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Introduction

I know of no one who doesn't respond to music when they hear it playing. Music can be comforting or it can agitate in as much as music is capable of eliciting a wide range of emotion. Music has the power to get us up from our seats and on the dance floors of our youth and of our old age.

Music is powerful. Music is rhythm. Music is in the fabric of our lives. We've been conditioned by music. When we feel lonely we rock to the 'blues'. When we've been hurt we one step to a 'somebody done somebody wrong' song'. When were in the heat of passion we gyrate in synchronization to a 'lust song' and when we've lived long enough to have survived many of the hurtful circumstances of life, as Believers we lift our hands while swaying to a 'gospel song'; those truth filled songs that acknowledge the goodness, the mercy, the grace and the love of God, our heavenly Father towards his children.

For Believers, God, our heavenly Father is unlike the other gods we find ourselves serving. Until we decide otherwise, these other gods of our own selection will have us continuing in our practice of dancing with the Devil. We've been tricked into believing that if it feels good, it is good; that 'bad' comes in degrees; that 'once saved' is 'always saved'; that God is 'too good' to punish us.. Believers being seduced into behaving in ways that continue to hurt rather than heal; ways that 'kill and destroy' rather than ways that 'lift up the name of Jesus'; the way of the kingdom of this world rather than the way of the 'Kingdom of God'. Believers having access to The 'Word of God' made alive, Jesus; the name given 'above all other names'; the name packed with the true essence, nature, character and will of God, yet we find ourselves still dancing with the Devil .

Dancing with the Devil is intended to identify *sins* not usually considered to be sin, *idols* not usually considered to be idols and *gods* not usually considered to be gods: sins with which we willingly 'dance' with the Devil, without considering the dire consequences of our decision to do so. Naming of demonic spirits, revealing the tricks of the Devil and how he tempts us, entraps us, binds us to himself and leads to our eternal destruction.

Instructions

The instructions for this workbook are the same as for any other workbook published by Griffin Publishing Co. Inc. The intent and purpose is to encourage the student reader to ask themselves the questions as presented and to thoughtfully respond. By asking and responding to the questions the student is guided through the exercise especially designed to help him/ her examine themselves and their relationship with God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Is the relationship where he/she wants it to be? If not, why not? What can be done to make it better?

The answers are to be written in the spaces provided and in so doing will document the students responses. The written responses can then be kept, examined, evaluated and re-evaluated at a later time by the student. The student can then look for signs of spiritual growth, new understanding of the texts selected and whether or not the student has deepened his/her relationship with God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In essence the student has taken responsibility for their spiritual growth, training and development.

This workbook is designed to be used by a group of students, in the home or elsewhere. Scripture references are from the RSV, however no one version of the Bible is more valuable than another. Using different versions can add clarity to the passage during the group's discussion. God shows 'no partiality' and in that regard there should be 'no partiality' shown to any group member. The goal is for *everyone* to grow in Christ.

The questions are as follows:

- (1) What did you like best about the passage?
- (2) What did you like least about the passage?
- (3) What did you not understand about the passage?
- (4) What did you learn about god from this passage?
- (5) What do you need to do about it?
- (6) What would you like to think about over the next week?

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Background Passages

“...there was a war in heaven”

“And there was a war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found anymore in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” Rev 12: 7-9

“I beheld Satan, as lightening fall from heaven”

“And he said unto them, ‘I beheld Satan as lightening fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.’” Luk 18-19

“...sin is of the devil”

“He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever is born of God doth not commit sin: for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.” 1Joh 3: 8-9

“Because thou has hearkened to the voice of thy wife,”

“And unto Adam he said, ‘Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, ‘Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life:’” Gen 3: 17-18

“Adam was not deceived,”

“For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.” 1Tim 2: 13-15

“My son, if thou wilt receive my words,”

“My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.” Pro 2: 1-6

Tempting God

“But after this they no longer kept his commandment,”

v. 15 “Meanwhile the children of Seth, who were on the Holy Mountain, prayed and praised God, in the place of the hosts of angels who had fallen; wherefore God had called them “angels,” because He rejoiced over them greatly. v. 16 But after this they no longer kept his commandment, nor held by the promise He had made to their fathers; but they relaxed from their fasting and praying, and from the counsel of Jared their father. And they kept on gathering together on the top of the mountain, to look upon the children of Cain, from morning until evening, and upon what they did, upon their beautiful dresses and ornaments. v. 17 Then the children of Cain looked up from below, and saw the children of Seth, standing in troops on the top of the mountain; and they called to them to come down to them.”

v. 18 “But the children of Seth said to them from above, ‘We don’t know the way.’ Then Genun, son of Lamech, heard them say they did not know the way, and he bethought himself how he might bring them down. v. 19 Then Satan appeared to him by night saying, ‘There is no way for them to come down from the mountain on which they dwell; but when they come tomorrow, say to them, ‘Come ye to the western side of the mountain; there you will find the way of a stream of water, that comes down to the foot of the mountain, between two hills; come down that way to us’”

v. 24 “After this a hundred men of the children of Seth gathered together, and said among themselves ‘Come, let us go down to the children of Cain, and see what they do, and enjoy ourselves with them.” v. 25 But when Jared heard this of the hundred men, his very soul was moved, and his heart was grieved. He then arose with great fervor, and stood in the midst of them, and adjured them by the blood of Abel the just, ‘Let not one of you go down from this holy and pure mountain, in which your fathers have ordered you to dwell.”

Forgotten Books of The Bible, A Meridian Book, Adam and Eve, Chapter XX, page 78, v. 15-19, 24-25,

“Doth not wisdom cry?”

“Doth not wisdom cry? And understanding put forth her voice? She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in places of paths. She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man. O ye simple, understand wisdom: and ye fools be ye of an understanding heart. Hear: for I will speak of excellence things: and the opening of my lips shall be right things. For my mouth shall speak truth: and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing forward or perverse in them. They are plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.” Pro 8: 1-9

What sin did to mankind

“Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters; they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken anymore? Ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot, even unto the head, there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.” Isa 1: 4-6

“The works of the flesh”

“The works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying’s, murders, drunkenness, reviling’s, and such like: of which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Gal 5: 19-21

“...the mystery of iniquity”

“For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming. Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.” 2The 2: 7-10

“Thou shalt not tempt the Lord,”

“And Jesus answering said unto him, ‘It is said, ‘Thou shalt not tempt the Lord, thy God, and when the devil had ended all the temptations, he departed from him for a season.’ Luk 4: 12-13

“...do not believe every spirit.’

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world.” v. 2 by this you know the Spirit of God; every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God. v. 3 and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God.” 1 Joh 4:1

“Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God,”

“Then saith Jesus unto him, ‘get the hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”

Mat 4: 10

“No man can serve two masters:”

“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” Mat 6: 24

“...choose this day whom ye will serve”

“And if it seems evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Jos 24: 15

Walking in Un-holiness

	OT	NT
Abominations	Lev 18: 19-23	
Adultery	Exo 20: 14	Joh 8: 2-11
Anger	Ecc 7: 9	
Antichrist		1Joh 4: 2
Anxiousness	1Sam 1: 15-16	Luk 12: 4-2
Beast	Ecc 3: 19-21	
Bondage		Rom 8: 15
Borrowing/ Lending	Pro 22: 7	
Brokenness	Pro 17: 22	
Burning	Isa 4: 4	
Carousing /Party Spirit		
Conceit	Pro 18: 11	
Contrite	Psa 34: 18	
Confusion/ Perverseness	Isa 19: 14	
Deep Sleep	Isa 29: 10-11	
Dissension		
Divination		Act 16: 16-18

Doubt	Gen 3: 1	
Drunkenness		
Dumb / Deaf		Mar 9: 17
Enmity/Strife		
Error		2Joh 4: 6
Evil / Wickedness	Jud 9: 21-22	Mar 7: 21
Fear/ Cowardice		2Tim 1:7
Envy		
Fornication		
Foul		Rev 18: 2
Greed		Luk 12: 13-21
Guile	Gen 26: 6-11	
Hasty	Pro 14: 29	
Haughtiness	Pro 16: 18	
Heaviness	Isa 61: 1-3	
Homosexuality	Gen 19: 1-29	
Hypocrisy		Luk 11: 37-44
Idolatry		
Ignorance		Act 3: 13-19
Incest	Gen 19: 30-38	
Infirmity		Luk 13: 11
Jealousy	Num 5: 14	
Impurity		
Licentiousness		
Lying	1Kin 22: 21-22	
Mankind	Zec 12: 1	
Murder	Gen 4: 1-8	
Pride	Eccl 7: 8	
Rape	Gen 6: 1-2	
Seducing		1Tim 4: 1
Slumber		Rom 11: 8
Sorrowful	1Sam 21: 15	
Sorcery / Witchcraft		
Unclean Devil		Luk 4: 33-35
Usury	Eze 22:12	Luk 19: 20-26
Vanity	Psa 94:11	
Whoredom/ Harlotry	Hos 4: 12	
The World	1Cor 2: 12	
Your Mind/Selfishness		Eph 4: 23
And the Like		

