

THE PURPLE BOOK

updated edition

**BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS
FOR BUILDING STRONG DISCIPLES**

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-5

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11 and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13

12 Therefore, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, so now, not only in my presence but even more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

13 For it is God who is working in you both to will and to work according to his good purpose.

CHAPTER 2 - LESSON 1

JESUS IS LORD

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

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LUKE 6:46-49

1.4

46 "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and don't do the things I say? 47 I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them:

48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. When the flood came, the river crashed against that house and couldn't shake it, because it was well built. 49 But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The river crashed against it, and immediately it collapsed. And the destruction of that house was great."

MATTHEW 7:21-23

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21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

22 "On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, drive out demons in your name, and do many miracles in your name? '

23 "Then I will announce to them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you lawbreakers! '

Lesson 1 – Evaluation

Colossians 2:6-7

6 So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, 7 being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude.

How would you rate your faith? Rooted? Built up? Established?
Overflowing?

CHAPTER 2 - LESSON 2

THE DOOR

AND

THE PATH

MATTHEW 7:12-14

2.1,2,3,6

12 "Therefore, whatever you want others to do for you, do also the same for them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

13 Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go through it. **14** How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it.

MATTHEW 7:15-20

2.1,2,3,6

15 Be on your guard against false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravaging wolves.

16 You'll recognize them by their fruit. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles? **17** In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit.

18 A good tree can't produce bad fruit; neither can a bad tree produce good fruit. **19** Every tree that doesn't produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. **20** So you'll recognize them by their fruit.

EXODUS 20:1-17 (selected)

2.4

1 Then God spoke all these words: **2** I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery.

3 Do not have other gods besides me.

4 Do not make an idol for yourself, whether in the shape of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth.

7 Do not misuse the name of the LORD your God, because the LORD will not leave anyone unpunished who misuses his name.

8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy...

12 Honor your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

13 Do not murder.

14 Do not commit adultery.

15 Do not steal.

16 Do not give false testimony against your neighbor.

17 Do not covet ...

17 "Don't think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. **18** For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or one stroke of a letter will pass away from the law until all things are accomplished.

19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever does and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-11

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9 Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived: No sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, or males who have sex with males, **10** no thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom.

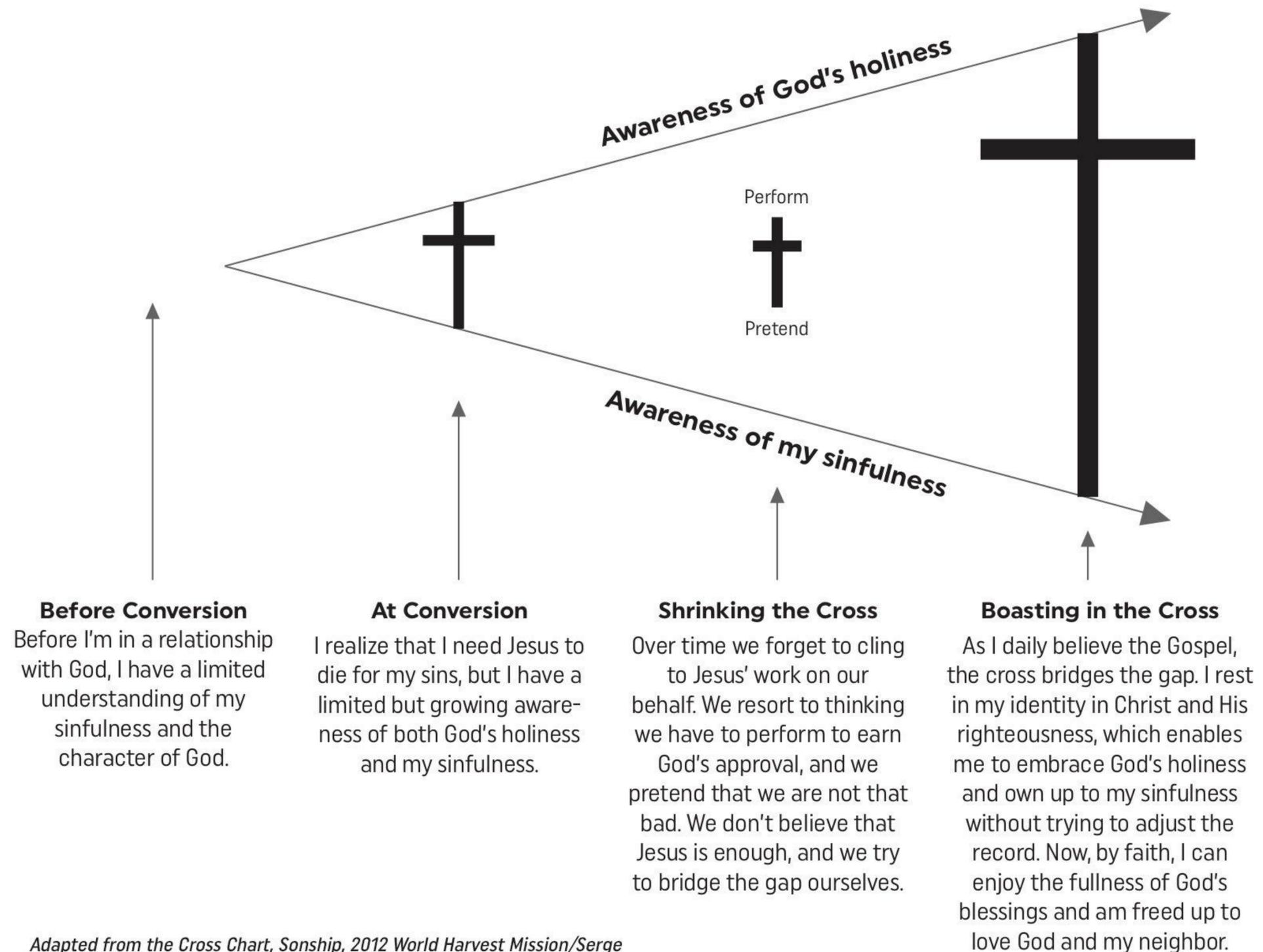
11 And some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Lesson 2 – Devotional (Self)

Q: When we shrink the cross, we can doubt the forgiveness and power of the cross so that we resort to performing good works to gain God's love or we pretend our sins are not a big deal.

In what ways do you shrink the cross?

Lesson 2 – Devotional (Self)



Adapted from the Cross Chart, Sonship, 2012 World Harvest Mission/Serge

CHAPTER 1 - LESSON 3

LORDSHIP

1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-11

3.1-2

1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and the kind of sexual immorality that is not even tolerated among the Gentiles -- a man is sleeping with his father's wife. **2** And you are arrogant! Shouldn't you be filled with grief and remove from your congregation the one who did this? **3** Even though I am absent in the body, I am present in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who has been doing such a thing.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-11

3.1-2

4 When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus, and I am with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, **5** hand that one over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. **6** Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little leaven leavens the whole batch of dough? **7** Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new unleavened batch, as indeed you are. For Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed. **8** Therefore, let us observe the feast, not with old leaven or with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-11

3.1-2

9 I wrote to you in a letter not to associate with sexually immoral people. **10** I did not mean the immoral people of this world or the greedy and swindlers or idolaters; otherwise you would have to leave the world. **11** But actually, I wrote you not to associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister and is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or verbally abusive, a drunkard or a swindler. Do not even eat with such a person.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-18

3.3-5

14 Don't become partners with those who do not believe. For what partnership is there between righteousness and lawlessness? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness? 15 What agreement does Christ have with Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-18

3.3-5

16 And what agreement does the temple of God have with idols? For we are the temple of the living God, as God said: **I will dwell and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.** 17 Therefore, **come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord; do not touch any unclean thing, and I will welcome you.** 18 And **I will be a Father to you, and you will be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.**

MATTHEW 18:21-22

3.1-2

21 Then Peter approached him and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? As many as seven times? "

22 "I tell you, not as many as seven," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven."

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Lesson 3 – Devotional (others)

Q: What advice will you give your children?

What advice would you give to your younger self?

“Equally yoked, separate, love one another, forgive 77 times, count others more significant”

CHAPTER 2 - LESSON 4

1st JOHN TEST

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1 JOHN 2:3-11

4.3,5

3 This is how we know that we know him: if we keep his commands. **4** The one who says, "I have come to know him," and yet doesn't keep his commands, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But whoever keeps his word, truly in him the love of God is made complete.

This is how we know we are in him: **6** The one who says he remains in him should walk just as he walked. **7** Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old command that you have had from the beginning. The old command is the word you have heard.

1 JOHN 2:3-11

4.3,5

8 Yet I am writing you a new command, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

9 The one who says he is in the light but hates his brother or sister is in the darkness until now. **10** The one who loves his brother or sister remains in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. **11** But the one who hates his brother or sister is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and doesn't know where he's going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

1 JOHN 3:7-11

4.4,6

7 Children, let no one deceive you. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. **8** The one who commits sin is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose: to destroy the devil's works. **9** Everyone who has been born of God does not sin, because his seed remains in him; he is not able to sin, because he has been born of God. **10** This is how God's children and the devil's children become obvious. Whoever does not do what is right is not of God, especially the one who does not love his brother or sister. **11** For this is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another,

20 If anyone says, "I love God," and yet hates his brother or sister, he is a liar. For the person who does not love his brother or sister whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

Lesson 4 – Prayer

Matthew 11:28-30

28 "Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29** Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

CHAPTER 1 - SUMMARY

GOD – defines righteousness in his law.

MAN – is guilty of violating that law.

CHRIST – humbled himself, obedient to the point of death.

RESPONSE – to work out our salvation with fear and trembling.