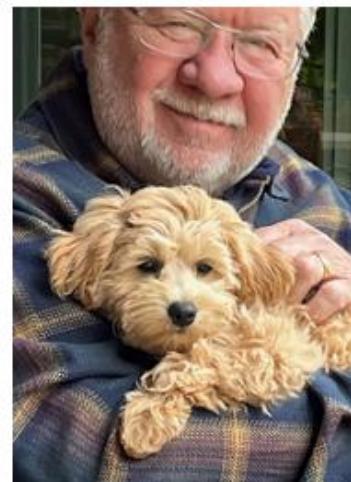


STUDY 1: Introduction & Chapters 1-6

Beginning roots of the *KnowYourWorldview.org* website and study journalsstarted back in 1968, when I was a 24-year-old graduate student at the University of Missouri. **God knew this boy needed serious help knowing what he believed and why.**

I recall having casual conversations about everyday topics,that turned antagonistic whenever I mentioned Jesus. Found out I really didn't know how to express what I believed. As insecurities grew, I started wondering what I believed. Then the "God-Moment" in ***Chapter 13 – Roger 1968: a Holy Spirit nudge that changed my lifeand started my Quest to know God more.*** From those roots, grew my passion to write this discipleship study for you today.



If you have not yet experienced hostile conversations about believing in Jesus, you may someday. I want to help you be prepared for them,because I've been there, experienced it.

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My name is Roger, a grandpa who's ALL-IN with Jesus!Questions on these Journal pages are **designed to help you think and write about what you believe and why. Writing is a “processing” step.** Then ask a friend or study group to “challenge you” as a safe-space to speak from your heart about what / why you believe. This “practicing” step helps you learn how to say it.



There's a lot to think about in the website and Journal. You know your schedule, so answer all questions if you have time. Or **ask the Holy Spirit to guide your scan of Journal questions**,selecting the ones you know you should answer to help grow in knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.

STUDY ASSIGNMENT 1

Read **Introduction and Chapter 1** in *KnowYourWorldview.org* website. Answer questions 1, 2, 3A & 3B, as we discuss **foundation topics for our study “Living God’s Word Every Day”**.

INTRODUCTION: God’s “gift of learning” to know Him

Scroll down the web page to find “*how does Bloom’s Taxonomy relate to learning God’s Word*”,where we discuss how **Colossians 3:10** (NCV, TLB & NLT) describes **building your worldview** “as a witness to WHO YOU ARE IN JESUS”. Think about this verse in context, then answer....

QUESTION 1

You have a new friend who is interested in knowing about Jesus, and curious what you believe. Explain how **Colossians 3:10** describes“***what you do to build a ‘Christ-centered’ worldview***”.



....for more room to write, continue on back of page....

INTRODUCTION: Learning to be Jesus’ Disciple

On the second page of our website’s **INTRODUCTION**, read the top section a couple of times titled, “***What does it mean to be Jesus’ Disciple?***” Then answer questions 2, 3A and 3B.

QUESTION 2

Summarize how to live as Jesus’ Disciple. Explain what did Jesus mean, saying “*Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing*”?



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IN PREPERATION FOR QUESTIONS 3A & 3B



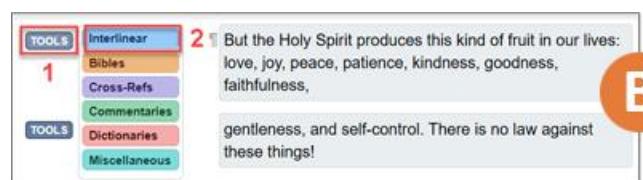
For in-depth study of Scriptures, checkout BlueLetterBible.org website, where you'll find Hebrew and Greek word definitions, comparison of Bible translations for selected verses, Cross-References, Commentaries and Dictionaries. This is a great study tool.

We are going to evaluate all nine “Fruit of the Spirit” to explain **why PATIENCE, FAITHFULNESS and SELF-CONTROL are critical for making good choices in life.** [Open BlueLetterBible.com](http://BlueLetterBible.com) and enter “Galatians 5:22-23”, select “NLT” translation as shown. Then select the search button to view results.



A screenshot of the BlueLetterBible.org search interface. The search bar at the top contains "Galatians 5:22-23" and the "NLT" translation is selected. A magnifying glass search button is visible. The interface includes a "Search the Bible" header and a "Examples" section with the text "John 3:16 Jesus faith love "God of my salvation"".

In the list of scriptures, find Galatians 5:22 and (Step 1) place your mouse cursor over “TOOLS” for a popup menu. Select (Step 2) “Interlinear” to display a lot of information about this verse.



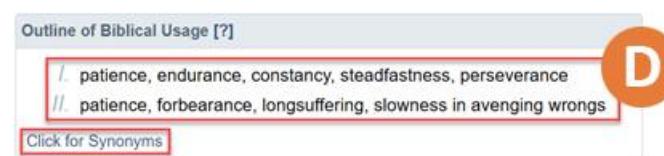
A screenshot of the search results for Galatians 5:22. A mouse cursor is hovering over the "TOOLS" menu, which has a "1" icon. A "2" icon is next to the "Interlinear" option, which is highlighted in blue. The main text of the verse is displayed with annotations: "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"

Now scroll down through this information to find “**patience**”. Note Strong’s number **G3115** reference, and select audio icon to hear the original word pronounced. Now select G3115.



A screenshot of the search results for Galatians 5:22. The word "patience," is highlighted in yellow. Next to it is the Strong's number "g3115". To the right, the Greek word "μακροθυμία" and its English translation "makrothymia" are shown. There is also an audio icon and the code "N-NSE".

Shown is a lot of information for **original word G3115**. Scroll down to “Outline of Biblical Usage” and read a **description of how this word is used in context**. Note “Click for Synonyms” for more.



A screenshot of the search results for Galatians 5:22. The "Outline of Biblical Usage" section is open. It shows two entries: "patience, endurance, constancy, steadfastness, perseverance" and "patience, forbearance, longsuffering, slowness in avenging wrongs". A "Click for Synonyms" button is visible at the bottom.

QUESTION 3A

Using steps A-B-C-D, **research original words for all 9 “Fruit of the Spirit”** in Galatians 5:22-23. Read “Outline of Biblical Usage” descriptions for each “Fruit” and evaluate how they impact your life. In your analysis, **how do “Fruit of the Spirit” build a “Christ-centered” worldview?**



QUESTION 3B

In your analysis, **which “Fruit” are critical for making consistently good choices in life?** List those “Fruit”, explaining why you chose them? **What difference do they make in your life?**



STUDY ASSIGNMENT 2

Read Chapters 2, 3, 4 & 5 in *KnowYourWorldview.org* website.

CHAPTER 2: What questions are you asking?

Recalling the conversation in Question 1, where your new friend is interested in knowing more about Jesus, but then tells you “there are a lot of ways to get to heaven. Christianity is just one of them.” Hmm? Perhaps this is where you could **share your personal story of faith in Jesus....**

QUESTION 4

You start by saying, “People might attempt to reduce Christianity to merely a philosophy based on human understanding, but **THE POWER OF GOD** cannot be fully grasped by our human minds. Let me tell you what Jesus means in my life.”**Whisper a pray and keep going....**



....this conversation with your friend continues into question 5 on the next page....

CHAPTER 3: Do you know where you are?

Continuing the conversation with your friend from question 4, **share your thoughts about making life's choices**. There's much you could say, but for now focus on these two sections in Chapter 3: "God's 'gift of learning' TO KNOW HIM" and "SEEK GOD and you will find...."

QUESTION 5

Why is it our responsibility to "Set 'live-by-truth' LIFE BOUNDARIES" for ourselves, so we grow in our relationship with Jesus? As we SEEK GOD, what do we learn ABOUT HIMFROM HIM?



CHAPTER 5: What can I believe is true?

We understand, "There are a lot of voices in life wanting our attention — some good, some not so good. **YOU HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT IS TRUTH AND WHAT IS NOT.** Because "what" you believe influences the choices you make in life."How would you answer question 6?

QUESTION 6

Our lives – *today and for all of Eternity* – depend on us being aware spiritual warfare is real. **So, "What?" or "WHO?" can we believe in,and WILL TELL US TRUTH? How do we find HELP FOR MAKING LIFE'S CHOICES?How can we find PEACE and HOPE in life?**



QUESTION 7

Still in chapter 5,what are your thoughts regarding **my 4 reasons for trusting the Bible as a compass in your life**. Would you agree or not with each reason?and "Why?" or "Why not?"



STUDY ASSIGNMENT 3

Read chapter 6 in *KnowYourWorldview.org* website.

CHAPTER 6: Know your foundation

In John 14:19-20 NLT, we learn....



Jesus is THE bedrock TRUTH we build our lives on....

- "Since I live, you also will live"*with Me in Heaven for ETERNITY!*
- "When I am raised to life again, you will know"*the TRUTH!*
- "You are in Me, and I am in you"*NOW as we do life together!*

QUESTION 8

At the bottom of chapter 6, ponder Francis Schaeffer's statement about "**Biblical Christianity (believing in Jesus) is Truth concerning total reality — and the intellectual holding of that total Truth and then living in the light of that Truth."**How does this statement relate to your life with Jesusand the building of your Biblical worldview?



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One more question you can answer below in “Your Thoughts”. Think about the following statement from Chapter 1. **How would you tell someone what this means in your life?**



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YOUR THOUGHTS

What is this Study 1 about? What did you get out of it? What are you going to do about it?



Really enjoyed studying God's Word with you. Let's keep going with Journal 2....

