is from God
2. Christians are not to be timid with their gifts
3. Humility is recognising the source of talents
4. Always take the place of servanthood

*EXPOSITION* (Scripture to be read)

PS. 18:34-35

*DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

*Questions for individuals:*

1. Have you ever met an egomaniac performer?
2. What is it that is so irksome about a conceited person?
3. Where are you on the scale of “shyness to egocentric?” Is there a difference between shyness and nervousness? What is it?
4. Have you ever felt “musically humbled?”

*Questions for group:*

1. How are timidity and pride often related? Galatians 6: 3-5
2. Discuss different responses we might have when we are praised.
3. God does not want us to be humiliated, but humble - discuss the difference. - Proverbs 22:4, James 4: 6
4. Discuss the concept of being confident in Christ, but humble before the Lord? - 2 Timothy 1:7, Hebrews 4:16, John 5:19, John 15:5

*RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

Know your gifts and acknowledge their Creator - ROM. 12:3

*CODA* (Closing prayer time)

## *Title: “Handling criticism and critics”*

### *INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. Forgiving hurtful criticism
2. Responding blessing for curses
3. Not taking critique personally
4. Welcoming correction so as to profit from it

### *EXPOSITION* (Scripture to be read)

Ecclesiastes. 7:21-22, Psalm 141:5

### *DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

#### *Questions for individuals:*

1. How well do you handle a rebuke or reprimand? (see also group question 4)
2. Have you ever read a really crushing review? What impact did it have on you?
3. Have you ever had your talents attacked or criticised?
4. Can you think of a time recently when you have been too critical?  
Why? What prompted your words?

#### *Questions for group:*

1. Do you think that someone’s critical attack often exposes their own personal insecurity? Why?  
- Luke 8:37, Galatians 4:15 -17
2. Why is it so difficult to forgive unwarranted criticism about our talents? Romans 6:7, 2 Corinthians 5:14,15
3. Why is it so important to welcome constructive criticism? Proverbs 9:8,9
4. What are some creative responses with which we might answer false attacks on our talents or our faith? Proverbs 12:16, 19:11, 1Peter 2:23 & 3:9

### *RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

Our response to the critic - LK. 6:27-28

### *CODA* (Closing prayer time)

*Title: “Motives of the heart - keeping pure”*

*INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. Being completely honest before the Lord
2. Self-examination
3. Praying for the right things for the right reasons
4. Using our talents with pure hearts

*EXPOSITION* (Scripture to be read)

PROV. 4:20-23 & 16:2

*DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

*Questions for individuals:*

1. What do you think often motivates performers in the arts world? (See also group question 2)
2. Is it possible to help others for the ultimate purpose of helping yourself? Give an example. 2 Samuel 15: 2-6
3. Have you ever found yourself wanting something good for a bad reason? Explain.
4. Do you now have - or have you ever had - a close friend that you could confide in, accept a rebuke from, or make confession to?

*Questions for group:*

1. Why is God so concerned with our motives, even when we are doing what is right? Matthew 5: 47 - 6:4, 1John 1:7
2. The word “motive” is very related to the word “motivation.” What are some of the wrong motivations we can have for practicing, performing, etc.? 1Chronicles 28: 9, Matthew 6: 19-21
3. Is there only room in our quiet times for Bible study, prayer, and worship, or is there time for self-examination? 1 John 1: 8- 2: 1, Jeremiah 17:10
4. What are some ways to check our motives for what we are doing? (Close Christian friends, accountability, confession, etc.) Psalm 19: 14, James 4:3

*D. RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

The “Why” behind letting our light shine - MATT. 5:16

*CODA* (Closing prayer time)

## *Title: “Is your art your god?”*

### *INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. Worshipping the Creator instead of His Creation
2. Detecting the modern versions of “idols”
3. Loving the arts differently than the way the world does
4. Godly priorities

### *EXPOSITION* (Scripture to be read)

LUKE 4:8

### *DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

#### *Questions for individuals:*

1. Have you ever known anyone who is completely in love with his or her career, accomplishments, or talents?
2. What are some of the interests in your life that you love?
3. Have you ever had an irresistible obsession for something?
4. What are some of the top priorities in your life?

#### *Questions for group:*

1. Modern people don't bow down to idols of wood or stone like the ancients, yet they still worship idols. Name a few. 1 John 2: 15-17
2. Where do you step over the line of legitimately loving something and worshipping it? Genesis 1: 31, John 3:16,17,
3. There is no way one can be a great performer without really loving the specific art form. Discuss how this must be kept in balance. Romans 12:2
4. Why does theatre or dance or music so easily become an idol in one's life? Jeremiah 16:20-21

### *RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

Rejecting earthly gods by setting our hearts on Christ - COL. 3:1-2

### *CODA* (Closing prayer time)

*Title: “Looking for Man’s praise or God’s praise”*

*INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. Overcoming our need for everyone’s approval
2. Giving God all the glory
3. Our talents are a gift from the Lord
4. Freedom from being a man-pleaser

*EXPOSITION* (Scripture to be read)

I CHRON. 29:12-14

*DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

*Questions for individuals:*

1. Can you remember your first solo performance? How did it go?
2. Have you ever met anyone who seemed to have a desperate need for praise?
3. Have you ever found yourself working hard to please someone?
4. Which is more easily observable: praise from God or from men?

*Questions for group:*

1. Why do you think Bach wrote the large letters “S.D.G.” (initials for “Soli Deo Gloria,” or “To God alone the glory”) at the end so many of his manuscripts? Ps 115: 1
2. Is there anything wrong with feeling good about being praised for doing a good job? Matthew 10:40-43 (You may want to discuss this in conjunction with the next question)
3. Discuss false pride vs. pride in a job well done. -Romans 12:3, Matthew 5: 16
4. Why is conceit and immodesty such a terrible witness before the world? - 1Corinthians 4:7, Proverbs 27:2, John 12: 42-43

*RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

Do our talented “acts of righteousness” for God alone - MATT. 6:1-6

*CODA* (Closing prayer time)

*Title: “Your identity, from Christ or your artistic skill?”*

*INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. Finding our identity as God’s servant
2. How can our craft can be an idol to us
3. How we view ourselves
4. The image we portray to those around us

*EXPOSITION* (Scripture to be read)

PHIL. 3:7-11

*DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

*Questions for individuals:*

1. How long have you been involved in the performing arts?
2. When did you first find yourself truly loving the arts (dance, music, drama etc.)? How did you become aware of this?
3. Have you ever felt that your particular artistic discipline was becoming “too important” in your life? In what way?
4. How would it affect you if you had to give up the arts as a possible career?

*Questions for group:*

1. If someone considered you a horrible (or great) performer, would you still be secure in God’s love for you? - John 14:21
2. Do you have a difficult time visualising yourself as God’s adopted son or daughter? Galatians 4: 4-7
3. How much of our “self” is wrapped up in our artistic skill? - Mark 4: 18-19
4. Discuss the balance between “loving music/drama/dance” (which we should do) and yet never letting it become our identity. - Deuteronomy 8: 11-14.

*RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

Our self is found in being God’s sons and daughters - ROM. 8:15-17

*CODA* (Closing prayer time)

*Title: “Competitiveness: being God’s best or beating the others”*

*INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. Excellence for Christ vs. worldly success
2. Self-exaltation
3. Recognising a competitive spirit in us
4. Honouring others above ourselves

*EXPOSITION* (Scripture to be read)

PS. 75:6-7

*DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

*Questions for individuals:*

1. What type of sports (or games) do you like best? Why?
2. Have you ever entered into a dance/music/drama competition? Do you like them?
3. How difficult is it for you to “acknowledge the Lord” in the promotion or lack of promotion you have seen in your life?
4. Which do you find is easier: the motivation of working toward excellence or the motivation of becoming a successful performer?

*Questions for group:*

1. What do you think to “honour someone above ourselves” means? How do we do that if we know that we are better than they are in our artistic capacity (performing, teaching etc)?  
Philippians 2: 3-5
2. Why is it always better to “let another praise you” (Prov. 27:2) than to exalt yourself?
3. What is the Christian response to the competitive spirit of this world? How do you apply Jesus’ solution to your situations? - Luke 9:46-48, James 3: 16-18
4. Discuss the differences and similarities between the arts world and the sports world.

*RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

The consequences of exalting ourselves - LUKE 14:7-11

*CODA* (Closing prayer time)

*Title: “Working with authorities (conductors, directors, teachers, etc.)”*

*INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. Submitting in heart to leadership
2. Dealing with a harsh authority
3. Making a just appeal when appropriate
4. Acknowledging all authority as from the Lord

*EXPOSITION* (Scriptures to be read)

Ecclesiastes 10: 4 & 20

*DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

*Questions for individuals:*

1. Describe the best conductor/director with whom you've ever worked.
2. Have you ever led a music / dance ensemble or a drama group? How did it go?
3. Give an example of a bad experience with an incompetent teacher or an inept conductor. Why was it so problematic?
4. Have you ever had the opportunity to make an appeal for change to an authority for a different position or role (or similar circumstance)? Give details.

*Questions for group:*

1. How is it that during the time of wicked, pagan Roman emperors that Peter wrote I Peter. 2:13-17 and Paul wrote Romans. 13:1-5?
2. Why is it so difficult to submit in heart (not merely in action) to a leader with whom you disagree? Hebrews 13: 17, 1Peter 2: 18, 23-24
3. What can we learn from the spirit in which Daniel made his appeal to an unjust, unbelieving ruler? Daniel 1:8-16
4. Discuss the place of “patience & submissive appeal vs demand & protest” in obeying authorities.  
- Proverbs 25:15

*RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

Submitting in heart to authorities as to Christ - EPH. 6:5-8

*CODA* (Closing prayer time)

*Title: “No compromise with sin and worldliness”*

*INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. Firmly resolving to follow God’s way
2. Sin’s deceptive appeal
3. Compromise will impede our career
4. A reputation for integrity is a powerful witness

*EXPOSITION* (Scripture to be read)

Romans 6:11-14

*DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

*Questions for individuals:*

1. Are there any sinners in this group?! - 1 John 1: 8
2. Is it a sin to be tempted? Hebrews 2: 18
3. Describe a time when you have seen the consequences of sin, either in your own life or someone else’s.
4. We are all different, and no one is tempted in every area. Are you aware of specific areas in which you must be on your guard against temptation?

*Questions for group:*

1. Name some of the temptations to sin that are specifically typical for a performing artist. (Perhaps different temptations at different ages.)
2. When do you sin against someone else, and when do you sin against God? Proverbs 11: 3 & 19, 1Samuel 12: 23, Ephesians 4:30-31
3. Discuss the different consequences of “sins of commission” (lying, cheating, etc.) vs. “sins of omission” (ingratitude, hiding our witness, etc.). Of which are you most aware? What to do ? - Romans 7: 24 - 8:4
4. What does our lifestyle have to do with our witness? 1Peter 2:11-12, Hebrews 12:1

*RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

Living a victorious life for Christ in the world of the arts - Ephesians 4:22-32

*CODA* (Closing prayer time)

## *Title: “Dealing with unbelieving artistic friends”*

### *INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. Keeping our personal standards high
2. Not becoming judgmental
3. Never imitating evil behaviour
4. Showing God’s love to everyone

### *EXPOSITION* (Scripture to be read)

ROMANS 14:1-8

### *DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

#### *Questions for individuals:*

1. Many of us have our “Christian friends” (who don’t appreciate the classical arts) and our “artistic friends” (who don’t appreciate the Gospel). With which group are you more comfortable? Why?
2. Do you think the world is getting better or worse? Matthew 24:12-14
3. Obviously, we are all sinners. But the Bible speaks specifically about avoiding certain harmful lifestyles. Do you have any friends who are involved in life-encompassing sins? How do you feel toward them? Matthew 11:18-19
4. Do you find it difficult to talk about the Lord with unbelievers? Acts 1:8

#### *Questions for group:*

1. Why is it so challenging to keep our personal standards high yet not condemn others with different standards?- Romans 2: 1, Matthew 7:1-2, 1Corinthians 4: 3-5
2. Where is the balance between “eating with sinners” (as Jesus did) and “not associating with bad company” ? - Proverbs13:20, 1 Corinthians 15: 33 & 2 Corinthians 6: 14-18
3. What are some of the lifestyles which are popular today yet are condemned in Scripture? Romans 1: 24-31, Ephesians 4: 17-20
4. Discuss the different ways we can be a witness toward those in these harmful lifestyles. John 4: 7-9 & 29, John 8: 3-11

### *RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

Christ’s love through us toward the world - COL. 4:5-6

### *CODA* (Closing prayer time)

*Title: “Never worshipping the ‘Idol of Career’”*

*INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. Our future is in God’s hands
2. The folly of gaining the whole world but losing our soul
3. Refusing to sacrifice principle for advancement
4. Rejecting the love of this world

*EXPOSITION* (Scripture to be read)

PSALM 24:3-5

*DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

*Questions for individuals:*

1. What are some of your dreams for your future?
2. Have you ever had to reject a powerful temptation which could offer you something you really wanted?
3. How well do you react to such a situation: you are given a fantastic opportunity, if only you will go along with “a little white lie or some other moral compromise?” Hebrews 12: 14-15
4. Have you ever found yourself joining in with friends as they trash the reputation of a mutual acquaintance? Is such slander typical in the music world? Matthew 12: 35-37

*Questions for group:*

1. Why is the temptation of fame and fortune so appealing to a performer? What is our protection?  
- Proverbs 8: 12-18
2. How does God make clear His direction for our lives? Jeremiah 29: 11-13, Proverbs 1:23, John 16: 13-15
3. Why does the “idol of career” contend so intensely for God’s place in our hearts? - Mark 8: 35-37
4. Discuss how it is possible to have a successful career without having to play the typical worldly games of the arts society. -Matthew 5:29-30, Proverbs 22:29

*RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

Our ultimate attitude toward all this world has to offer - PS. 73:25

*CODA* (Closing prayer time)

## *Title: “Using your talents to serve others”*

### *INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. God gave us talents for Godly purposes
2. The joy of becoming a servant
3. Avoiding a self-centred life
4. The Lord promises to work with us

### *EXPOSITION* (Scriptures to be read)

Psalm 37: 3-4

### *DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

#### *Questions for individuals:*

1. Who are some people who have worked and sacrificed for your sake? What is the nature of their sacrifice?
2. Have you ever had a truly thankless, inglorious job? How did you cope with it?
3. How well do you respond to someone else getting credit for your work? Psalm 17:2, Isaiah 54:17
4. Have you ever had to work with an artist who had a “prima-donna” attitude? Why is this so odious?

#### *Questions for group:*

1. Where do our talents come from and our ability to hone them ? - Ephesians 2: 10 What then is our part? 1Corinthians 3: 8-9, 15:58
2. Is it sometimes difficult for successful performers to see their lives in terms of servanthood? Why? - James 2: 2-8
3. What are our natural attitudes toward “accompanying someone else” vs. “someone accompanying me?” John 13: 12-15
4. Discuss the balance between a self-centred life - and being constantly taken advantage of by insensitive people. - James 4:6, Matthew 5:3, Ephesians 6:10-11.

### *RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

The ultimate example of servanthood - Mark 10:42-45

### *CODA* (Closing prayer time)

*Title: “Teaching: Your life must agree with what you teach”*

*INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. The supreme importance of teaching
2. Adapting to the individuality of each student
3. Passing down traditions
4. Teaching as a true ministry

*EXPOSITION* (Scriptures to be read)

Ecclesiastes 12:9-10

*DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

*Questions for individuals:*

1. How much teaching have you done?
2. Have you ever taught someone older than you? If so, did you find it different or difficult?
3. Which do you prefer, teaching a class or teaching privately? Why?
4. Have you ever met someone who is a fantastic performer but not a very good teacher? How do you explain this?

*Questions for group:*

1. In what ways do we actually learn from teaching? Ecclesiastes 12: 9-10
2. How much of teaching is simply passing on what you have learned from other teachers? - 2 Timothy 2:2, 1 Thessalonians 2: 11-12
3. Why does the Bible put such emphasis and consequence on being an excellent teacher? - James 3:1, 1 Timothy 3:1-4
4. Compare the profession of teaching with that of performing. - Proverbs 22: 17-19

*RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

Your life and your teaching are one - 1 Corinthians 4:17

*CODA* (Closing prayer time)

## *Title: “Our witness as performers”*

### *INTRODUCTION* (Opening prayer; topics for this MasterClass)

1. We are the salt of the earth
2. Using our talents to share Christ
3. Different types of evangelism
4. The witness of our love for one another

### *EXPOSITION* (Scripture to be read)

Daniel 12: 3

### *DEVELOPMENT* (Discussion time)

#### *Questions for individuals:*

1. Why does our society make sharing Christ so difficult?
2. Have you had the misfortune to see someone give a terrible witness? What was terrible about it?
3. Which do you think is more difficult, explaining the Gospel or answering someone's objections to the message?
4. Have you ever been made fun of because of your faith in Jesus? Matthew 10: 16, 24-26

#### *Questions for group:*

1. How much of witnessing is actually speaking the Gospel message, and how much is praying, loving, and caring for someone? - Philemon v.6, Acts 1:8, John 20:21, Isaiah 61: 1-3,
2. What are some things that can really destroy our witness? (Which we had better avoid!) - Matthew 5: 13, Matt. 23:25ff
3. Discuss some different ways to witness through your teaching. - Titus 2:7-8, 1 Samuel 12:23, Matthew 22:16, Proverbs 22: 17, Luke 20: 21.
4. Discuss some different ways to witness through a performance. - John 13: 35, 1 Corinthians 11: 1, Psalm 31: 3, 2 Chronicles 1:10

### *RECAPITULATION* (Final Scripture and practical application)

Always be prepared to share Christ - I Peter. 3:15

### *CODA* (Closing prayer time)

## Daily Bible Reading Guide

You may well already have a program for reading the Scriptures but if you don't the following chart will be a help. There are many approaches and you may want to spread Psalms and Proverbs through more regularly (there are 31 chapters of Proverbs and 31 days in the month - all of it bears repeated reading ) Whatever plan you use we pray our Lord richly bless His word to your hearts.

| Day             | Book and Passage    | Day          | Book and Passage    | Day          | Book and Passage  | Day         | Book and Passage |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|
| <b>January</b>  |                     | 11           | Matthew 27.27-56    | 28           | Acts 27.39-28.10  | 9           | James 4          |
|                 |                     | 12           | Matthew 27.57-28.20 | 29           | Acts 28.11-31     | 10          | James 5          |
| 01              | Matthew 1           | 13           | Acts 1.1-26         | 30           | Mark 1.1-20       | 11          | Jude 1           |
| 02              | Matthew 2           | 14           | Acts 2.1-21         | 31           | Mark 1.21-45      | 12          | Luke 1.1-25      |
| 03              | Matthew 3.1-4.11    | 15           | Acts 2.22-47        | <b>April</b> |                   |             |                  |
| 04              | Matthew 4.12-5.12   | 16           | Acts 3.1-26         |              |                   |             |                  |
| 05              | Matthew 5.13-37     | 17           | Acts 4.1-22         | 1            | Mark 2.1-22       | 13          | Luke 1.26-56     |
| 06              | Matthew 5.38-6.15   | 18           | Acts 4.23-5.11      | 2            | Mark 2.23-3.19    | 14          | Luke 1.57-80     |
| 07              | Matthew 6.16-7.6    | 19           | Acts 5.12-40        | 3            | Mark 3.20-4.12    | 15          | Luke 2.1-21      |
| 08              | Matthew 7.7-8.4     | 20           | Acts 5.41-6.15      | 4            | Mark 4.13-4.34    | 16          | Luke 2.22-38     |
| 09              | Matthew 8.5-8.27    | 21           | Acts 7.1-22         | 5            | Mark 4.35-5.20    | 17          | Luke 2.39-3.9    |
| 10              | Matthew 8.28-9.13   | 22           | Acts 7.23-47        | 6            | Mark 5.21-5.43    | 18          | Luke 3.10-38     |
| 11              | Matthew 9.14-34     | 23           | Acts 7.48-8.13      | 7            | Mark 6.1-6.20     | 19          | Luke 4.1-21      |
| 12              | Matthew 9.35-10.23  | 24           | Acts 8.14-40        | 8            | Mark 6.21-44      | 20          | Luke 4.22-44     |
| 13              | Matthew 10.24-11.6  | 25           | Acts 9.1-25         | 9            | Mark 6.45-7.13    | 21          | Luke 5.1-16      |
| 14              | Matthew 11.7-30     | 26           | Acts 9.26-43        | 10           | Mark 7.14-47      | 22          | Luke 5.17-39     |
| 15              | Matthew 12.1-21     | 27           | Acts 10.1-23        | 11           | Mark 8.1-21       | 23          | Luke 6.1-19      |
| 16              | Matthew 12.22-42    | 28           | Acts 10.24-48       | 12           | Mark 8.22-38      | 24          | Luke 6.20-42     |
| 17              | Matthew 12.43-13.17 | <b>March</b> |                     | 13           | Mark 9.1-29       | 25          | Luke 6.43-7.17   |
| 18              | Matthew 13.18-43    | 01           | Acts 11.1-30        | 14           | Mark 9.30-50      | 26          | Luke 7.18-43     |
| 19              | Matthew 13.44-14.12 | 02           | Acts 12.1-25        | 15           | Mark 10.1-25      | 27          | Luke 7.44-8.18   |
| 20              | Matthew 14.13-36    | 03           | Acts 13.1-22        | 16           | Mark 10.26-45     | 28          | Luke 8.19-39     |
| 21              | Matthew 15.1-28     | 04           | Acts 13.23-43       | 17           | Mark 10.46-11.11  | 29          | Luke 8.40-9.9    |
| 22              | Matthew 15.29-16.12 | 05           | Acts 13.44-14.7     | 18           | Mark 11.12-33     | 30          | Luke 9.10-27     |
| 23              | Matthew 16.13-17.8  | 06           | Acts 14.8-15.2      | 19           | Mark 12.1-27      | 31          | Luke 9.28-48     |
| 24              | Matthew 17.9-18.7   | 07           | Acts 15.3-21        | 20           | Mark 12.28-44     | <b>June</b> |                  |
| 25              | Matthew 18.8-35     | 08           | Acts 15.22-16.5     | 21           | Mark 13.1-31      | 1           | Luke 9.49-10.12  |
| 26              | Matthew 19.1-22     | 09           | Acts 16.6-24        | 22           | Mark 13.32-14.21  | 2           | Luke 10.13-37    |
| 27              | Matthew 19.23-20.16 | 10           | Acts 16.25-17.9     | 23           | Mark 14.22-42     | 3           | Luke 10.38-11.23 |
| 28              | Matthew 20.17-34    | 11           | Acts 17.10-34       | 24           | Mark 14.43-65     | 4           | Luke 11.24-44    |
| 29              | Matthew 21.1-22     | 12           | Acts 18.1-23        | 25           | Mark 14.66-15.21  | 5           | Luke 11.45-12.12 |
| 30              | Matthew 21.23-46    | 13           | Acts 18.24-19.20    | 26           | Mark 15.22-47     | 6           | Luke 12.13-40    |
| 31              | Matthew 22.1-22     | 14           | Acts 19.21-41       | 27           | Mark 16           | 7           | Luke 12.41-12.59 |
| <b>February</b> |                     | 15           | Acts 20.1-16        | 28           | 1 Peter 1.1-21    | 8           | Luke 13.1-21     |
|                 |                     | 16           | Acts 20.17-38       | 29           | 1 Peter 1.22-2.17 | 9           | Luke 13.22-14.6  |
| 01              | Matthew 22.23-22.46 | 17           | Acts 21.1-21        | 30           | 1 Peter 2.18-3.12 | 10          | Luke 14.7-24     |
| 02              | Matthew 23.1-26     | 18           | Acts 21.22-40       | <b>May</b>   |                   |             |                  |
| 03              | Matthew 23.27-24.14 | 19           | Acts 22.1-23        |              |                   |             |                  |
| 04              | Matthew 24.15-51    | 20           | Acts 22.24-23.11    | 1            | 1 Peter 3.13-4.11 | 11          | Luke 14.25-15.10 |
| 05              | Matthew 25.1-30     | 21           | Acts 23.12-35       | 2            | 1 Peter 4.12-5.14 | 12          | Luke 15.11-32    |
| 06              | Matthew 25.31-26.13 | 22           | Acts 24.1-23        | 3            | 2 Peter 1.1-21    | 13          | Luke 16.1-18     |
| 07              | Matthew 26.14-35    | 23           | Acts 24.24-25.12    | 4            | 2 Peter 2.1-19    | 14          | Luke 16.19-17.10 |
| 08              | Matthew 26.36-56    | 24           | Acts 25.13-27       | 5            | 2 Peter 2.20-3.18 | 15          | Luke 17.11-37    |
| 09              | Matthew 26.57-75    | 25           | Acts 26.1-23        | 6            | James 1           | 16          | Luke 18.1-17     |
| 10              | Matthew 27.1-26     | 26           | Acts 26.24-27.12    | 7            | James 2           | 17          | Luke 18.18-43    |
|                 |                     | 27           | Acts 27.13-38       | 8            | James 3           | 18          | Luke 19.1-27     |
|                 |                     |              |                     |              |                   | 19          | Luke 19.28-48    |
|                 |                     |              |                     |              |                   | 20          | Luke 20.1-19     |
|                 |                     |              |                     |              |                   | 21          | Luke 20.20-47    |
|                 |                     |              |                     |              |                   | 22          | Luke 21.1-33     |

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| 23 | Luke          | 21.34-22.23 | 10               | Romans      | 3.1-31     | 30              | Hebrews   | 7.20-8.6   | 17              | John       | 12.20-43    |             |
| 24 | Luke          | 22.24-53    | 11               | Romans      | 4.1-25     | <b>October</b>  |           |            |                 | 18         | John        | 12.44-13.20 |
| 25 | Luke          | 22.54-23.12 | 12               | Romans      | 5.1-21     |                 |           |            | 19              | John       | 13.21-14.10 |             |
| 26 | Luke          | 23.13-43    | 13               | Romans      | 6.1-23     | 1               | Hebrews   | 8.7-9.7    | 20              | John       | 14.11-31    |             |
| 27 | Luke          | 23.44-24.18 | 14               | Romans      | 7.1-25     | 2               | Hebrews   | 9.8-22     | 21              | John       | 15.1-27     |             |
| 28 | Luke          | 24.19-53    | 15               | Romans      | 8.1-22     | 3               | Hebrews   | 9.23-10.10 | 22              | John       | 16.1-28     |             |
| 29 | 1 Thess.      | 1.1-2.11    | 16               | Romans      | 8.23-39    | 4               | Hebrews   | 10.11-31   | 23              | John       | 16.29-17.19 |             |
| 30 | 1 Thess.      | 2.12-3.13   | 17               | Romans      | 9.1-23     | 5               | Hebrews   | 10.32-11.7 | 24              | John       | 17.20-18.11 |             |
|    |               |             | 18               | Romans      | 9.24-10.4  | 6               | Hebrews   | 11.8-19    | 25              | John       | 18.12-27    |             |
|    |               |             | 19               | Romans      | 10.5-21    | 7               | Hebrews   | 11.20-40   | 26              | John       | 18.28-19.11 |             |
|    |               |             | 20               | Romans      | 11.1-16    | 8               | Hebrews   | 12.1-13    | 27              | John       | 19.12-30    |             |
|    |               |             | 21               | Romans      | 11.17-36   | 9               | Hebrews   | 12.14-29   | 28              | John       | 19.31-20.10 |             |
| 1  | 1 Thess.      | 4.1-18      | 22               | Romans      | 12         | 10              | Hebrews   | 13.1-14    | 29              | John       | 20.11-31    |             |
| 2  | 1 Thess.      | 5.1-28      | 23               | Romans      | 13         | 11              | Hebrews   | 13.15-25   | 30              | John       | 21          |             |
| 3  | 2 Thess.      | 1.1-2.8     | 24               | Romans      | 14         | 12              | Titus     | 1          |                 |            |             |             |
| 4  | 2 Thess.      | 2.9-3.18    | 25               | Romans      | 15.1-21    | 13              | Titus     | 2          | <b>December</b> |            |             |             |
| 5  | 1 Corinthians | 1.1-25      | 26               | Romans      | 15.22-16.7 | 14              | Titus     | 3          |                 |            |             |             |
| 6  | 1 Corinthians | 1.26-2.16   | 27               | Romans      | 16.8-27    | 15              | 1 Timothy | 1          | 1               | 1 John     | 1.1-2.11    |             |
| 7  | 1 Corinthians | 3.1-23      | 28               | Galatians   | 1          | 16              | 1 Timothy | 2          | 2               | 1 John     | 2.12-29     |             |
| 8  | 1 Corinthians | 4.1-21      | 29               | Galatians   | 2          | 17              | 1 Timothy | 3          | 3               | 1 John     | 3           |             |
| 9  | 1 Corinthians | 5.1-13      | 30               | Galatians   | 3.1-20     | 18              | 1 Timothy | 4          | 4               | 1 John     | 4           |             |
| 10 | 1 Corinthians | 6.1-20      | 31               | Galatians   | 3.21-4.7   | 19              | 1 Timothy | 5          | 5               | 1 John     | 5           |             |
| 11 | 1 Corinthians | 7.1-24      |                  |             |            | 20              | 1 Timothy | 6          | 6               | 2 John     |             |             |
| 12 | 1 Corinthians | 7.25-40     |                  |             |            | 21              | 2 Timothy | 1          | 7               | 3 John     |             |             |
| 13 | 1 Corinthians | 8.1-13      | <b>September</b> |             |            | 22              | 2 Timothy | 2          | 8               | Revelation | 1.1-18      |             |
| 14 | 1 Corinthians | 9.1-27      |                  |             |            | 23              | 2 Timothy | 3          | 9               | Revelation | 1.19-2.17   |             |
| 15 | 1 Corinthians | 10.1-22     | 1                | Galatians   | 4.8-31     | 24              | 2 Timothy | 4          | 10              | Revelation | 2.18-3.6    |             |
| 16 | 1 Corinthians | 10.23-11.16 | 2                | Galatians   | 5.1-26     | 25              | John      | 1.1-28     | 11              | Revelation | 3.7-22      |             |
| 17 | 1 Corinthians | 11.17-34    | 3                | Galatians   | 6.1-18     | 26              | John      | 1.29-51    | 12              | Revelation | 4           |             |
| 18 | 1 Corinthians | 12.1-27     | 4                | Ephesians   | 1.1-14     | 27              | John      | 2.1-25     | 13              | Revelation | 5           |             |
| 19 | 1 Corinthians | 12.28-13.13 | 5                | Ephesians   | 1.15-2.10  | 28              | John      | 3.1-21     | 14              | Revelation | 6           |             |
| 20 | 1 Corinthians | 14.1-25     | 6                | Ephesians   | 2.11-22    | 29              | John      | 3.22-36    | 15              | Revelation | 7           |             |
| 21 | 1 Corinthians | 14.26-15.11 | 7                | Ephesians   | 3.1-21     | 30              | John      | 4.1-30     | 16              | Revelation | 8           |             |
| 22 | 1 Corinthians | 15.12-34    | 8                | Ephesians   | 4.1-24     | 31              | John      | 4.31-54    | 17              | Revelation | 9           |             |
| 23 | 1 Corinthians | 15.35-58    | 9                | Ephesians   | 4.25-5.15  |                 |           |            | 18              | Revelation | 10.1-11.7   |             |
| 24 | 1 Corinthians | 16.1-24     | 10               | Ephesians   | 5.16-6.4   |                 |           |            | 19              | Revelation | 11.8-12.6   |             |
| 25 | 2 Corinthians | 1.1-24      | 11               | Ephesians   | 6.5-24     |                 |           |            | 20              | Revelation | 12.7-18     |             |
| 26 | 2 Corinthians | 2.1-17      | 12               | Philippians | 1.1-20     | <b>November</b> |           |            |                 | 21         | Revelation  | 13          |
| 27 | 2 Corinthians | 3.1-18      | 13               | Philippians | 1.21-2.11  |                 |           |            | 22              | Revelation | 14.1-13     |             |
| 28 | 2 Corinthians | 4.1-18      | 14               | Philippians | 2.12-30    | 1               | John      | 5.1-23     | 23              | Revelation | 14.14-15.8  |             |
| 29 | 2 Corinthians | 5.1-21      | 15               | Philippians | 3.1-4.1    | 2               | John      | 5.24-47    | 24              | Revelation | 16          |             |
| 30 | 2 Corinthians | 6.1-18      | 16               | Philippians | 4.2-23     | 3               | John      | 6.1-21     | 25              | Revelation | 17          |             |
| 31 | 2 Corinthians | 7.1-16      | 17               | Colossians  | 1.1-20     | 4               | John      | 6.22-40    | 26              | Revelation | 18.1-18     |             |
|    |               |             | 18               | Colossians  | 1.21-2.7   | 5               | John      | 6.41-71    | 27              | Revelation | 18.19-19.10 |             |
|    |               |             | 19               | Colossians  | 2.8-23     | 6               | John      | 7.1-31     | 28              | Revelation | 19.11-20.10 |             |
|    |               |             | 20               | Colossians  | 3.1-17     | 7               | John      | 7.32-52    | 29              | Revelation | 20.11-21.8  |             |
|    |               |             | 21               | Colossians  | 3.18-4.18  | 8               | John      | 7.53-8.24  | 30              | Revelation | 21.9-22.5   |             |
| 1  | 2 Corinthians | 8.1-24      | 22               | Philemon    | 1.1-25     | 9               | John      | 8.25-47    | 31              | Revelation | 22.6-21     |             |
| 2  | 2 Corinthians | 9.1-15      | 23               | Hebrews     | 1.1-14     | 10              | John      | 8.48-9.12  |                 |            |             |             |
| 3  | 2 Corinthians | 10.1-18     | 24               | Hebrews     | 2.1-18     | 11              | John      | 9.13-41    |                 |            |             |             |
| 4  | 2 Corinthians | 11.1-28     | 25               | Hebrews     | 3.1-19     | 12              | John      | 10.1-21    |                 |            |             |             |
| 5  | 2 Corinthians | 11.29-12.19 | 26               | Hebrews     | 4.1-13     | 13              | John      | 10.22-42   |                 |            |             |             |
| 6  | 2 Corinthians | 12.20-13.13 | 27               | Hebrews     | 4.14-5.14  | 14              | John      | 11.1-31    |                 |            |             |             |
| 7  | Romans        | 1.1-17      | 28               | Hebrews     | 6.1-20     | 15              | John      | 11.32-57   |                 |            |             |             |
| 8  | Romans        | 1.18-32     | 29               | Hebrews     | 7.1-19     | 16              | John      | 12.1-19    |                 |            |             |             |
| 9  | Romans        | 2.1-29      |                  |             |            |                 |           |            |                 |            |             |             |

*LISTS FOR PRAYER AND INTERCESSION.*

*See note on page 3 : God has blessed us to be a blessing to all ...*

*Family:*

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8

*Friends*

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10

*Enemies*

- 1
- 2
- 3

*Non Christians (as yet)*

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4