

SPIRITUAL MILK



**Some Basic Principles
Of The Christian Faith**

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introduction

dis lessons are dem dey call "spiritual milk" bicos dem de written for para para christians or para para babes for christ. Dem compare di needs and growth for new christian to dos for a newborn baby. Dem get five basic stages for di development for a newborn and di sequence for di lessons follows dis progression.

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it na no bi considered normal wen a pikin na born but does no bi grew. If im does no bi grew mentally, im na dem dey call retarded. If im does no bi grew physically. im na dem dey call a dwarf: but if you don't develop ya christian life, you're going to kpai! god tells we how to grew spiritually. Lesson 5

wen a baby na born, being a newborn, im starts be fed and be cared for e remain small exclusively by im mama, receiving boku pass im contributes. But dia comes di taim wen im na going to assume im place for di family. Im starts eating for di table wit di odas, building relationships, accepting responsibilities and fulfilling duties. All dis na part for im development. You also, as per para para christian, need to take ya place for di family for god, di church. Lessons 6, 7, 8 and 9.

living beings multiply themselves. Di pikin dat na generated from di love for im papa and mama grows and soon di day arrives to repeat di process. God say to adam and eve: "be fruitful and multiply." we are here today sake of dis blessing from god. For di spiritual life di command na also "be fruitful and multiply." you de born and live wit di purpose for reproducing yourself spiritually. Disciples are to mek disciples. Lesson 10

di rest for dis studies – lessons 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 are designed to provide some additional practical informate you go need as you progress for ya christian life. Fit god bless you and guide you for di greatest blessing and challenge for life - living di christian life.

first stage– you need spiritual nutrition

lesson 1 "were you born? it's taim to chop!"

"as newborn babes, desire di pure milk for di word, dat you fit grew thereby if las las you get tasted say di lord na gracious. " i peter 2:2-3

laik a newborn baby soon afta na birth starts seeking di mother's boobi to feed, as per newborn christian, you need to feed yourself wit di word for god. Before understanding theology and doctrines; before knowing how to crawl or waaka; even before understanding di importance for nutrition to ya health, you need spiritual nutrition. It comes from di word. So, begin now. No wait even a single day. Take di bible and begin ya everyday everyday nourishment. Here are some suggestions to help you get begin.

listen go di word

no miss di meetings for di church and, wen you attend, abi go di sermons and bible classes. Always don pen and paper wit you to mek notes. You fit need to review dem for haus and get together wit pesin to clear up any doubts. Be diligent for doing dis. Be laik dat newborn baby dat sometimes acts as though it na dying for hunger! and for course, you go lai lai wan land for di church meetings without ya bible.

read di word

read di entire bible for one year. Dem get printed plans wia you fit record each chapter you've read. By reading three chapters a day and five on top sundays, you go read di whole bible for one year! dis go find you a general survey for di bible. Tey tey it na reading and no bi an intensive study, it fit be helpful to use an "easy-to-read" version for di bible. For deeper studies use a plenti literal translation laik nkjv or nasb

study di word.

pray, dey ask god for understanding. Make god's holy spirit speak to you through im word. Instead for studying wetin pesin else tink wey concern some passage, read for yourself for di words say di holy spirit directed be written. Read directly from di bible. Dis go de ya own personal study.

follow a system for study. It's no bi wise to open blindly to juss anywhere for di bible and begin studying without thinking wey concern di things wey e contain. Di diligent student na always building on top wetin im get already learned. So study a book, a chapter, or some bible topic.

take notes for ya thoughts, kweshion, doubts and reflections for ya study. Keep a special notebook to do it for. All for we know say a gud think, a special perception or new understanding na easily forgotten. Write down di results for ya studies.

tink wey concern di following kweshion and mek notes for di answers for ya study notebook:

wetin does dis word mean? analyze verse by verse. Define di dey hard words. Take know for a reference go parallel passage. Mek an outline for di paragraph.

wetin don't i ? write ya doubts and kweshion. Many for ya doubts go become clear as you study oda parts for di bible.

wetin be di kpatakpata for dis passage? be brief.

choose some verses to memorize. Without a doubt, jesus do dis. Mek a list for di memorized verses to review dem too dey.

meditate on top wetin you've studied. Dis na very important step. Meditation na wetin go find depth to ya study for di word. It doesn't mean a method for meditation laik some eastern religions use (transcendental meditation,), but simply dat you reflect, tink, apply and analyze wetin you've learned for di word.

mek a personal application for di word.

apply di lesson to yourself, dey ask wey concern each passage:

na dia some example i fit follow?

na dia sontin wey i must avoid?

na dia a commandment wey i suppose obey?

na dia a promise dat would prove beneficial?

wetin does dis passage teach wey concern god or jesus?

na dia some difficulty be examined?

na dia sontin wey i suppose pray wey concern?

wetin go help me wit mai problems?

share di word

choose pesin and share wit am some significant truths dat you de learning for ya studies. Dis serves for im edification and plenti. Wen you express to odas wetin you've studied, then dis knowledge becomes ya own personal property.

practice di word

as james wrote, "be doers for di word and no bi hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (james 1:22) di true knowledge for di word for god comes wen you put into practice wetin it teaches. Be laik di wise man dat built im haus for di rock instead for for di sand. (matt. 7:24-28)

a suggestion

choose a commandment, attribute or biblical principle each week to practice. Write dis for ya study notebook and day by day, look for opportunities to practice wetin di word na teaching you. Dis way di word for god becomes di living word for you.

memorize:

ii timothy 3:16, 17. All scripture na give by inspiration for god, and na profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction for righteousness, say di man for god fit be complete, thoroughly equipped for everi gud work. Kweshion

1. As a newborn christian u dey feeding on top god's word?

true ____ lie-lie ____

2. How does one sabi wetin god desires for dem?

a. ____ read dia bible

b. ____ study wit oda christians

c. ____ search di internet

d. ____ all di above

e. ____ a and b

3. A diligent student na always increasing im knowledge for god's word by determining if dem get oda scriptures wey concern di subject being studied.

true ____ lie-lie ____

4. A gud student must di meaning for words for dia things wey e contain for order to wetin god don stated for im message give dem.

true ____ lie-lie ____

5. How does one mek application for god's word

- a. ____ is dia some example i fit follow?
- b. ____ is dia sontin wey i must avoid?
- c. ____ is dia a commandment wey i suppose obey?
- d. ____ is dia a promise dat would prove beneficial?
- e. ____ what does dis passage teach wey concern god or jesus?
- f. ____ is dia some difficulty be examined?
- g. ____ is dia sontin wey i suppose pray wey concern?
- h. ____ all di above

second stage - ya para para identity

lesson 2

ya bodi na now di temple for di holy spirit for god.

di newborn baby leaves im mother's womb to enta di new world. Dis fit be a big shock but e get no turning back. Im fit lai lai return to im mother's womb. Di same tin happens go di para para christian. Di change for life na radical and e get no return. For fact, whoever tinks wey concern going back suppose know say for di ones who return go di old life afta having been born again for christ, "the latter end na worse for dem than di beginning. " (ii peter 2:20-22). You need to di nature for ya para para life for christ for order for you to assume ya para para identity. Who u dey now wey you've been born for di water and for di spirit?

". na im be say, if pesin na for christ, im na para para creation; old tins don passed away; behold all tins don become para para. "

ii corinthians 5:17

"therefore. we bin de buried wit am through baptism into death, dat juss as christ na raised from di dead by di glory for di papa, even so we also suppose waaka for newness for life" - romans 6:4

ya bodi na purchased by jesus christ

read 1 corinthians 6:12-20 and notice di following:

ya physical bodi now get one divine purpose - vv12, 13. Tink wey concern dis: di purpose for a suitcase na to de cari clothes and di purpose for a stove na to cook food. So, wetin do you do wit di suitcase and stove? sweeping di floor wit di suitcase, or playing games for di stove would no bi be di correct use for dis tins. It na di same wit ya bodi now wey it belongs go di lord and na be bin use for im purpose.

ya bodi na so important dat, someday, god go raise it from di dead - v14. All who don di holy spirit living for dem don di guarantee wey dem go de raised go di glory for god. Di bible says "you de sealed wit di holy spirit for promise, wey be di guarantee for awa inheritance until di redemption for di purchased possession, go di praise for im glory" (ephesians 1:13-14). You get a guarantee from god wey he no go leave ya bodi for di grave, but, for di resurrection, you go receive a glorified bodi, no longer subject to pain, sickness, loneliness or sorrow. You go get bodi suitable for di gud tins for life: joy, happiness, immortality, peace and eternal fellowship for heaven wit jesus, god and all im oda sons.

ya bodi na member for di lord - v15. If you had di power to control di legs, di arms, di eyes or di hands for jesus, wetin would you do wit dem? would you de cari dem to indecent places? would you torchlight dem to blue film? would you participate for filthy habits? would you commit immoral acts? would you high? would you drink? would you take drugs? would you injure dis pipo for im bodi? would you kill dem? for course no bi! even so no treat ya bodi, which na member for christ's bodi, for dis way.

ya bodi na sanctuary for di holy spirit for god - v19. God's sanctuary na place for worship to take place for a spirit for reverence and dedication.

ya bodi na no bi yours. - vv19-20. You de only a caretaker (steward, administrator) for god's belongings and no bi di owner so always ask yourself: "what does god wan me to do wit dis bodi for im?"

"i live for a haus. It's no bi a perfect haus. It don na gud points and bad points but for spite for evritin, i laik it. I've lived for it for so long dat i've grown accustomed to it. Some taim tey, di richest, purest, most generous, kindest and most wonderful man for di world go buy mai haus. Im paid a high price for it - pass na im worth - so, evidently, im promise it very boku. Im go buy it but do no bi evict me from it. For fact, im com to live for di haus wit me. I get to confess say it na great to don am for di same haus wit me, but i also don to confess wey i

gats mek some changes. Now, i feel di need to take betta send for di haus, to keep it clean and to lai lai do anything wey he disapproves for bicos im go buy it - di haus belongs to am. It's no bi mine anymore. " it's obvious dat dis haus na mai bodi. Jesus go buy it and com to live for it wit me, through di holy spirit. Now i wan use it as im wishes bicos im na di owner and i am di tenant. Now, before doing anything, speaking any word, thinking any think, or participating for any activity, i wan ask: "is dis di right tin to do wit di bodi dat belongs to jesus?"

questionable uses for god's temple

sometimes it's hard to decide if a some kain activity na prohibited or allowed. Even among religious pipo, dem get big differences for opinions wey concern some kain tins. Dancing, drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking, watching tv, playing football and oda sports, playing cards, going go di movies, going go di swimming pool, playing di lottery, working for a bar, wear a miniskirt, voting for di elections, being a politician, listening to some kain music, use drugs, getting marry to an unbeliever, being for di military, etc.

we don't find specific rules wey concern dis tins for di bible. It's no bi always e don do to juss look for a shikena prohibition or permission for di bible. Di bible often teaches by principles instead for rules and regulations. Here are some thoughts, then, dat you might wan dey consider before taking part for some activity:

decide, first for all, dat you de going to do god's go, before even knowing wetin im go na. (read john 7:17.) ask yourself i no de lie:

1. "what na di desire for mai heart? to abeg god or abeg masef?" (see matthew 6:33 and romans 12:1, 2.)
2. Does di bible don some clear instruction or teaching wey concern dis activity?
3. Will dis activity force me to don some association wey fit wuru wuru me by na influence? (i corinthians 5:13)
4. Is dis activity unnecessarily harmful to mai health? (romans 12:1; i corinthians 10:31)
5. Is dis activity going to hinder me for fulfilling mai responsibilities as per christian? (ii corinthians 6:14-18)
6. Can dis activity damage mai influence as per christian before odas? (romans 12:2; i corinthians 8:7-13; 10:23-38; ii corinthians 7:1; titus 2:12)
7. Could dis activity cause mai broda to stumble (to fall into sin)? (romans 14)

8. Do i get doubts wey concern dis activity? if i do it, would i be acting against mai own conscience? (romans 14:23)

9. What would jesus do for mai place? (i peter 2:21)

kweshion

1. Being buried wit christ for baptism and walking new life way one don do to dia sinful past.

true ____ lie-lie ____

2. A christian's physical bodi belongs to christ.

true ____ lie-lie ____

3. A christian's bodi na sanctuary for di holy spirit, na im be say dem be a servant for god, no bi dia own oga.

true ____ lie-lie ____

4. Since di holy spirit live for inside a christian's bodi, one needs to

a. ____ take physical send for dia bodi

b. ____ keep it clean for sinful practices

c. ____ do nothing as di holy spirit na spirit no bi physical

d. ____ an agreement to dos who put dia trust for christ by obedience dat dia sins are forgiven and eternal life awaits.

5. The para para covenant established by christ na

a. ____ a set for rules and regulations one must follow

b. ____ a set for principles be applied and followed

lesson 3

you de still for di world but you de no longer for di world

christ's prayer for im disciples

"i no pray dat you suppose take dem komot for di world, but dat you suppose keep dem from di evil one. Dem be no bi for di world, juss as i am no bi for di world. " (john 17:15-16) wen you received christ as lord and savior, you rejected di world ("world" here refers go di bad tins for dis life: di illicit desires, selfishness, work for di flesh, materialism, etc.). Ya loyalty na no longer go di world. It's even considered ya enemy. No bi only u dey to love christ and im way, but you de also to stop loving di world. Open ya bible and read i john 2:15-17 and sight di relationship between you, di christian, and di world. Tink wey concern di following truths:

di love for di world blocks man's heart make im na no bi able to receive god's love. Laik water and oil, di two no mix. (v15)

none for di ways for di world comes from god. Di illicit desires, di gara-gara, di egotism - dis tins com from di world, from di evil one, and no bi from god. (v 16)

di world, wit na desires, go de destroyed. Im who remains na di one who does god's go. (v 17)

we are different from di world

di christian and di world are opposed to one anoda and are mutually exclusive. Di christian don be separated from di world! but how? does it mean dat you get to stop studying and working, or dat you get to run away go desert island, wia none for di contamination for di world fit reach you? for course no bi! di christian na for di world but im na no bi for di world. Im na very different from di pipo for di world and dis difference na reflected for im life. Pesin who observes ya life, seeing ya behavior, suppose easily notice dat you de now a follower for jesus christ! brethren, we are different!

read colossians 3:5-16. And notice di tins say di christian does and does no bi practice. Sight how different it na from di world's way. Di christian does no bi practice fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, covetousness, anger, wrath, bad belle, blasphemy, filthy language, or lies. Di christian practices: tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, bearing wit one anoda, forgiving one anoda, love, peace, thankfulness

now wey you de a christian you fit resist temptation

di eternal purpose for god for we na to mek we holy, blameless and without reproach. (read colossians 1:21, 22 and ephesians 1:4; 5:25-27). Awa situation na wey we are for di world but we don't belong go di world. Even though we are being sanctified (separated) to serve god (i corinthians 6:9-11) and live holy live (romans 6:11-12), we are still subject to temptations. However, now wey we are christians dia na big difference. We get heaven's help for di fight against sin! let's know some tins wey concern temptation and di christian.

di danger for temptation na di possibility for apostasy (a falling away from god). Read hebrews 3:1-19 and notice:

dis warning send am " holy brethren, partakers for di heavenly dey call," v 1 di kondishon to receive di blessing na to remain kakaraka until di end. v6, 14

an example for apostasy na israel for di desert. vv 7-11

di warning: sin fit deceive you and harden ya heart and you fit end up losing ya sanco "rest. " vv 12, 13, 19

a kpatakpata: "let we na im be say be diligent to enta dat rest, lest pesin fall according go di same example for disobedience" (hebrews 4:11) and "he don reconciled for di bodi for im flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach for im sight; if las las you kontinu for di faith, grounded and steadfast, and are no bi moved away from di shey for di gospel which you heard" (colossians 1:22, 23).

how fit we remain kakaraka, resisting satan's temptations until di end?

"put for di whole armor for god". Ephesians 6:10-18.

"add to ya faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love. " ii peter 1:5-11.

di divine assurance (i corinthians 10:13) "god na faithful, who no go gree you be tempted beyond wetin you de able"

awa divine help (romans 8:26, 27) di holy spirit, who live for inside you, de help you for ya weakness, interceding for you.

wetin shall we do wen di tempter comes?

(matthew 4:1-11). Remember dat even for di life for jesus temptation na necessary. (jesus na led by di spirit into di wilderness be tempted. Or for mark's words, di spirit drove am.) im na perfected; dat na, qualified be awa sacrifice and high priest (hebrews 2:17, 18; 4:15, 16) for di process. As for jesus' case, ya faith don be tried also. Na dia a risk for dis? yes, but im who lai lai enters di race, go lai lai be a winner. God tests awa faith (i peter 1:7; james 1:2-4, 12, 13) but im doesn't tempt we to sin. Jesus na taken by god be tested but im no bi tempted by god.

recognize dat satan na di tempter. Im na di one who wan overthrow we. Wen im comes dey say tins laik, "do it, send go sabi"; "do it, god does no bi send if you do"; "do it, god does no bi sabi wetin you need"; "do it, you

go feel gud"; "do it, make you juss live once so don some fun while you fit"; "do it, god wan you be happy", remember dat dis thoughts com from pesin who na only trying to destroy you.

wen di tempter comes to you, then tok as christ say, "no, i no go do dat, bicos it na written ... you'll need to fit to do sontin else too. You'll need:

to sabi god's word.

to believe for god's word.

to decide to do god's go for advance.

to remember god's word wen di tempter comes dey.

wen di tempter com to eve, im knew god's word but im do no bi believe it. For ananias and saphira's case, dem knew and believed but do no bi decide to obey am. Wen temptation com to david, im knew, believed and decide to obey for advance but im do no bi remember for di moment for di temptation. Jesus knew, believed, decide to obey for advance and for di taim for temptation im remembered it. Dat's why im na able to resist satan's attacks.

memorize: ephesians 6:10-18

kweshion

1. The word world for "you are no bi for di world" way acts fulfilling di illicit desires for man's nature. True ____ lie-lie ____

2. A christian's lifestyle na different as christians no practice fornication, evil desires, covetousness, anger, blasphemy, lies or filthy language.

true ____ lie-lie ____

3. Being tempted na sin

true ____ lie-lie ____

4. Yielding to temptation hardens a christian's heart which fit lead to loosing eternal life wit christ.

true ____ lie-lie ____

5. When di tempter comes you need to

- a. ____ to sabi god's word.
- b. ____ to believe for god's word.
- c. ____ to decide for advance to do god's go.
- d. ____ to remember god's word
- e. ____ all di above
- f. ____ b and c

lesson 4

you de now a disciple for jesus christ!

"come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and i go find you rest. Take mai yoke upon you and sabi from me, for i am small small and lowly for heart, and you go find rest for ya souls, for mai yoke na small small and mai burden na lait. " (matthew 11:28-30)

wetin na disciple for jesus?

di christian life na learning process (john 6:45 and matthew 28:18-20) and a disciple na student. But for di para para testament, na meaning na little bit different than today. For di days for jesus, dia de masters (teachers) and disciples (students) but dem do no bi sidon for classrooms laik we do today. Di oga taught for practical ways. Im walked wit im students. Im show dem how to do tins. Dat's why di word disciple for di para para testament don often been translated as "follower". Na im di same wit jesus. And di word disciple fit well well be translated as "apprentice". Imagine a oga mechanic and im apprentice. Di "master", for dis case, would teach im apprentice how to use some tools, and how to repair some problems. Di apprentice hears and observes di teacher doing dis. Afterwards, im takes di tools and imitates im master's work. Im na disciple (apprentice, learner, follower, student) for di teacher (master mechanic). A disciple na pass bin use term for followers for jesus for di gospels- 269 times.

- if we are di learners, then wey be di teacher? it na jesus christ.
- what does jesus teach we? im teaches we how to live, how be, to do and to teach. It na onthe-job training wey concern lifestyle and personal commitment
- where na im classroom? for everi place.
- when does im class meet? all weda.
- what na im teaching method? show and tell, model and teach. (see philippians 2:3-8 and 2 corinthians 3:18.
- it na no bi di power for positive thinking or a mechanical system for moral improvement.

- what na di goal for a disciple? to sabi christ john 17:3 and be laik am romans 8:29
- when fit we tok we get learned im lesson? wen we are practicing wetin im get taught we.
- when na pesin considered a disciple? wen im enrolls for jesus' school or wen im graduates? wen you became a christian, you enrolled for di school for jesus!!! you go spend ya whole life learning as jesus na being formed for you.

di cost for discipleship

remind yourself dat there's a price you get to pay be jesus' disciple. Di enrollment price for jesus' school na high! wit di blessings com responsibilities and for di christian you must live worthy for im call. Speaking wey concern di life for di disciple, jesus say "if pesin de desires to com afta me, make am deny imself, and take up im cross everyday everyday, and follow me. " (luke 9:23). Notice four important points for dis verse:

"deny imself" - di christian na slave for christ, and as such, don no go for im own to fulfill but only im lord's go. We can't pursue di world's desires abi find for to temptation. Jesus, wit di same weapons against sin wey de spell gon gon, faced temptation and always overcame it. Im na awa high priest who fit sympathize wit awa weaknesses, bicos im "was for all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. " (hebrews 4:15)

"take up im cross everyday everyday" - wetin does di word "cross" mean for dis passage? na it a medal dat a pesin wears dey dia neck? na it a thing for christianity? does it mean torture and suffering? none for dis find di correct meaning. Di idea for di first century, wen jesus spoke dis words, na to kpai to ya old life, say, laik paul "i don been crucified wit christ; it na no longer i who live, but christ live for me. " (galatians 2:20)

"follow me" - here na di source for awa strength - jesus na di main main. Im gives we di strength to bear di dey hard tins for life. Im guides awa way! im gives we success ova temptation (i corinthians 10:13). We must follow am (john 14:6). Being a christian doesn't mean to juss stop sinning but, also, to put jesus and im word first for awa life, following am and imitating am for evritin.

"daily" - we make di decision to deny ourselves and take up awa cross for di first taim for di day wey we embraced christ as awa savior and lord. But dat day na gone and today na anoda day! everi day we need to mek di decision to follow jesus, again! wen jesus say "daily", im de tell we wey we need to mek dis decision each day. Awa faith don be a dynamic, living faith. We must everyday everyday renew awa purpose for becoming laik christ.

also read: luke 14:25-33; romans 12:1, 2; mark 8:36.

three traits for a disciple

jesus, for di gospel for john, mentioned three characteristics for a disciple:

abide for im word (john 8:31). It's pass simply believing (see john 8:29-59). It involves knowledge for di word. We get to study jesus' words. It way to practice wetin we get learned. Do you hold go di word? how often do you study di bible? everyday everyday?

love one anoda. (john 13:34-35). How suppose we love? laik christ loved we. (john 13:34 - im find imself for we). How shall we be disciples? by helping one anoda, talking to each oda wey concern spiritual subjects, studying di bible together and being sensitive go di necessities for one anoda. Do you love ya brothers for christ? wetin u dey doing for practical ways to help dem?

bear boku fruit (john 15:8) wetin kinds for fruit do we bear? pikin and families, fruit for di spirit (galatians 5:22), glory to god for having created we, bringing odas to christ, etc. Sake of we bear fruit? to glorify god. To no bi be cut off (john 15:1-2). To save odas. For gratitude (psalms 5 1:12-15). To fulfill awa purpose for life. How fit we bear plenti fruit? by abiding for jesus. (john 15:5) wen di branch na cut off di vine, it does no bi bear any fruit. U dey producing boku fruit?

jesus na awa model!

we sabi am through di bible. We sight how im acted, talked and treated pipo. We sabi wetin be important to am. We sight im attributes, so we go fit im love, meekness, humility, mercy, purity and righteousness. By meditating on top am and admiring am, we seek cloth laik am. Go di christian, im na awa example for all tins.

kweshion

1. A disciple for christ na obedient and committed to am and im teachings. True ____ lie-lie ____
2. What does christ teach us?
 - a. ____ how to live
 - b. ____ practice what he taught us
 - c. ____ positive thinking d. ____ a and c
3. A servant for christ does di go for christ no bi im own. True ____ lie-lie ____
4. How often na pikin for god to deny imself and do god's go?
 - a. ____ weekly for sunday
 - b. ____ every day afta im personal chores are completed
 - c. ____ daily, all weda
5. Take up ya cross way

- a. ____ a medal or thing wear dey one's neck
- b. ____ torture and suffering
- c. ____ dying to old sinful way for life

third stage - spiritual growth

lesson 5

you must grew or else you go kpai!

it na no bi considered normal wen a pikin na born but does no bi grew. If im does no bi grew mentally, im na dem dey call retarded. If im does no bi grew physically, im na dem dey call a dwarf: but if you don't develop ya christian life, you're going to kpai! sight wetin god say wey concern di necessity for spiritual growth:

" ... we get boku to tok and hard to explain, tey tey you get become dull for hearing. For though by dis taim, you ought be teachers, you need pesin to teach you again di first principles for di oracles for god; and you get come need milk and no bi solid food. For everyone who partakes only for milk na unskilled for di word for righteousness, for im na babe. But solid food belongs to dos wey be for full age, dat na, dos who by reason for use don dia senses exercised to discern both gud and evil. " (hebrews 5:11-14)

"as newborn babes, desire di pure milk for di word, dat you fit grew thereby. " (i peter 2:2)

"therefore, mai beloved, as you get always obeyed, no bi as for mai presence only, but now boku plenti for mai absence, work komot ya own salvation wit fear and trembling; for it na god who work for you both to go and to do for im gud pleasure. " (philippians 2:12, 13)

wetin be spiritual growth?

remember wey we are talking wey concern spiritual growth and no bi physical or numerical growth. It way becoming plenti and plenti resemble to jesus christ. (ii corinthians 3: 18)

it involves learning to distinguish between gud and evil. (hebrews 5:14)

it way walking plenti and plenti by di spirit and less and less by di flesh. (galatians 5:13ff)

it way possessing and increasing for di christian graces for ya life - faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love (ii peter 1:5-11). If dis tins exist for we and are growing for we, we go de active, fruitful, kakaraka, and we are no bi going to stumble. We fit spiritual growth as per change for di betta for awa own character.

a know: spiritual growth comes, no bi only wen you practice such virtues, but also wen you err and reflect wey concern ya mistakes. Sometimes, suffering sake of ya failures de help you grew. Dis na di value for di lord's discipline. (hebrews 12:1-13)

di spiritual graces for 2 peter 1:

faith - read romans 10:17 to sight di source for faith. It na for di word wey we sabi dat god always fulfills im promises (mark 10:29; romans 8:28). Im always keeps im word to we. Tragedies fit happun for life, but knowing dat god na sustaining we increases awa faith. Living by faith increases faith. You fit remember some times for ya life wen, trusting for di lord, you faced some fear or struggle and overcome?

virtue - way moral courage. It na di characteristic match pipo to do wetin be right, even wen it na very dey hard or wen odas are against it. An example for one who show great moral courage na joseph. Read genesis 39 and sight virtue for action. You fit tink for pesin else who don shown great virtue (moral courage) for dia life?

knowledge – for god and im go, for christ and im life. Di lack for knowledge caused god's pipo be destroyed. (hosea 4:6). Tey tey jesus' words go judge we, we need to sabi wetin im taught (john 12:48-50). Di way to collect knowledge na by reading and studying di bible. (psalm 1:13). Reading spiritual books and biblical commentaries fit also help. Mek a practical plan to grew for knowledge. (refer back to lesson 1)

self-control - we suppose don self-control ova awa bodies: passions, appetites, moods, etc. (1 corinthians 9:27). Self-control na fruit for di spirit. (galatians 5:22, 23) dey consider making a list for di areas for ya life wia you need to don plenti self-control. Pray constantly to god for growth for dis areas.

perseverance - way "steadfastness, persistence, patience". It na di characteristic for a man dat na kakaraka for im purpose and loyalty go di faith, no bi going astray even for di greatest for trials and suffering. James 5:7-11 gives we a biblical example for perseverance.

sight james 1:2-4 to sabi how to develop perseverance. We go don problems and temptations for awa live. However. di one who remains kakaraka until di end (he who perseveres) go de saved. (hebrews 3:6). You fit tink for pipo and situations for ya life dat motivated you to persevere?

godliness dis refers to personal devotion to god or reverence. Cornelius na example for godliness (piety) for di bible. (acts 10:2, 7). Godliness na always a valuable virtue to possess. I timothy 4:8. Here are some suggestions to help you to keep ya mind on top spiritual and holy tins:

hear christian songs

don days for fasting and prayer

form a prayer group

don haus worship

save a taim everyday everyday to read, pray and meditate on top god's word

describe ya practice for personal devotion. Do you get a plan? goals?

brotherly love na love among brothers (fellow christians). One example: di churches dat helped di christians for jerusalem for di famine. li corinthians 8:1-5. Anoda example: di prayers say di christians make for peter, dey show brotherly kindness. (acts12:1-5) it fit include di practice for hospitality. Read galatians 6:10 and try to tink for a broda or sista for christ dat needs ya help? wetin you fit do for am/her? na dia a broda or sista for christ dat needs a fren? get closer to dis pesin to possibly begin a gud friendship.

love - christian love na action. It way to actively desire and seek di gud for odas and always involves serving. If serving way to supply di needs for odas, and we recognize say di true needs are no bi necessarily wetin di pesin wan, then we fit dat to love na e remain small di same as to serve. Jesus com to serve. Im loved we. Im see awa need for forgiveness and im kpai for di cross to collect it. For di same way, make we serve (love) one anoda. Many pipo only come god's love wen deh get dia own pikin. Di love for papa and mama for dia pikin de help we how god loves we. Read 1 corinthians 13 (all) i john 3:11-18 and 1 john 4:7-21 to gain a greater awareness de kain christian love realli na. Write down di name for pipo or events for ya own life dat helped you to and practice love.

kweshion

1. Who decides wetin god's message, im teachings, way?

a. ___priest

b. ___rabbi

c. ___preacher/evangelists

d. ___you - by personal study

2. Spiritual growth na

a. ___learning to distinguish between gud and evil

b. ____possessing and increasing for faith, virtue, knowledge self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness and love.

c. ____practicing di christian virtues

d. ____all di above

3. The source for faith comes from knowledge for god's word. True ____ lie-lie ____

4. What na greater

a. ____knowledge for god's word

b. ____self- control

c. ____love

5. Love na

a. ____a feeling

b. ____a desire to do wetin be best for anoda

fourth stage—take ya place for di family for god

lesson 6 take ya place for di family for god

wen a baby na born, being a newborn, im starts be fed and be cared for e remain small exclusively by im mama, receiving boku pass im contributes. But dia comes di taim wen im na going to assume im place for di family. Im starts eating for di table wit di odas, building relationships, accepting responsibilities and fulfilling duties. All dis na part for im development.

you also, as per para para christian, need to take ya place for di family for god. You surrendered ya life to jesus christ, repenting for ya sins, and being buried wit am for baptism. For dat moment you enta into new relationship wit di oda followers for jesus. You became a part for di "church". Di christian life na no bi lived for isolation but for compin wit di oda pipo for di church. Dis na god's plan for you.

di church na very special group for pipo

dis group na very special bicos it consists for dos whom god dem dey call komot for darkness into im wonderful lait (i peter 2:9). Dem be a group for pipo saved through di blood for jesus christ, di pikin for god. Di church na pipo separated by god for imsef. Di church (literally, di dem dey call komot ones), don been dem dey call:

- called by god. Romans 8:28-3

- called komot for darkness. I peter 2:9; colossians 1:13
- called through di gospel. Ii thessalonians 2:14
- called into fellowship for christ i corinthians 1:9
- called to sanctification (being set apart). I thessalonians 4:7
- called go di kingdom i thessalonians 2:12; galatians 1:6, 5:13; colossians 3:15; hebrews 9:15; i peter 5:10)

know: for di para para testament, di word "church" refers either to an assembly for christians for a some kain place (romans 16:16; i corinthians 1:2; ephesians 1:1; philippians 1:1) or go di universal bodi for christ (composed for all di pipo for di world wey de saved for christ - matthew 16:18).

pesin once say: "i am a christian but i am no bi a member for any church bicos i don't sight such a commandment for di bible. " dis pesin do no bi study di bible, bicos, if im had, im would say di local church na highly emphasized for di para para testament: " ... no bi forsaking di assembling for ourselves together, as na di manner for some. " (hebrews 10:25)

di local church chooses missionaries and supports dem, maintains bible schools, de help pipo wey de for need, promotes prayer meetings, worship, devotionals and evangelism. It's di local church dat serves become instrument to accomplish god's work here on top earth. E get and always go de a future for di church for jesus christ bicos god's work suppose be and na go on. You de to take an active part for dis great work for god for di local church!

biblical terms for di church

for di bible we find no specific title give for di church. Instead, we find various descriptions dat illustrate some special aspect for dis group for pipo dem dey call di church – terms for either relationship or function.

haus (family) for god - i timothy 3:15; ephesians 1:3; galatians 3:26, 27. God na di papa, jesus na di oldest broda and all for we are brethren. Di church na family dat god constituted be always wit am. We get fellowship wit am, wit im pikin jesus and wit one anoda as pikin for god. Di love, kindness, help and approval wey we find for di human family also don to exist for god's family and for an even plenti profound way. Di bible exhorts we: "is pesin among you suffering? make am pray. Na pesin cheerful? make am sing psalms. " (james 5:13) be a faithful and loyal broda on top whom di church fit count. Serve di oda brethren for love.

kingdom for god (or for christ) - revelation 1:5; matthew 16:18-19; colossians 1:13. God's kingdom na di kingdom for im pikin to whom im already find all di authority and whom im appointed "king for kings and lord for lords" (matthew 28:18 & revelation 19:16). As god don always reigned ova all, now im pikin reigns ova all creation. Pass important part and di purpose for im reign na di church. Di church for jesus na di group for pipo dat voluntarily subject themselves to king jesus to serve am for dis world.

temple (sanctuary) for god - i peter 2:5; i corinthians 3:16, 17. We are di spiritual haus, di residence, di sanctuary for god. We must maintain awa personal holiness, worthy for im presence. God dwells for di church (not for di building, but for pipo). We live for god's presence and for im presence, we pray, sing, praise, worship and serve. Be a participant for dis worship, treating wit respect and send im temple, di church.

flock for christ - acts 20:28. We follow jesus, awa gud and supreme shepherd.

a chosen pipo, holy kontri, royal priesthood, pipo for god – (i peter 2:9). We exist to adore, honor and praise awa creator.

church for christ (or church for god) - matthew 16:18; acts 20:28; romans 16:16; i corinthians 1:2; 10:32; 11:22; 15:9; ii corinthians 1:1; galatians 1:13; i timothy 3:5,15. We are di exclusive property for christ and god. We belong to am, no bi to odas, no bi even to ourselves.

bride (wife) for christ - ephesians 5:23-32 di emphasis for dis term na awa faithfulness and allegiance go di one we get pledged ourselves to love and serve.

church - we are di pipo for god and don been dem dey call komot for di world, komot for di wrong way. We bin de separated (sanctified) and we suppose be different from di world. We suppose live holy live.

bodi for christ - ephesians 5:23; colossians 1:18; i corinthians 12:12-27 & romans 12:4, 5. Di church na christ's instrument to kontinu im mission for di world. We are im hands, mouth, eyes, feet, heart. Di church na living organism and all di parts are joined and mutually dependent one for anoda. As di arm needs di hand, di pipo for di bodi for christ need one anoda. So you suppose seek ya function for di church. Exercise di gifts dat god don give you for di gud for christ's bodi, di church.

responsibilities for pipo

knowing awa identity as per member for christ's bodi, we recognize wey we no fit be individualist or selfish. We are part for sontin boku bigger than ourselves. E get nothing plenti important for awa live than dis. You de part for pass privileged group for pipo for di world. It's an honor to don di opportunity to serve, work and participate for di church for jesus christ.

kweshion

1. The church christ established na

- a. ___ temple
- b. ___ meeting place such as per building
- c. ___ people
- d. ___ people dem dey call komot for darkness (sin) into christ

2. Christians are

- a. ___ members for di bodi for christ
- b. ___ servants for god
- c. ___ pipo cleansed by di blood for christ through _____ obedience
- d. ___ all di above

3. The bible specifies one name for christ's church. True ___ lie-lie ___

4. Christ's church na referred to as per kingdom, bride, bodi. True ___ lie-lie ___

5. The church na

- a. ___ an organization
- b. ___ a living organism

lesson 7

di purpose and mission for di church

di church for di lord na im living spiritual bodi. Awa mission comes from am, awa head (ephesians 1:21, 22). Di church na di bodi and im na di head and so di church moto komot im go. We are di church, anointed by im holy spirit, born for im papa. We establish im church and im peace for di whole world. Di church continues im work here on top earth and although im work na varied, we fit summarize it for three general areas:

evangelism

we are to preach di gospel, mek disciples for all nations, be di lait for di world and salt for di earth, fight against di principalities, against powers, against di rulers for di darkness for dis age, against spiritual hosts for wickedness for di heavenly places and mek manifest di very character for god. Wen jesus answered kweshion wey concern im mission here on top earth, im say tins laik – “the pikin for man com to seek and save di lost.” we, as im bodi, don been give di job for carrying komot dis very same mission.

edification

di church fit be referred to as living stones or bricks. It na no bi juss a pile for loose bricks. God wan a construction for living stones. If di bricks are no bi for place, if dem be no bi cemented together, then dem be no bi a building. Evangelism brings for bricks but god wan dem formed into a building. (ephesians 2:19-22; 4:6; i peter 2:5) for di process for tins we fit lose a lot for para para bricks if we juss tro dem into a pile or if we cement dem for a very haphazard manner so wey dem soon fall apart. We must work for making sure each one na cemented into di place god find am. Dis na dem dey call edification.

for some, di church na place you go observe odas. Di center for attention na pesin, probably di pastor or priest. If pesin needs help, who do dem call? dem call di leader. If pesin get one wahala or doubts, dem call only di preacher. It wasn't dis way for di primitive church. Di church na no bi an institution but rather a family. Dem met for homes. Due to persecution, dem often met for secret for small groups so as no bi to call attention to themselves. An example na di church for thessalonica. Paul went dia and established di church but only stayed a very short taim before im na cast komot for di city. Na im new church, suffered persecution and had problems wit sin and doctrine. Di missionaries de gone and yet dem survived. How? read i thessalonians 5:11-14 and sight how. Evritin do no bi depend for di preachers, elders, etc. Dem recognized wey dem de di building for god and dia identity as christians fit be seen for dia involvement wit each oda. We must edify one anoda and be involved wit one anoda.

still, some wan protect dia private live: "i wan be independent, awoof to do as i wan. " but if you realli wan be wey dey create possible christian, then you suppose invite odas into ya personal life, tell dem to look for ya faults, and help you be betta. For dis way you fit grew even plenti.

dis, then, are di goals for edification:

- ii peter 1:5-11 everi member na active, productive, kakaraka, saved.
- ephesians 4:16 everi member for di place god assigned am, linked go di odas, working, cooperating, growing, edified for love.
- colossians 1:28 all are be presented perfect for christ.

let's know some examples for opportunities dat god gives we to edify one anoda. Read each passage and write di mutual obligation for christian for di blank: john 13:34-35 _____

romans 14:19; 15:14 _____

i corinthians 12:25 _____

ephesians 4:2; 5:21 _____

galatians 6:2 _____

colossians 3:12-14 _____

i thessalonians 4:18; 5:11-14 _____

hebrews 3:12; 10:24, 25 _____

james 5:16 _____

i peter 4:9 _____

meditate on top dis commandments for di lord and ya responsibility as per follower for jesus and as per member for im bodi, di church. Dis work na no bi reserved only for di leadership but rather each member shares for it. Love, edify, counsel, send for, support, de cari burdens, conserve di peace and unity, comfort, exhort, warn, confront, help, encourage, ginger, confess, pray, take for, fellowship. Jesus dem dey call all for we to do all for dis for one anoda.

service

one way we serve di lord na through serving oda pipo. Dis service na no bi a competition between we but rather cooperation. We are to use awa gifts, working together (i corinthians. 12:12-27). Jesus do no bi com be serve but to serve and so im church must don di same vision. Di church exists to defend di oppressed, help di needy, and do gud work. (ephesians 2:10)

you de going to wan help or be helped by ya brothers. Dis help na sometimes spiritual (encouragement, edification, etc.) and sometimes material. Dey give and receiving, dis mutual help go develop love and friendship dat unites we for di christian family.

dey consider di following verses: galatians 6:10

acts 6:1-6

acts11:27-30

romans 15:25-27

acts 11:19-26

acts 13:1-12

acts 6:1-7

ephesians 4:1-16

colossians 3: 1-17

kweshion

1. The mission for christ's church na to
 - a. ___ build buildings for which to meet
 - b. ___ proclaim di gospel for christ
 - c. ___ encourage oda christians to remain faithful
 - d. ___ do gud work
 - e. ___ all di above
 - f. ___ b, c and d
2. The church na active bodi for saved pipo true ___ lie-lie ___
3. The center for di assembled church na
 - a. ___ the priest
 - b. ___ the preacher
 - c. ___ christ
4. For di church be legitimate it must assemble for a building such as per temple or sanctuary true ___ lie-lie ___
5. During persecution it na acceptable to gather for secret and for small groups. True ___ lie-lie ___

lesson 8

di church assembles for worship and edification

“let we dey consider one anoda for order to put fire love and gud work, no bi forsaking di assembling for ourselves together, as na di manner for some, but exhorting one anoda, and so boku di plenti as you sight di day approaching. ” (hebrews 10:24-25)

one for di saddest tins you go ever sight na “christian” who does no bi eagerly await di opportunities wen di whole church assembles together for worship and edification. Some even dey consider it as only one for dia “christian duties”. For true, god do command it bicos we need it so boku and many don sacrificed dia very live to protect awa liberty to do dis very tin.

di church assembles for worship we must clearly dat e get no some kain taim or place for a christian to worship god. Jesus make dis very plain for john 4:19-26. We worship for awa spirit (heart) any time atall for any place. Worship describes di expression for awa

heart characterized by awe, veneration, and respect. It always occurs individually, weda one na for an assembly or no bi.

group worship na juss a "number for individuals worshipping god together for di same taim for di same place. Di actual worship occurs for di heart or spirit for each one. All di odas for an assembly fit be worshipping while one individual na no bi. Or an individual fit be worshipping while di odas are no bi. Di forms or acts so we go fit singing, dey offer, eating di lord's supper and praying are no bi de tin be say di true worship. Dem be juss way for expressing di sense for reverence dat na for di heart.

normally, for church meetings god's word na read, taught or proclaimed. Wen di scriptures are read or quoted, we ought to listen laik it na god speaking to we through im word (if for fact, di one speaking na speaking god's words). Listen wit personal active participation: wetin does dis mean? wetin does god don to tok to me? wetin does im wan me to sabi be, to do? how fit i share dis wit odas?

are you a worshipper or a spectator?

we are becoming a kontri for spectators. Tv don revolutionized di world. Participants don become viewers. Doers don become couch potatoes. Being creative and industrious demands boku for we. Being juss a spectator demands very little. Wen you add to tv viewing, live sports events, videos, and movie theaters, you get awa #1 pastime – "spectating". Di spectator mindset affects di church and creates some kain conflicts bicos di overwhelming biblical emphasis for christianity na being a participant and no bi juss a spectator.

wen it comes go di assembly for di church, some get hard taim trying to change from being a spectator go participant. Dem get up from di game on top tv and assemble to worship for di church meeting. Some tv addicts, afta an hour or two for hype and pizzazz on top tv, come church and expect to feel di same level for emotions. But tink wey concern dis: tv advertisers spend \$1,000,000 on top a 30-second commercial. Programs dazzle you wit di latest sophistication for lait and sound. On top tv di visual impression na changed wey concern everi 5 to 10 sec. Then you com go church meeting. You fit i no de lie tok say di word "boring" no de sometimes flash across ya mental screen?

but awa wahala no de lai for di church's inability to drag. Di wahala na di wrong notion say di church na supposed to drag. Laik it or no bi, many christians are comparing christianity to spectator sports. If di worship service or game na no bi exciting, dat na; "doesn't edify me", dem feel say taim na being wasted for boredom. It's so small small to juss chill komot and change di channel. Though some would lai lai admit it, dia mindset na: "i'm a spectator. I don't sing. I don't bring mai bible, read along, enta di di discussion, take notes or listen sofri sofri. I'm a watcher and a listener. And dis service had betta be gud." na im make, di spectator expects to don im needs (or desires) met without any concern wey concern di needs for di odas present.

di church assembles for edification. Pass detailed description for di para para

testament church assembly de for for 1 corinthians chapter 14 and di kpatakpata verse 26 says "let all tins be do for edification." edification na wetin we do for order to build each oda up for pass holy faith. Di way we do it na mainly through words:

through words in prayer. I timothy 2:1, acts 4:23-31

through reading the word. I timothy 4:13

through words of exhortation and rebuke. I timothy 4:13, 5:20

through speaking. 1 corinthians 14:3

through spiritual songs. Colossians 3:16; ephesians 5:19

bicos we usually worship wen we assemble, many call di church meeting a "worship service". Tey tey we assemble to edify one anoda di meeting fit also be dem dey call an "edification service". E get one very special activity god planned for christians to do wen dem assembled dat suppose involve both worship and edification. It na dem dey call "the lord's supper".

di lord's supper

di lord's supper na meal for great importance for di church. It na symbolic meal. Dat way dat na purpose na no bi to satisfy awa physical hunger but rather to remind we for important spiritual tins by way for material tins. Di elements, di acts, di words - all di symbols involved help we according to wetin dem represent. Di lord's supper na no bi sontan mystical or miraculous but na memorial. ". do dis for memory for me" (luke 22:19). Di purpose for a memorial na to remind we for pipo, events, truths, relationships, commitments, etc.

di bread – reminds us of christ's body that was sacrificed for us.

di fruit for di vine - reminds we for christ's blood dat na shed for di remission for awa sins.

no bi only are di elements bin use for di lord's supper significant but awa actions are also. Tink wey concern wetin we do wit di buredi and di fruit for di vine. We don't juss look for dem. We don't juss laik dem. We don't bow down before dem. We chop di buredi and drink for di cup. Jesus took di buredi find it to im disciples and say: "eat it". Im passed di cup and say: "drink it". Wetin be di make sense for eating and drinking instead for only gazing upon dem? it speaks a message dat christ don be for di for inside. It na moment for individual, personal participation. Each one says sontan laik dis go di lord, "jesus, com into mai heart and mai life." it na no bi e don do to juss be for di room wia jesus na present. Im get be for we. Di lord's supper na one for dos special moments wen we tok to god "come for!" jesus say for john 6: 51, 54-56: "i am di living buredi which com down from heaven. Whoever eats mai flesh and drinks mai blood don eternal life, and i go raise am up for di last day. For mai flesh na food las las, and mai blood na drink las las. Im who eats mai flesh and drinks mai blood abides for me, and i for am."

kweshion

1. There na no specific taim or place for christians to worship. True ____ lie-lie ____
2. In an assembly or group for christians
 - a. ____all worship god bicos dem be present for di group
 - b. ____worship na from one's inner being, dia heart, so it na di individual who worships
3. When christians com together all tins are for strengthening dos assembled. True ____ lie-lie ____
4. One fit sing, pray, and partake for lord's supper but no bi worship. True ____ lie-lie ____
5. In di lord's supper di buredi represents god, jesus, from heaven for an earthly bodi while di fruit for di vine represents jesus' blood for im atoning sacrifice dat cleanses faithful obedient pipo from sin.
true ____ lie-lie ____

lesson 9

who u dey for di bodi for christ?

"...grow up for all tins into am wey be di head; christ; from whom di whole bodi, joined and knit together by wetin everi joint supplies, according go di effective working by which everi part does na share, causes growth for di bodi for di edifying for itself for love." (ephesians 4:15, 16)

"as each one don received a dash, minister it to one anoda, as gud stewards for di manifold grace for god." (1 peter 4:10).

"for as we get many pipo for one bodi, but all di pipo no don di same function, so we, being many, are one bodi for christ, and individually pipo for one anoda. Having then gifts differing according go di grace dat na give to we, make we use dem ..." (romans 12:4 – 6)

now wey you de a christian it na important for you to assume ya place for di family for god. Di quote from ephesians 4 clearly show di importance for 100% involvement for di pipo for di work for di church. For fact, di church na organized by di lord to do na work.

di organization for di church

jesus na di head for di bodi, di church. Im na no bi juss a figurehead but rather na actively involved for all di church's work. It na jesus who guides, organizes, oversees and shepherds di bodi for order for we be wetin im wan we be and to do wetin im wan we to do.

jesus organizes di church by dey give a dash(s) (functions) to each and everi member. Dis gifts include elders, deacons, preachers and teachers but dem also include everi single member for some way. No bodi na unnecessary. None are unimportant. No bodi na excluded or excused. Jesus work through di holy spirit, distributing spiritual gifts go di pipo for di bodi, for di work for di church.

spiritual gifts

spiritual gifts are functions (ministries, assignments, work or services) dat you, as per member for christ's bodi, exercise. Sight romans 12:3-8. Spiritual gifts are no bi talents. Even unbelievers don talents but spiritual gifts are only give to christians. Spiritual gifts are no bi personality traits (patient, impulsive, kind). Di dash for peter and paul na apostleship - dem had di same dash but had different personalities.

know: di types for gifts under consideration for dis lesson are di permanent, non-miraculous gifts for service and no bi di temporary, miraculous gifts mentioned for 1 corinthians 12.

each member for di church na important. Each one de necessary. Perhaps you tink "i am no bi a preacher or teacher. Di bodi does no bi need me. " how would di church be if everybody do di same tin? di lord does no bi call everybody to do di same tin dat na, no bi everybody don di same responsibility for di church. Di holy spirit gives to each member for christ's bodi ministries according go di body's needs. Di lord, tin wey dey gud head, knows how to coordinate di bodi. Im gives go di bodi different kinds for ministries to supply di needs for di whole church.

who am i for di bodi for christ?

dis na di kweshion each one for we needs to ask. How fit i sabi wetin mai god give ministries are? di para para testament does no bi find a concise list for steps for determining one's spiritual dash. Some steps are suggested below but dem ought no bi be considered di final word for di subject. It suppose be remembered say di goal here na no bi so boku to decide wetin awa own individual gifts are (as if di decision de ours) but to discover wetin god don decide awa gifts are. Remember dat god (christ, di spirit) "god don set di pipo, each one for dem, for di bodi, juss as im pleased" - 1 corinthians 12:18. Here are some suggestions to help you ansa dis kweshion for yourself.

1. Become a christian: dis na logical bicos spiritual gifts are give by god to pipo for di bodi. Dem aren't talents but services or functions for pipo for di bodi for christ.

2. Place yourself entirely for god's disposal: dis na definitive personal objective decision which suppose don been make for ya conversion to christ and needs be continually renewed. Tok to god wit all ya heart as isaiah do: "here am i, lord, send me. " isaiah 6:8. If we are no bi willing be bin use by di lord for a way wey he desires, we aren't ready to ask am wetin im wan we to do.

3. Pray: you know say god get one purpose for you for di bodi for christ so now juss ask am to show you wetin im be, knowing wey he go ansa bicos it na im go. Read and meditate on top psalm 25:12. "to di pesin who fears di lord, im go show am di way im suppose choose." you might ask di opinion for odas but pass obvious pesin to ask na di head for di church.

4. Consider di needs for di church: peter plainly tells we wey we are to employ awa gifts by serving one anoda as gud stewards for god's varied grace (i peter 4:10). Gifts are ministries or services. To serve na to meet a need. Di purpose for di gifts na no bi to keep pipo busy but to meet needs so we must look go di needs for di church. One for pass helpful tins we fit do na to develop di heart and habit for a servant. Spiritual gifts are services wey di pipo are dem dey call by jesus to exercise for a special way.

5. Review di lists for gifts for di n. T. : you need to begin thinking wey concern wetin god calls a ministry. Dis lists suppose find you an idea. Sight romans 12:3-8; i cor. 12:28; ephesians 4:11, 12; i peter: 10, 11.

some examples for gifts, ministries, for di n. T. -not de include temporary or miraculous ones:

- servant (i peter 4:11; romans 12:7)
- teacher (i corinthians 12:28; romans 12:7; 2 timothy 1:11)
- exhorter (romans 12:8)
- one who gives (romans 12:8)
- one who gives aid/helps (romans 12:8; i corinthians 12:28)
- one who show mercy (romans 12:8)
- administrator (i corinthians 12:28)
- shepherd, pastor, bishop (acts 20:28; ephesians 4:11; i timothy 3:1, 2; titus 1:5, 7)
- evangelist, preacher, minister (i corinthians 9:16, 17; ephesians 4:11, 2 peter 2:5; i timothy 4:6; 2 timothy 1:11)
- deacon (i timothy 3:8)

for inside all for dis, dem get myriads for tins be do for which you fit serve di lord. :

- pre-marriage and/or marriage counseling,
- organize activities for youth groups,
- sing for funerals,
- church secretary
- prepare lord's supper

- do a church bulletin

(don't be limited by dis list. Dem get several lists for di para para testament for spiritual gifts or functions for di church and dem be no bi identical. Dem be all different. Dis leads we to tink dat e get no bi one fixed list for gifts. Wen we dey consider say all dis gifts (ministries, functions) are services and dat to serve way to meet needs, then we fit conclude say di list for gifts might be as long as di list for di needs for di church. We need to expand awa areas for service. Look dey to sight wetin needs be do dat na no bi being do.)

6. Look for opportunities to serve: as you get developed di habit for serving, you might even begin a journal for doors dat god don opened for you to serve. As taim go on top you fit begin to sight a direction wey he na leading you for. Remember dat gifts are services wey di pipo are dem dey call by jesus to exercise for a special way. All for we suppose serve but dem get servants (deacons) for di church. All for we suppose evangelize but dem get evangelists for di church. All for we suppose exercise mercy but dem get christians who exercise dis function for a special way. All for we suppose contribute but dem get some wit dis dash. All for we suppose take send for one anoda but some are shepherds

we are able be involved for many services but dem get some services wey be say some de especially dem dey call. Dis are awa "gifts". Di right kweshion here na no bi "lord, wetin do you wan me to do?", but "lord, for which service would you wan me to dedicate masef or specialize for?" it na laik a student who studies many subjects but "majors" for one area.

7. Seek guidance from church leadership: ephesians 4:11, 12 says dat dis gifts are give go di church for di equipping for di saints. Mek gud use for dis gifts for leadership.

8. Take di initiative: you get prayed go di lord, reviewed di list for ministries for di n. T. , taken into account di needs for di church say di lord don brought to ya attention and possibly even put di desire for you to fulfill. You get noted dat god na always opening up doors for opportunity for some kain directions and you get talked tins ova wit di leadership for di church. Wit a willing heart, are sincerely dey ask di lord to make you sight wetin im be dat im get for you to do. Take di initiative and get on top wit wetin di lord for get you be doing.

get di idea? go through di steps give. Begin to serve di lord by employing ya dash for one anoda as gud stewards for god's varied grace. Fit di lord bless you for evritin gud dat you desire to do.

kweshion

1. Each member for di church get one function take perform. True ____ lie-lie ____
2. Gifts (functions) for evangelizing, shepherding and preaching are plenti important than oda functions. True ____ lie-lie ____

3. The holy spirit gives each member ministries (activities) according to di needs for christ's bodi.

true ____ lie-lie ____

4. The para para testament provides a list for functions god requires christians take perform. True ____ lie-lie ____

5. Before a function fit be perform by a christian it must be authorized by a church leader.

true ____ lie-lie ____

stage 5 - reproduce yourself spiritually

lesson 10 be fruitful and multiply

living beings multiply themselves. Di pikin dat na generated from di love for im papa and mama grows and soon di day arrives for am to repeat di process. God say to adam and eve: "be fruitful and multiply." we are here today sake of dis blessing from god. For di spiritual life, di command na also "be fruitful and multiply." you de born and live wit di purpose for reproducing yourself spiritually. Disciples are to mek disciples.

"every branch for me wey do no bi bear fruit im takes away; and everi branch dat bears fruit im prunes, dat it fit bear plenti fruit." (john 15:2)

"go na im be say and mek disciples for all di nations. (matthew 28:19)

"but im who received seed for di gud ground na im who hears di word and understands it, who las las bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." (matthew 13:23)

di principle for "multiplication"

you fit imagine how di church would grew if each member reproduced themselves 30, 60 or 100 times? it would be fantastic! even plenti interesting na seeing di results if each disciple for christ would mek at least one para para disciple everi year who would then, for turn, do di same tin. Sight how di principle for multiplication work: if you fold dis sheet for paper you de reading, na thickness na going to double (from 3/256 inch to 3/128 inch). Folding it 10 times, na thickness go de 12 inches. Di interesting fact na dat if you fit fold dis booklet 39 times, na height would be greater than di distance from di earth go di moon! you fit check it wit a calculator. That's di principle for multiplication.

di dream for di church:

we wan transform dis whole society, from di smallest go di largest. We wan mek di wolf to live wit di lamb. We go sight di leopard lying down wit di goat. Di infant go play near di hole for di snake. "they shall no bi injure abi destroy for all mai holy mountain; for di earth shall be full for di knowledge for di lord as di waters cover di sea. " (read isaiah 11)

you don ever imagined living for a world for headlines void for murder, robbery or violence? movies and tv without blue film? streets without beggars? commerce without exploitation? homes without confusion, fights or betrayals? neighborhoods without bars, drunkards, addicts? "you are dreaming," pesin says. "the church na poor, young and small. We aren't able. " but, if we bin de many, hol, powerful, wit 1,000 years for experience, we still would no bi fit. It go only be do through di power for god. Di difference between dreams and reality na god.

so how fit awa dream be realized? no bi by force abi military or political power. Awa weapon na di gospel. We are a pipo (church) dedicated to take dis world komot for darkness into di wonderful lait for jesus christ.

you, new christian, need to don di vision for multiplication. Laik for di example for di paper doubled 39 times reaches di moon, if each christian multiplied imself once each year, even for im lifetime dia fit be billions for disciples for christ for di earth. Dis see for multiplication suppose challenge we for many tins.

di fruit for dis dream for increasing for number

first for all, dis vision gives motivation and enthusiasm. Let's do it! let's transform dis world, awa society, bringing millions to salvation through di knowledge for di pikin for god. Let's begin it now!

secondly, dis vision show we how wise na di plan for jesus to conquer di world.

"and di tins dat you get heard from me among many witnesses, commit dis to faithful men who go fit to teach odas also. " (ii timothy 2:2)

"i no pray for dis alone, but also for dos who go believe for me through dia word. " (john 17:20)

"go na im be say and mek disciples for all di nations, baptizing dem for di name for di papa and for di pikin and for di holy spirit, teaching dem to observe all tins wey i don commanded you; and lo, i am wit you always, even go di end for di age. " amen. " (matthew 28:19-20)

dis na jesus' plan: disciples making oda disciples, teaching dis para para disciples to do di same tin.

di evangelism for ya city no go be do through pesin wit a charismatic personality, great financial resources, and wit an army for ph. D. s for theology. It does no bi depend on top buildings, kudi, or well-developed hierarchy. It na do wen you pass ya faith onto anoda pesin for ya own personal way, shikena and sincere, instructing dis pesin to go and do di same. That's how di kingdom for god go go from one end for di earth go di oda.

thirdly, dis vision for multiplication show we di necessity for being a disciple and making disciples. We no juss baptize pipo. For matthew 28:19 jesus ordered im disciples to baptize di pipo dat became disciples. Di plan na dat each individual na to follow jesus. Yes, dem get leaders for di church - elders, evangelists, teachers. but jesus' plan na for each pesin be totally dedicated to following am and being laik am. Di true meaning for baptism na "converted pipo"; pipo wey kpai to sef and sin, de buried for union wit christ and raised to waaka for newness for life. Baptism way new birth into new life.

you fit begin as e stand so!

do ya best and di lord go help you to develop plenti and plenti. Take advantage for all di opportunities; weda for ya family, wit neighbors, friends or colleagues. For personal conversations, public preaching, acts for charity, according go di gifts and opportunities dat god gives you. Begin now to practice dis great vision for multiplication. "christ jesus com into di world to save sinners." (i timothy 1:15). Remember: you exist for dis world as per christian to fulfill exactly di same purpose.

kweshion

1. God comot di proclaiming for chris's message for reconciliation to dos god put into im church.

true ____ lie-lie ____

2. The pipo for christ's church must be dedicated to taking di world komot for di darkness for sin into di wonderful lait for jesus christ. True ____ lie-lie ____

3. Evangelizing na be do by pesin wit

a. ____ a charismatic personality

b. ____ great financial resources

c. ____ highly trained theologians

d. ____ christ's christian family

4. For evangelizing be successful dia must be

a. ____ a church building

b. ____ lots for kudi

c. ____ an organized hierarchy

d. ____ all for di above

e. ____a proclaiming for di death, burial, resurrection for christ

5. Before one fit become a christian dem must

a. ____ first become a disciple

b. ____ accept christ as god for human form

c. ____ obey im teachings by dying go life for sin

d. ____ be buried following death for water immersion

e. ____ resurrected by god and placed into christ kingdom

f. ____ all di above

g. ____ a, b and c

lesson 11 jesus na lord!

"that if you confess wit ya mouth di lord jesus and believe for ya heart dat god don raised am from di dead, you go de saved. " (romans 10:9)

" ...that for di name for jesus, everi knee suppose bow, for dos for heaven, and for dos on top earth, and for dos under di earth, and dat everi tongue suppose confess say jesus christ na lord, go di glory for god di papa. " (philippians 2:10-11)

"all authority don been give to me for heaven and on top earth.

(matthew 28:18-20)

wetin does it mean to call jesus "lord"?

it way wey he na di king, di first one, di maximum authority, di oga, di ruler, di potentate, di emperor, di head. Wetin im says go. Im no de juss suggest or recommend. Jesus commands and di entire universe obeys. Listen go di way jesus talked to pipo, to demons and even to nature and dia responses:

- mark 1:17 - to simon and andrew: "come, follow me". "they immediately comot dia nets and followed am. "
- mark 5:41 - to jairus' dead pikin: "little geh, i tok to you arise". "immediately di geh arose and walked. "
- john 11:43 - to lazarus for di tomb: "come forth". "he who had kpai com komot bound hand and foot. "

- mark 9:25 - go di unclean spirit: "come komot for am and lai lai enta am again." "the spirit com komot for am. "
- mark 5:8 - go di demon: "come komot for di man, unclean spirit! then di unclean spirits went komot. "
- mark 1:41 - go di leper: "be clean". "immediately di leprosy comot am, and im na cleansed. "
- mark 2:11 - go di paralytic: "arise, take up ya bed, and go ya haus".
"immediately im arose, took up di bed, and went komot for di presence for dem all. "
- mark 2:14 - to levi, di tax collector: "follow me". "so im arose and followed am. "
- mark 4:39 - go di winds and waves: "quiet, be still". "the wind ceased and dia na a great maintain. "

di lord doesn't don to ask. Im no get to tok "please". Im commands and all must obey!

we all live for one for two kingdoms

it na either di kingdom for darkness or di kingdom for lait. It na by awa own choice and e get no middle ground. For di kingdom for darkness, everybody does wetin dem wan do. E get full liberty. It na laik di captain for a sinking ship who announces: "we don struck an iceberg. Dia na huge hole for di hull for di ship and we go shortly sink go di nyash for di ocean. Unfortunately, dem get no lifeboats. Everybody fit do as dem wish. Dos for di 2nd class fit com up go di 1st class. Drinks are for di haus. Send don to pay for anything. All di food for di restaurant de for ya complete disposal. You fit play basketball for di kitchen if you wish and break all di plates and glasses. Do as you abeg!

now some fit tink: "what a gud captain. Im lets we do anything we wan do." but soon, they'll all be dead for di nyash for di ocean. Even so, for di kingdom for darkness, e get only one law: "do wetin you wish: addictions, illicit sex, assault, jealousy, passion, gara-gara, drunkenness, greed, hatred... you tink dat you de di king for ya tiny kingdom but you de being guided by di spirit for dis age. You de lost and go soon be thrown into di depths for di lake for faya!

but e get anoda kingdom: (colossians 1:13) "(god) don delivered we from di power for darkness and translated we into di kingdom for di pikin for im love." be saved way wey we are taken off di sinking ship for destruction and placed aboard anoda ship, anoda kingdom. Dis kingdom for lait also don only one law - do evritin and whatever king jesus commands.

for di kingdom for darkness, each one does im own go. For di kingdom for lait, each one does di go for king jesus. Dem get no bi three roads - di narrow, di wide and di medium-sized. Dem get only two. Jesus na lord!

di lord na be obeyed

jesus na di lord; na im be say, you must obey am for all tins. E get no oda option. I must either submit to am or confess say jesus na no bi mai lord.

dey consider di mata for forgiveness,. For matthew 6:14, 15, jesus say simply to im disciples: "for if you forgive men dia trespasses, ya heavenly papa go also forgive you. But if you no forgive men dia trespasses, neither go ya papa forgive ya trespasses." jesus do no bi advise, im do no bi ask, im do no bi suggest, im find im followers an ultimatum! "if you don't forgive, you no go be forgiven." end for discussion! shikena! it na no bi an option. Di lord do no bi juss tok dat it na advisable or nice to forgive. Im didn't plead: "we owe god so boku." "it would be gud." "it na so fine to forgive." "you go sleep boku betta." "you go de so boku happier if you forgive." jesus say "do it or you de lost". Now once im put it dat way, we get to decide. Go we or go we no bi? awa own eternal destiny depends on top awa decision. We fit debate di subject for forgiveness forever. We fit offer excuse afta excuse to no bi forgive but wetin do jesus tok? jesus na lord! go we submit to am or resist am?

jesus na lord bicos im go buy we!

"for you de go buy for a price; na im be say, glorify god for ya bodi and for ya spirit, which are god's. " (i corinthians 6:20). From whom do im buy we? from awa old oga, di devil. Wetin price do im pay? im purchased we wit im own blood. (acts 20:28)

we are "doulos" (slaves) for lord jesus christ. It no bi forced on top we. Rather we chose to voluntarily submit go di king for kings and lord for lords to dodge from di wrath for god against awa sin and take advantage for di brekete life wey he offers we. For course, im na no bi laik dos slave owners dat abused and mistreated dia slaves. Awa lord na only interested for awa eternal gud.

we suppose do im go, no bi awa own. Back then di slave do no bi wan displease im lord for anything, for fear for im wrath. Awa lord na gud and kind so we wan abeg am for evritin we do. For awa family life, make we do wetin im wan. Husbands, love and take send for ya wives as christ loved and kpai for im church. Wives, submit yourselves to ya husbands as go di lord jesus, training ya pikin for di fear for di lord. Pikin, respect and obey ya papa and mama for di same way dat you respect and obey christ. Bosses, treat ya employees as you de treated by ya oga, jesus. Employees, serve ya oga as if it de jesus wey dey paying ya salary. Serve wit honesty, doing wey dey create work you fit. "and whatever you do, do it heartily, as go di lord and no bi to men. " (colossians 3:23)

kweshion

1. Every pesin go for dis world or eternity confess say jesus christ na lord. True ____ lie-lie ____
2. All authority don been give to jesus, di christ. True ____ lie-lie ____
3. How many spiritual kingdoms are dia
 - a. ____one

b. ____ two

c. ____ many

4. Those for di kingdom for laif one does

a. His own go

b. The go for god

5. Since christ purchased dos for im church dem be to do

a. ____ what dem tink na right

b. ____ study im word to sabi im go

c. ____ ask a religious leader wetin christ desires

d. ____ wait until christ speaks directly give dem

lesson 12 you de im servant

although "doulos" way "slave", wen we read for how jesus bin use di word, especially for di parables, we notice wey he put a big emphasis for di responsibilities for dis servants. Di lord's servants do no bi become "robots" dat acted mechanically, without any for dia own think or initiative. For di contrary, di servants dat jesus talked wey concern de trustworthy pipo wit whom di lord comot di send for im possessions wen im traveled. Dis na awa position

- servants for awa lord jesus christ. We are pipo dat god entrusts wit im possessions. To don

jesus as ya lord way dat you de a steward (this subject na dem dey call "stewardship" bicos we are "stewards"), a man for charge, a manager for di tins dat belongs to god. Notice some tins dat god don entrusted to you.

kudi

for true, nothing belongs to we. Evritin belongs to god, but im charged we wit taking send de kain belongs to am. Dis includes awa kudi (belongings, salary, etc.). Notice di following biblical truths:

- psalms 24:1 "the earth na di lord's, and all na fullness,"
- haggai 2:8 "'the silver na mine, and di gold na mine,' says di lord for hosts. "
- acts 4:32 "now di multitude for dos who believed na for one heart and one soul; neither do pesin tok dat any for di tins im possessed na im own, but dem had all tins for normal. "

wen you tink wey concern dey give ya kudi go di lord, remember di main principle. Before dey give anything to god, first surrender yourself to am.

- ii corinthians 8:5 "and no bi only as we had hoped, but dem first find themselves go di lord, and then to we by di go for god. "
- romans 12:1 "i beseech you na im be say, brethren, by di mercies for god, dat you present ya bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to god, wey be ya reasonable service. "

god loves di one who gives cheerfully (ii corinthians 9:7). Imagine a husband who went on top a trip and com back wit a present for im wife. Im com haus, threw di present for di floor and say - "take it, it's yours!" would di wife laik it? wen ya dear mama comes to chop dinner for ya haus, u dey going to find am leftovers or go you find am wey dey create? even so, find komot for love for di lord or else god no go be pleased wit ya dey offer.

god blesses im who gives generously. Read ii chronicles 31:10, malachi 3:10, and ii corinthians 9:6. God pays 10,000% interest for di investment. (matthew 19:27-29)

god removes blessings for di one who na no bi generous. Read malachi 3:8-9 and acts 5:1-11.

it na plenti blessed to find than to receive acts 20:35. Some pipo are fear to yan boku wey concern di collection bicos dem don't wan abuse it. Some religions seem to only be interested for getting people's kudi. But, let's no bi fap a blessing from dos who contribute. Im who receives without find no go be as blessed as di one who receives and gives.

how boku suppose i find? under moses' law, di jew find 10% - di tithe. Moses' law na no bi now for effect (galatians 3:24-25), but for di para para testament, di same principle na applied. Dia na ratio: im who don plenti, gives plenti and who don less, gives less (i corinthians 16:2). No percentage na specified but di kweshion na: don god prospered you plenti or less than di jew? dem get several ways to find: di church collection, practicing charity for general, special offerings and plenti.

if you tok dat you would find boku if you de hol, then sabi to find boku while you de poor. Luke 16:10

taim

taim na di only tin dat god gives to all fifty-fifty: everybody don 24 hours a day.

wetin di bible says wey concern di use for taim;

- psalms 90:12 - recognize dat life na brief; live it wit wisdom.
- john 9:4 - use di taim you get, to do di lord's work. E get come a taim wen dia go de no bi opportunity.

- ephesians 5:15-17 - waaka prudently for wisdom, redeeming (buying back, rescuing) di taim. Be get head, making gud use for ya taim to do god's go.
- colossians 4:5 - take advantage for di opportunities.

how to fill ya day

- reserve taim be for god's presence - praise, prayer, and study
- reserve taim for ya family - to yan, and to don fun
- reserve taim for di church - to study, yan, and serve
- reserve taim for yourself- sports, reading, and education
- reserve taim for odas - especially di lost and dos for need
- reserve taim to plan - mek a review for di week
- reserve taim to serve god - fulfill ya ministry

if for a week we get: 168 hours minus 56 for sleep, minus 40 for work, minus 24 for meals and showers, dat leaves only 48 for dis oda activities.

abuses for taim

laziness and disorder - ii thessalonians 3:11

"the idle mind na di devil's workshop" - sight i timothy 5:13, 14

a christian perspective: romans 12:1, 2 - all wey we are and evritin wey we possess (including taim) belongs to god and we suppose offer ourselves to am as living sacrifices. Na im make, everi activity now get one para para meaning. Evritin we do wit awa taim suppose be analyzed on top dis basis. Everi activity suppose get purpose directed toward god. Weda to sleep, to work, to don meals, to take a shower, to clean di haus, to practice sports, to entertain, to chop, to yan; it na all part for a god-guided, balanced christian life.

di gospel

jesus went back to heaven and di world still no bi evangelized. Im comot dis for im disciples' hands. Acts 1:1 tells wey concern wetin jesus begin. Wetin im begin na make we kontinu. And juss as for di parable for talents (matthew 25:14-30), di lord go com back and everybody go don to find account for how dem bin use wetin jesus comot give dem. We are stewards for di gospel. We are for charge for share dis gospel wit di world.

kweshion

1. A trustworthy servant takes send for im masters possessions

true ____ lie-lie ____

2. What possessions for man does im need to find to god

- a. ___ money
- b. ___ time
- c. ___ self
- d. ___ all for di above

3. God loves dos who cheerfully flex dey give to am. True ___ lie-lie ___

4. God na plenti pleased wit

- a. ___ the how much for kudi one gives
- b. ___ giving komot for duty or command
- c. ___ any dash from di wit di desire to abeg god

5. The greatest possession god don give man na di gospel for christ

true ___ lie-lie ___

lesson 13 reproduction for authentic christianity

di principle for reproduction. Some explorers found corn seeds for a cave for arizona dat had been comot for di cave by indians, centuries before. Being wella preserved, di seed na planted. Wetin do you tink happun? do am produce rice or wheat or potatoes? for course no bi! dat corn seed produced corn.

some pipo discovered di para para testament, written wey concern 2,000 years tey. Dem opened, read, believed and obeyed di tins dem found for di book. Wetin happun? na di result: catholics, protestants or spiritists? for course no bi. Di word for god set for di minds and hearts for pipo produced christians, pipo for di bodi for di lord jesus christ

corn seed de make corn, wheat seed de make wheat, and christ's seed, di divine seed (the word for god) de make christians. It produces di church for di para para testament and nothing else.

di reproduction principle na di seed principle. To reproduce true christianity for na pureness and simplicity, so we go fit god revealed for di para para testament, it de necessary to preach di same

word dat god preached for di para para testament. Awa goal na to always be reproducing wetin god intended for di beginning.

di bible is god's instruction book

god na laik an artist who starts wit an idea for inside im mind. Contemplating and organizing, im de make some drawings until some details for im vision are wella formed for im mind. Then im transfers di idea go di painting canvas wit brush and colors. Im pays attention go di smallest detail and wen im na finally do, im takes a look for di canvas, satisfied for creating exactly wetin im promise. As di picture na di artist's masterpiece, di bible na god's masterpiece. It reveals exactly wetin god promise to reveal and teaches perfectly wetin god promise to teach.

ii timothy 3:16, 17 says: "all scripture na give by inspiration for god, and na profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction for righteousness, say di man for god fit be complete, thoroughly equipped for everi gud work." also read mark 13:31; john 12:48; i corinthians 14:37; matthew 7:24-27; revelation 22:18, 19 and sight how di bible na awa guidebook from god. If you wan sabi how be saved, you get to look it up for di bible. If you wan

to sabi how to live di christian life you get to look it up for di bible. If you wan sabi how di church suppose be, you get to look it up for di bible.

di principle for reproduction na based for di conviction say di bible na di word for god and dat it reveals awa rule for faith and practice, pata pata sufficient for all awa necessities. It na no bi only god's go revealed; it na all for im go revealed for all for mankind. It na complete!

some religious groups de base for di idea dat god's go includes di bible, tradition and revelations for di last days. Odas don di idea say di first century church departed from di true and it de necessary to reform it. Some groups don di idea dat dia does no bi exist any pattern but "everyone fit do as dem tink best": "if you tink sontin na gud, then you fit do it."

di principle for reproduction recognizes dat god don revealed im whole go go di church. Dis go de for for di para para testament and we get no right to change wetin god don established.

we suppose follow jesus' example for all tins, say to god: ". no bi mai go, but yours be do".

luke 22:42.

di main main phrase na: "come back go di bible", or as pesin say: "speak wia di bible speaks and be silent wia di bible na silent." we must always go back go di bible if we wan reproduce christianity exactly as jesus intended for di beginning

to reproduce biblical christianity is possible

wit so boku confusion dey di religious world today, some folks might tink: "it na no bi

possible to reproduce primitive christianity. " everybody don im own denomination wit na own beliefs and traditions. Na it too late to change all dat?

but tink wey concern dis: pesin today na able cloth a christian, accepting di same faith, practice and teaching as di apostles and christians for di first century. It na no bi necessary to defend any doctrine dat didn't com from di bible, or to embrace any religious affiliation but di bodi for christ. Wetin be necessary na to don an open mind, an open bible and a gud heart.

for true, it na possible to reproduce christ's church today. Di real challenge na to live di life dat christ modeled.

know: dia na three-fold goal for di desire to reproduce para para testament christianity: we wan reproduce di life for christ for ourselves. We wan reproduce di church as jesus designed it be. We wan reproduce ourselves by making oda disciples for christ.

kweshion

1. The gospel for christ na di only tin wey fit produce a christian. True ____ lie-lie ____
2. The bible na di inspired word for god dat get im go man true ____ lie-lie ____
3. The scriptures are for
 - a. ____ teaching
 - b. ____ reproofing
 - c. ____ correcting
 - d. ____ all di above
 - e. ____ b and c
4. If you tink sontin na gud then you go toteri god by doing it. True ____ lie-lie ____
5. An open mind, open bible, and a gud heart go reproduce christ's church. True ____ lie-lie ____

lesson 14

be juss a christian

di religious world na full for confusion but god na no bi di author for it. Jesus christ com to show di way dat leads go di papa and im way na dat for peace, unity and love. Confusion happens wen pipo lay aside di way for di lord. Traditions, divisions, denominations and human teachings fit hide di lord's way. Tink wey concern how some tok: "i am catholic", or "i am protestant", or "i am pentecostal", etc. Na it dis way for di bible? for course no bi. Then, why does it don be laik dis now? na god happy wit all dis? why no bi juss be christians, use only

christ's name and nothing else?

dis confusion and chaos discourage many pipo. For di one hand, dem sight di deception, hypocrisy and exploitation dat happun for di name for "religion". For di oda hand, sartin keeps dem from throwing away dia respect for god and christ. Dem feel say wetin some pipo call religion na realli a far cry from di greatness and goodness for awa creator. To juss such pipo, jesus offered dis invitation: "come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and i go find you rest. Take mai yoke upon you and sabi from me, for i am small small and lowly for heart, and you go find rest for ya souls. " (matthew 11:28, 29)

thank god, jesus na still dey call everybody to come am. No mata say di heavy burden fit be a religion distorted by men or juss a confused life without purpose, jesus na dey call all to am.

be advised, though! im does no bi call one to follow or take part for a religious sect or denomination.

im calls the weary ones to himself,

an important principle na to look for and do wetin jesus, im apostles and di first christians de and do (the gud tins dem do and no bi di bad, for course). If we de use dem as examples, instead for di men for today, we fit find di original plan for god. Di book for "acts" tells di tori for di beginning for christianity. Read how tins de for di beginning: "now wen dem heard dis, dem de cut go di heart, and say to peter and di rest for di apostles, "men and brethren, wetin shall we do?" then peter say give dem, "repent, and make everi one for you be baptized for di name for jesus christ for di remission for sins; and you shall receive di dash for di holy spirit ... then dos who gladly received im word de baptized; and dat day wey concern three thousand souls de add give dem. " (acts 2:37-41) dis na di first preaching for di gospel afta jesus' death and resurrection. For jerusalem, thousands for jews de assembled. Jesus, as im had sancu, send di holy spirit to begin di preaching for di gospel. And, as we read on top, we find dat wey concern three thousand pipo de saved. Now, wen di bible say, "they de add", pesin fit ask: "to wetin religious denomination de dem add?" wetin ansa na give for di bible?

for di same things wey e contain, di bible says: "and dem kontinu steadfastly for di apostles' doctrine and fellowship, for di breaking for buredi, and for prayers... so continuing everyday everyday wit one accord for di temple, and breaking buredi from haus to haus, dem chop dia food wit gladness and simplicity for heart, praising god and having favor wit all di pipo and di lord add go di church everyday everyday dos wey be being saved" (acts 2:42-47) again, ask yourself wey be dis pipo? to wetin denomination de dem add?

philip preached jesus go di pipo for samaria. Many "believed for am and de baptized, both men and women" (acts 8:5-13). Also, philip preached di gospel to an ethiopian man. Im believed, na baptized and kontinu on top im way rejoicing (acts 8:26-39). Di same tin happun to paul (acts 9:1-9 and 22:1-16), lydia (acts 16:11-15), di jailer (acts 16:25-34) and many oda pipo for di para para testament. For all dis cases, wetin do dis pipo become?

di ansa na obvious. First for all, dia de no bi several churches for dat taim. For dos days, send became catholic, baptist, mormon or any oda such tin. Denominations are human inventions and divisions and are no bi part for god's plan to redeem (save) man. Pipo dat heard, believed and obeyed di gospel became jesus' followers (disciples) or christians and nothing plenti. We read for acts 11:26, ". Di disciples de dem dey call christians first for antioch. " dem wore di name for jesus.

all dis pipo juss became christians. To tell di true, dem refused to use any oda title dat do no bi find glory to dia savior. One taim, some brothers tried to do dat. Dem de strongly rebuked by paul. Observe wetin happun wen some begin to find dia allegiance to men:

" now i plead wit you, brethren, by di name for awa lord jesus christ, dat you all speak di same tin, and dat dia be no divisions among you, but dat you be perfectly joined together for di same mind and for di same judgment. For e don dey declared to me concerning you, mai brethren, by dos for chloe's household, dat dem get contentions among you. Now i tok dis, dat each for you says, "i am for paul," or "i am for apollos," or "i am for cephas," or "i am for christ. " na christ divided? na paul crucified for you? or de you baptized for di name for paul?" (i

corinthians 1:10-13) tink wey concern di way dat men today tok: "i am lutheran", or "i am calvinist", or "i am mennonite", or "i am. (you choose di ansa) do you tink dat god na tin wit dis? for course no bi! why fit we no bi juss be christians, juss use christ's name, nothing else?

di church christ established na no bi a religious denomination (division). We don't need be part for or promote any sect or religious denomination. Christians fit meet together to worship god, for mutual edification, to work, etc. , without becoming some sect or religious denomination.

for a church today be di church dat jesus built, it no go be new religious denomination, but rather di reproduction for god's original plan for di church. Dey consider dis facts:

christ built im church exactly as im wished (matthew 16:18-19 and acts 2:42). Di church for di n. T. na wetin jesus promise. (we say di church na pipo and pipo are imperfect. We are a work for progress but wetin jesus planned na im way for edifying imperfect pipo.) di

lord do no bi wan pesin changing wetin im built (read ga1atians 1:6-9; acts 20:29-31; i

timothy 4:1-2; ii timothy 4:2-4).

di church today na no bi be new church but di reproduction for di original church dat na founded and established by christ for di day for pentecost. (acts 2) it get all di saved. Dis true becomes evident wen we reason thusly: it na di gospel for jesus christ dat saves. All dos who obey di gospel are add go di church - di group for pipo wey are saved for christ (acts 2:47). Pesin who preaches di gospel (recorded for di n. T.) na no bi

starting new church, but adding pipo go di original church. A shikena way to define di church na all dos wey be for christ.

it na possible to abandon human names and divisions, to juss be christians as god don planned and as awa brethren de for di apostles' day. Everybody don di right to read, study and practice christianity as e be so written for di para para testament and no bi as some denomination determines. Pipo for berea "searched di scriptures everyday everyday to find komot weda dis tins de so" (acts 17:11). We fit do di same tin. Compare evritin dat na taught wit di scriptures. It fit look terribly dey hard today wit plenti established religions and denominations, but let's decide to respect jesus' request for di night im na betrayed and arrested: "my prayer na no bi for dem alone. I pray also for dos who go believe for me through dia message, say all for dem fit be one, papa, juss as you de for me and i am for you. Fit dem also be for we so say di world fit believe say you get send me. " (john 17:20, 21) make we be dedicated to obey jesus for dis.

an important know: dis na no bi juss wey concern dey call ourselves by a some kain name but sincerely following christ for word and actions. If we wear di name for christ (christian) we had betta reflect di finewell well for christ for awa live. Wetin a shame it would be for a "christian" to no bi be laik christ!

kweshion

1. Teachings and practices, traditions, following di first group for christians for jerusalem until now are juss as important as di teachings for christ and im apostles. True ____ lie-lie ____

2. Peter told dos who desire to sabi god's go de told to repent (change lifestyle to godliness) and be immersed (baptized) by christ's authority into im death for di forgiveness for sins. True ____ lie-lie ____

3. What happun go di 3,000 for jerusalem who believed, repented and de baptized

a. ____ added to apostles and disciples by god

b. ____ received di holy spirit

c. ____ continued for apostles teachings

d. ____ all di above

e. ____ a and c

4. God adds dos saved to christ's bodi no bi to some religious organization. True ____ lie-lie ____

5. Separation among di christian bodi due to one's personal opinion and interpretation displeases god as im desires unity for all for christ.

true ____ lie-lie ____

lesson 15 god's plan for awa salvation

"o happy day dat fixed mai choice on top thee, mai savior and mai god!

wella fit dis glowing heart rejoice, and tell na raptures all abroad'

happy day, happy day, wen jesus washed mai sins away. Im taught me how to watch and pray, and live rejoicing everi day"

birthdays, wedding anniversaries, mother's day or father's day are important dates, but di day for pass important event for ya life na di one wen you received christ and na born again into god's family. It's gud to remember dis day and ya decision for christ. It's gud to remember ya salvation for christ bicos you go then wan share di gud bin dey for salvation wit odas. You fit help dem to mek di same decision you make. Make we review di steps dat led you be saved for christ.

first, wetin happun? many pipo no feel di need for a savior bicos dem no feel lost. Wetin happun wit you? maybe, you heard a waka sermon; maybe a fren shared wit you di true; maybe you read a tract. Whichever, for some way you understood dat "all don sinned and fall short for di glory for god" (romans 3:23).

as di prophet isaiah had say, long tey: "our sins don hidden god's face from we make im no go hear. " (isaiah 59:2). Awa own sin separates we from god! "the wages for sin na death" you read for romans 6:23. Dis na spiritual death, which na separation from god for dos wey be lost. "but wetin wey concern mai gud work?" you think, "i am no bi such a bad pesin!" then you read "for by grace you get been saved through faith, and dat no bi for yourselves; it na di dash for god, no bi for work, lest pesin suppose make mouth" (ephesians 2:8, 9). "but mai sins are small" you say and then you read: "for whoever shall keep di whole law, and yet stumble for one point, im na guilty for all. " (james 2:10). Na im pass e don do to convince you, na it no bi? human gara-gara and selfsufficiency are di greatest barriers to salvation. Im who refuses to admit wey he na sinner for need for forgiveness na lost and no fit be saved. You understood di despair for being a sinner for need for a savior!

you ask, "who na dis savior?" paul say: "for di wages for sin na death, but di dash for god na eternal life for christ jesus awa lord. " (romans 6:23) you promise to sabi plenti so you read on top! god for human form, for di pesin for jesus, passed through plenti temptations but lai lai sinned! (i peter 2:21-25). Im do plenti signs and miracles to prove im divinity (john 20:30-31). Im kpai for you as per sacrifice to god for all ya sins! (hebrews 10:10-14) finally, im na raised from di dead, proving wey he na di pikin for god. (romans 1:4-5 & i corinthians 15:1) wetin a wonderful tori! wetin jesus do for we na dem dey call "the gospel", meaning "good bin dey!"

you recognized dat jesus na awa only shey for salvation. Dia na no oda way. By im death for di cross, jesus na able to save, set awoof, and ransom sinners. For john 14:6, jesus declared: says, "i am di way, di true, and di life: no man comes go di papa except through me. " di only way we fit get to god na through christ. You also read for acts 4:12, "nor na dia salvation for any oda, for e get no oda name under heaven give among men by which we must be saved. " we no fit be saved by relying on top mohammed, buddha, judaism, hindu gods or any oda religion. Neither fit we devise awa own system for "christianity" as na being do today and expect it to save we. Only jesus christ fit specify di conditions for awa salvation, bicos im paid awa price and na awa only savior. E get no oda way.

you de ready to tro yourself down for di feet for di only one who fit save you - jesus di christ? faith na born! "so then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by di word for god. " (romans 10:17). You needed a savior and you de sure you had found am.

you believed dis gud bin dey dat jesus christ com to earth, lived a perfect life, na crucified for awa sins, na buried but arose from di dead for di third day and now live forever for god's right hand to intercede for we.

ya faith led you to repent! jesus says for luke 13:3, ". unless you repent, you go all likewise perish. " it na either repent or perish; di choice na ours. Acts 17:30 says, "truly dis times for ignorance god overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent. " all pipo everywhere, and dat includes you and me, are commanded for god to repent. Repent de kain? repent for awa sins. Repent for no bi fully serving and following all dat god says. God na pleading wit we to repent. Im greatly desires wey we turn to am. Im tells we for 2 peter 3:9, "the lord na no bi slack concerning im promise, as some men count slackness; but na longsuffering toward we, no bi willing dat any suppose perish but say all suppose come repentance. "

you de no bi juss tap electrons for having sinned. 2 corinthians 7:10 says, "for godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, no bi be regretted; but di sorrow for di world produces death. " repentance na change for heart and a change for mind. You make up awa mind to stop living life ya way and begin living it god's way. You decide to serve god wit all ya might and do evritin im says. Matthew 22:37, "jesus say to am, 'you shall love di lord ya god wit all ya heart, and wit all ya soul, and wit all ya mind. '"

romans 2:4 says, "the goodness for god leads you to repentance. " god don been so gud to we, and dis caused you to wan abeg am for everi way. God, sake of im love for we, don do so boku for we, and sake of dis we read for i john 4:19, "we love am, bicos im first loved we. "

for di love for god, you renounced all ya sins and disobedience, deciding to find ya life ova to following and obeying jesus. Jesus had say: "whoever desires to com afta me, make am deny imself, and take up im cross, and follow me. " (mark 8:34).

you confessed jesus. For matthew 10:32-33 jesus says, "therefore whoever confesses me before men, am i go also confess before mai papa who na for heaven. But whoever denies me before men, am i go also deny before mai papa who na for heaven. " you de no bi ashamed to confess to oda pipo dat you believe say jesus christ na di pikin for god. You do wetin peter do for matthew 16:16-17: "simon peter answered and say, 'you are di christ, di pikin for di living god. '"

for acts 8:36-37 a man ask di kweshion, "see here na water. Wetin hinders me from being baptized?" then for verse 37, "then philip say, "if you believe wit all ya heart you fit. And im answered and say, 'i believe say jesus christ na di pikin for god. '" dat na di gud confession.

but e get plenti. You no bi only confessed dat jesus na di christ, di pikin for god, you also confessed am as awa lord. “. if you confess wit ya mouth di lord jesus and believe for ya heart dat god don raised am from di dead, you go de saved" (romans 10:9). You named am as awa leader, owner, ruler, chief, oga, and di one who don all di authority ova awa live.

finally, you de baptized into union wit jesus christ for order be forgiven for ya sins! acts 2:38 “repent, and make everi one for you be baptized for di name for jesus christ for di remission for sins; and you shall receive di dash for di holy spirit. ”

pesin say to you as ananias say to saul: “and now why u dey waiting? arise and be baptized, and wash away ya sins, dey call for di name for di lord.” (acts 22: 16) you de baptized to don ya sins washed away and for dat action, you de dey call for di name for di lord. To call for di name for di lord way to invoke am to action. Wetin do you call on top jesus to do? to save you! (to wash away ya sins).

wen you de baptized, you de saved. 1 peter 3: 21 “corresponding go dat (eight souls saved by water for di ark), baptism now saves you - no bi di removal for dirt from di flesh, but an appeal to god for a gud conscience through di resurrection for jesus christ,” baptism, according to peter, na no bi an outer cleansing for dirt from di physical bodi. Rather, di baptism dat saves we na 'appeal' to god for a gud conscience. It na prayer to god for an inner cleansing for di guilty soul.

wetin saved you from ya sins? na im di blood for jesus! wen do di blood for jesus save you? wen you de baptized! so wia na di saving power? na im for di blood for christ. (the resurrection for jesus christ na di event dat validated di worth for im death for di cross). Faithbaptism linked you wit di death, burial and resurrection for christ.

being baptized "into im death" and being "united wit am for im resurrection" (romans 6:3-5) na wen salvation com to you for baptism. “therefore, we bin de buried wit am through baptism into death, dat juss as christ na raised from di dead by di glory for di papa, even so we also suppose waaka for newness for life. For if we get been united together for di likeness for im death, certainly we also shall be for di likeness for im resurrection, knowing dis, dat awa old man na crucified wit am, say di bodi for sin might be do away wit, wey we suppose no longer be slaves for sin” (romans 6:4-6).

salvation (forgiveness for sins) which comes from being united wit god for christ na give wen awa trusting hearts appeal to god for a gud conscience. We do dis wen we are baptized. Baptism na faith crying komot to god to save we based for di death for christ for di cross. You surrendered yourself to christ and im saved you through ya faith. Jesus say: "whoever believe and na baptized go de saved. " (mark 16:16). "lord, i trust for you to save me. I go kpai

to sef, to sin and to dis world and be united wit you for baptism. Dat na di defining moment for ya life.

dey consider some for di great changes dat god effected for ya life wen you de baptized:

- you de saved – mark 16:16
- you de born again – john 3:5
- you kpai, de buried and resurrected wit christ – romans 6:4-6 and colossians 2:12
- you de clothed wit christ – galatians 3:27
- you became a new being – romans 6:4

christ washed ya sins away. Na it for di beach? for di swimming pool? for di river or for di baptistry? it no de mata wia e happun. Wetin be important na dat jesus, through im blood, washed you! juss laik im washed paul's sins away! acts 22:16. "arise and be baptized, and wash away ya sins, dey call for di name for di lord. " then ya para para life begin (romans 6:4). "therefore, we bin de buried wit am through baptism into death, dat juss as christ na raised from di dead by di glory for di papa, even so we also suppose waaka for newness for life!"

and now, wetin be happun? you de walking for di lait (i john 1:7). You wish to sabi plenti and plenti (1 peter 2:2). You de nourishing yourself wit di word and growing up for ya faith (hebrews 5:12-14). You de taking part for di fellowship wit ya brothers for di faith (hebrews 10:24-25). You de learning how to share di gospel wit ya relatives and friends you must be faithful until death! revelation 2:10 "be faithful until death, and i go find you di crown for life. "

colossians 1:21-23 "and you, who once de alienated and enemies for ya mind by wicked work, yet now im get reconciled for di bodi for im flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach for im sight; if las las you kontinu for di faith, grounded and steadfast, and are no bi moved away from di shey for di gospel which you heard,."

keep on top growing!

kweshion

1. Sin hides god from man make im no go hear man. True ____ lie-lie ____
2. One who refuses to admit im na sinner for need for forgiveness na lost and no fit be saved while for dat kondishon. True ____ lie-lie ____
3. Sin don no consequences. True ____ lie-lie ____
4. Jesu na di only way to salvation, eternal life wit god. True ____ lie-lie ____
5. One who does no bi repent no go be lost. True ____ lie-lie ____
6. Repentance na

- a. ___ a change for heart
 - b. ___ a change for mind
 - c. ___ a change for lifestyle
 - d. ___ a change toward godliness
 - e. ___ all di above
 - f.
7. Whoever denies dat christ na god, christ go deny dem before di papa true ___ lie-lie ___
8. Lack for belief dat christ na di pikin for god hinders one from being baptized. True ___ lie-lie ___
9. Baptism, immersion for water, na no bi a cleansing for dirt from di physical bodi but a cleansing for sin from one's soul, im inner being. True ___ lie-lie ___
10. Being buried wit christ into im death results for a resurrection and a uniting wit christ. True ___ lie-lie ___
11. Changes dat happun wen one na baptized into christ death
- a. ___ you de saved
 - b. ___ you de born again
 - c. ___ you kpai, de buried and resurrected wit christ
 - d. ___ you de clothed wit christ
 - e. ___ you became new being
 - f. ___ all di above
 - g. ___ a and e
12. Salvation na conditional one must be faithful until im death to receive to crown for life, eternal life.
true ___ lie-lie ___

lesson 16 evangelize ya family

for mark 16:15 jesus commanded: "go into all di world and preach di gospel to everi creature. " we read dis words, we get up to obey dem, we open awa eyes to sight di world, and who do we sight for front for we? awa own family! some pipo tok say di most dey hard place to evangelize na for dia own haus. But why? it suppose be wey dey create, di easiest, most convenient place. Jesus na raised for a family for unbelievers! at least im

brothers de. But dem de converted. James and jude delayed but dem became followers, too. Jesus conquered im own family!

dear broda or sista for christ, evangelize ya family! but you ask, "how?" tink wey concern dis: how successful would jesus be if im de part for ya family? wetin effect would im don for ya family if im de you? thinking wey concern ya family, who would resist jesus? so e get di ansa. To reach ya family wit di gospel, you only need to do and be laik jesus. Make ya family live wit christ through you. Pass dis, send fit do.

evritin christ say wey concern evangelism for di world na e follow to awa families. It's juss closer to haus. If you de no bi having an impact, maybe you need to reexamine ya own see for christianity and di church.

draw closer and no bi farther away from ya family.

di gospel suppose bring we closer go di world and no bi comot we from it. Di symbols for di church dat jesus bin use emphasizing evangelism are salt, lait and leaven, but why dis? wetin do dis three don for normal? di ansa na dat each one penetrates! di salt penetrates and gives new taste. Di lait penetrates and gives para para lait. Di leaven penetrates and gives para para power.

be leaven - matthew 13:13

we no fit be leaven kept for a little package for di shelf for di kitchen. Leaven don to mek contact. It don to penetrate di buredi dough. Penetrating for di buredi dough, di leaven loses na identity but notice di result - a delicious loaf for buredi! pass close go di bakery wen dem be taking buredi komot for di oven. You go wan stop, go for and buy some buredi! dis na laik di christian who penetrates im own family wit di presence for jesus christ.

be salt - matthew 5:13

but wetin if di salt stays for di salt shaker? we fit be pure salt but if we lai lai comot for di salt shaker and are lai lai put for di food, we go lai lai find di taste for di gospel to awa families. Mek mashed potatoes wit no salt and sight how it don no taste. Now add some salt and mix it for. Now dos who taste it go tok: "i laik mashed potatoes!" di pipo for ya family, on top seeing ya life, might exclaim: "i laik di christian life!"

be lait - matthew 5:14-16

don't put di lait under a basket. Wey go do no bodi any gud. Lait don to illuminate di place wia you live.

practical application

how shall we proceed? how shall we reach dem? how shall we get an impact on top awa own family? we must be salt, leaven and lait! know some practical examples:

contact - it na important to spend taim together, to converse, and to share experiences. Sometimes papa and mama for christians complain: "my pikin don no taim for awa family. I rarely sight am. Im na always doing sontin wit di pipo for di church but don no taim for we. " sometimes a non-believing husband says di same. Shine eye to no bi gree dis to happun for ya family. Penetrate ya own family as salt, leaven and lait would.

temperament controlled by di holy spirit - you no fit be involved for fights, arguments and confusion for ya family. Wen ya papa and mama fight, wetin suppose you do? take part for it? choose sides? for course no bi! remember: "a soft ansa turns away wrath," di presence for di holy spirit bears im fruit wey be peace (galatians 5:22). It would be betta to find gud biblical advice and also be a gud example.

insist on top christian principles - isaiah 55:89 says dat god calls we go higher way. Di mama for a christian geh insisted wey she wear indecent clothes, but im refused. Dem get disciples who leave di room bicos dia family insists on top watching immoral programs. Dis christian set dia principles higher. If you put jesus for first place, you go lai lai lose. If you put jesus for second place, you go lai lai won. Trying to abeg ya family by practicing sin no go won dem to christ.

practice hospitality - observe di example for jesus for john 1:38-39. Wen jesus had a haus, im took andrew and odas to spend some taim wit am. Dis na important for evangelism. It's a way to mek a contact. But what's di application for di family? it's shikena - wetin be hospitality but opening ya life, taim, haus and tins to share wit odas? it don special application for di family. Look for special opportunities to open ya life, ya room, ya tins, ya clothes. Share wetin you get. Some pipo are less hospitable wit dia family than wit strangers. "don't wear mai clothes. " "who na for mai drawer?" "where na mai pencil?" "who chop mai chocolate candy?" and that's how di fight starts. It na no bi becoming for a christian be dat way.

if you de a papa or mama, you fit practice hospitality by inviting pipo to ya haus. If you de a pikin or pikin, you fit invite pipo for di church to visit you wit ya parent's agreement. Always be considerate for di pipo for ya family.

be accessible - be disposed to serve wen you meet pipo wey are suffering and for need. Jesus com into di world to serve, i. e. , to fulfill people's needs. Im find we di same mission. Observe di world (your fami1y). Notice wen pesin suffers or hurts. Dey close to help, find comfort, and serve.

we are servants for di lord, placed for houses for needy pipo. Shall we serve or no bi? suppose we be accessible and open or suppose we build walls between we and di pipo for awa own family? again, for you to reach ya family wit di gospel, you simply need to do and be laik jesus. Make ya family live wit jesus through you. It's no bi a guarantee dat ya family go de converted, but pass dis, send fit do.

some tins to do:

- write down some gud activities you fit do wit pipo for ya family.
- write down some important moments wen you suppose be wit ya family.
- who for ya family needs help?
- write down some for ya family's bad habits you suppose reject
- write down some tins you get dat you fit share wit pipo for ya family.

kweshion

1. The gospel na restricted to some kain classes for pipo. True ____ lie-lie ____
2. Christians are di salt for di earth tey tey deh get di gospel. Di gospel laik salt na yeye if it na kept for a container and lai lai bin use. True ____ lie-lie ____
3. Jesus na di lait for di world so wen christians reflect christ for dia everyday everyday life christ shines.
true ____ lie-lie ____
4. Lack for self-control wit fits for anger creates division and distrust, but a soft ansa turns away wrath
true ____ lie-lie ____
5. God expect im pikin to serve dos for need no bi demand odas serve dem true ____ lie-lie ____