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 GRACE, 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.

rowing closer to God through WORSHIP.
eaching the world through EVANGELISM.
pplying God’s word for SPIRITUAL GROWTH.
reating an atmosphere of caring and FELLOWSHIP.
xperiencing a lifestyle of 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 God-pleasing Sunday School leader.

God blesses those churches and Sunday Schools where His leaders are fully devoted to Him.
Experiencing a lifestyle of ministry.

Through our service in the Sunday School we have an opportunity to use our __________ _________, passion for certain ministries, __________, and unique personality, as well as past experiences and expertise.

We also serve God through the 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**

Growing 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*

God desires that we have a lifestyle of worship. This involves worshipping Him in a _________ _________ or time alone with Him each day

It is important to decide on a specific _________ and _________ where you will not be disturbed.

_______ are a good time to have a quiet time.

**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

As we read the scriptures, God _________ _____ _____ from His word. As we pray we _________ _____ _____.

1. _______ God for who He is and what He has done. Thank Him for blessings.
2. Commit yourself to _________ _________.
3. Ask God to supply your _______. (Phil. 4:19)
4. Ask God to _________ your sins. (A time to forgive others)
5. Pray for other _________.

Every Sunday School class is a _________ _________ to reach people for Christ. (Acts 1:8)

WAYS TO REACH OUR MISSION FIELD

• Share your _________ with others.
• Be _________ to clearly share the gospel.
• _________ people in Sunday School.
• Develop _________ with unchurched people and witness to them.
• _________ – Reach out to family, friends, work associates, neighbors and others.
• Participate in the church’s _________.

Applying God’s word for spiritual growth.

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?

Creating an atmosphere of caring and fellowship. (Galatians 6:10; Hebrews 10:24)

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

• _________ one another.
• Hold each other _________ to grow and live a moral life.
• _________ together.
• _________ to the world by the testimony of our love for one another.
• _________ together using our spiritual gifts and abilities.
• _________ each others’ burdens.
• _________ each other spiritual truths.
• _________ each other.
• _________ each other.
• _________ for those who don’t attend.