

Booklet 2

Introduction to Booklet Two

We offer our sincere congratulations to you for having completed the ten lessons of "First Steps in the Christian Life." You have learned a lot, and we hope you have enjoyed it.

You are now ready to take on a new challenge: ten more lessons under the general title of "Going Deeper." Babies begin with a diet of milk, but as they progress in growth they need a change to more solid food. (See 1 Cor. 3:2; Heb. 5:13-14.) When we reach a certain point of spiritual growth, we are told to "leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity" (Heb. 6:1).

In these lessons, we will move ahead into some of the deeper aspects of the Christian life. We will be dealing with:

- 1. Sharing Your Faith
- 2. Christian Stewardship
- 3. What God Really Wants
- 4. Making Christ Lord
- 5. Living a Holy Life
- 6. Discovering God's Will
- 7. Serving God
- 8. Loving Others
- 9. Learning to Trust God
- 10. Developing Vision for God's Work

Don't just read the lessons, apply them to your daily life. Keep moving ahead! Let the Holy Spirit work in your life to make some changes where needed. Make it your goal to develop as fast as possible toward Christian maturity. It is a thrill to allow God to work in your life to make you what He wants you to be. Do not accept anything less than God's best for you!

Our prayer for you is the same as Paul prayed for the Ephesians: "I pray that out of his glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen" (Eph 3:16-21).

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