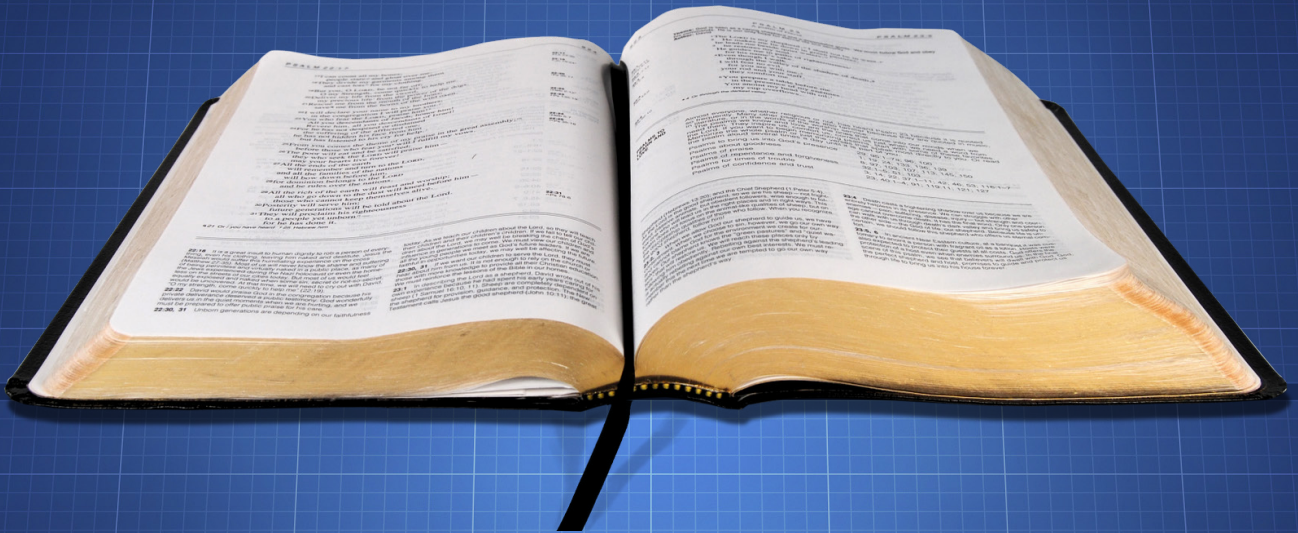


God's Patterns



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Is There A Pattern In Religion?

Lesson 1

1. What does God say about patterns (Ex. 25:9 - 25:40; Numb 8:4)?
2. What did David understand (1 Chronicles 28:18–19)?
3. What was God's expectations of Israel (Ezekiel 43:10–12)?
4. What patterns are seen in the Old Testament about the New Testament?
 - A. Hebrews 8:3–5
 - B. Hebrews 9:23–24
5. How strictly does God want his patterns followed?
 - A. Deuteronomy 4:2
 - B. Joshua 1:7
 - C. Revelation 22:18–19
6. What do these examples illustrate about following God's patterns?
 - A. Genesis 6
 - B. Joshua 6–7
 - C. Leviticus 10:1–3
 - D. 1 Samuel 15:22–23
 - E. 2 Samuel 6:3–9; 1 Chronicles 15:1–15
7. Indicate the language of "God's Patterns" in the following. Explain each.
 - A. Romans 6:17
 - B. Philippians 3:17; 1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Timothy 1:16
 - C. 2 Timothy 1:13
 - D. Matthew 7:21–23

God's Pattern Of Sound Words

Lesson 2

1. What are "sound words" (1 Timothy 6:3; 2 Timothy 1:13)?
2. What does Jesus say about His words?
 - A. Matthew 7:24–26
 - B. John John 12:48
 - C. Luke 21:33
3. What should be taught and why?
 - A. Titus 2:1
 - B. 1 Tim. 4:6
 - C. Titus 1:9
 - D. 2 Tim. 4:3
 - E. John 17:17
4. What language is used to describe straying from sound words?
 - A. 1 Timothy 1:3
 - B. Romans 16:17
 - C. 2 Corinthians 11:4
 - D. Galatians 1:6–9
 - E. 1 Peter 2:1–3, 15
5. Discuss the degree of care we are take about the words of God.
 - A. Mark 7:7–8
 - B. Galatians 1:6–9
 - C. Proverbs 30:5–6
6. How does Scripture speak to those who say the Word of God needs updating?
 - A. 1 Peter 1:23–24
 - B. Hebrews 4:12
 - C. James 1:21
 - D. Matthew 24:35

God's Pattern Of Salvation

Lesson 3

1. Explain what pattern God predetermined.
 - A. Acts 2:23
 - B. Romans 8:29–30
 - C. 1 Corinthians 2:7
 - D. Ephesians 1:4–5, 11
2. How does Jesus point to God's predetermined pattern?
 - A. John 2:4; 7:3, 8; 8:20; 12:23, 27–33; 17:1
 - B. John 8:28
 - C. John 10:14–18
 - D. Luke 18:31–33
3. If we are "saints by calling" (1 Cor. 1:2), how does God call us to enjoy His salvation?
 - A. 2 Thessalonians 2:14
 - B. 1 Thessalonians 2:12–13
 - C. 2 Timothy 1:9
 - D. Galatians 5:13
 - E. Philippians 3:14
 - F. Colossians 3:15
 - G. 1 Peter 5:10
4. What must man do to receive salvation?
 - A. Ephesians 2:5, 8
 - B. Acts 2:38–40
 - C. Romans 10:9–10
 - D. Romans 3:24; Ephesians 1:3; Galatians 3:26–27
 - E. Hebrews 10:35–39; 12:28–29; James 2:22, 26; Revelation 2:10

God's Pattern For The Church: Organization

Lesson

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1. Is there a pattern for the church?
 - A. Acts 14:23
 - B. Titus 1:5
 - C. 1 Corinthians 16:1
 - D. 1 Corinthians 7:17; 14:31–34
 - E. Ephesians 1:22–23

2. What is God's pattern for the organization of the church? Provide scriptures.

3. What was God's reaction when His pattern was ignored?
 - A. 1 Kings 15:28–33; 14:7–10
 - B. Exodus 32
 - C. Exodus 20:1–5
 - D. Number's 16
 - E. 3 John 10–11

4. From these modern examples, state what part of God's pattern of organization is violated.
 - A. A ruling Pastor in a local congregation
 - B. A Sponsoring Church
 - C. Church "Satelite Locations"
 - D. Ecclesiastical ruling bodies who pass and declare religious laws for all believers

God's Pattern For The Church: Mission

Lesson 5

God's pattern for the mission of the church has been greatly ignored and altered by man. The authoritative pattern of Scripture must be followed even in our mission. Scripture has much to say on this topic.

1. What is God's purpose for the church (1 Timothy 3:14–15; Ephesians 3:10)?

Evangelism

2. What is the pattern for evangelism (Rom. 1:16; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 1:18–25; Colossians 1:23)
3. How do we fulfill this mission today (Acts 8:4; Ephesians 6:4; Romans 10:14; 2 Corinthians 11:8–9)?
4. Give two ways in which men have not followed God's pattern in evangelism.

Edification

5. What is God's pattern for edification in the assembling of the saints (Hebrews 10:25; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:15–16)?
6. How do elders edify us (Acts 20:28–31; Hebrews 13:7–17)?
7. Identify from Scripture at least two ways the individual edifies fellow saints.

Benevolence To The Saints

8. Does God's pattern indicate He ever intended for the church to provide for everyone's need (1 Timothy 5:16)?
9. Who is to receive aid from the church (Romans 15:25–26; 1 Corinthians 16:1–3; 2 Corinthians 8:4)?
10. What is God's pattern for the distribution of aid to other places (Acts 11:27–30)?
11. Describe the difference between what the individual can do and what the congregation can do.
12. How are the needy to receive aid (Luke 20:25; 2 Thessalonians 3:10–12; 1 Timothy 5:8; 6:18; Ephesians 4:28)?
13. Give two or three examples of how this pattern in benevolence is not followed by men today.

God's Pattern For The Church: Worship

Lesson 6

In this outline the worship of the church is about the worship offered by the assembled saints.

1. What is the purpose of worship (John 4:23–24; Matthew 18:20; Acts 20:7; Hebrews 10:25)? Provide more passages if you can.

2. For each of the acts of worship, provide at least one passage that indicates God pattern for how this should be accomplished.
 - A. Music in worship

 - B. The Lord's Supper

 - C. Giving of our means

 - D. Prayer

 - E. The apostle's teaching (Acts 2:42)

3. What pattern are some following in their worship?
 - A. Matthew 15:3, 9

 - B. What was wrong with the worship in Corinth (1 Corinthians 11:18–22, 33–34)?

 - C. What's wrong with following a different pattern (Galatians 1:8-9; 2 John 9; Revelation 22:18–19)?

 - D. Give two or three examples of how some are changing God's pattern in worship.

God's Pattern For The Church: Unity

Lesson
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1. What are God's expectations of believers?
 - A. John 17:20–21
 - B. 1 Corinthians 1:10–15
 - C. 1 Corinthians 12:12–13, 24–26
 - D. Philippians 2:5–8
2. Read Ephesians 4:3–6,13 and describe God's pattern for unity.
3. What is God's pattern toward those who disrupt the unity?
 - A. Romans 16:17–18; Philippians 3:17
 - B. Titus 3:10–11
 - C. Galatians 5:19–21
 - D. Jude 17–23
 - E. Proverbs 6:19
4. What are some of the causes of disunity? Provide Scriptures.
5. What will promote unity among the believers?
 - A. Romans 12:3–5
 - B. Ephesians 4:1–3
 - C. 1 Corinthians 13:1–7

1. How does God describe a disciple?
 - A. Matthew 28:18–20

 - B. John 8:31

 - C. John 13:35

 - D. John 15:8

 - E. Acts 11:26

 - F. Luke 14:26–27

 - G. Luke 6:40

2. What pattern of living is involved with discipleship (Mark 8:34–37)?

3. Define “Holy” as seen in Romans 12:1. Discuss the meaning in context.

4. How do we become holy (Ephesians 1:3–4; 4:24; 5:27)?

5. How is holiness related to discipleship (1 Peter 1:14–16)?

6. How do we “cleanse” and “perfect” ourselves (2 Corinthians 7:1)?

7. Can holiness be observed (1 Peter 2:12; 3:2)?

8. What motivates our holiness (2 Peter 3:11)? Include other biblical concepts that motivate.

Pattern Of Examples To Follow

Lesson 9

1. *"Be imitators of God, as beloved children"* (Ephesians 5:1). What do we learn from God's example? Provide references.
2. How is Jesus our example (John 13:15; 1 Peter 2:21)?
3. What do we learn from Paul's example?
 - A. 1 Cor. 11:1
 - B. 1 Cor 4:16–17
 - C. Philippians 4:9
 - D. Philippians 3:17
 - E. 2 Thess 3:7, 9
 - F. 1 Timothy 1:16
4. How are elders to be an example (1 Peter 5:3)?
5. How are we to be an example?
 - A. 1 Timothy 4:12
 - B. Titus 2:7
 - C. 1 Thessalonians 1:7
 - D. Hebrews 6:12
 - E. 3 John 11
6. What do we learn from negative examples?
 - A. 2 Peter 2:6 and Jude 7
 - B. Hebrews 4:1
 - C. 1 Corinthians 10:1–11
7. What is the value of an example (Hebrews 12:1)?

I. What should the family be founded upon (Psalm 127:1)? Why?

II. Marriage

1. Who is to get married (Eph. 5:31; Gen. 2:24)?
2. Who joins a marriage together (Matt. 19:4–6)? Explain.
3. How long are they to remain married (Rom. 7:2)?
4. What is the reason for marriage (1 Cor. 7:2–4, 9)?
5. Explain the God-given roles and behaviors:
 - A. For husbands (Eph. 5:22–33; 1 Pet. 3:7)
 - B. For wives (Eph. 5:22–33; 1 Pet. 3:1–4; Titus 2:4–5)
6. What is God's truth about divorce?
7. Discuss the problems resulting from man following his own ways.
 - A. Polygamy
 - B. Homosexual marriage
 - C. Married but living in parent's home
 - D. Living together outside of marriage

III. Parenting

8. Explain what is meant in Titus 2:4.
9. What responsibilities has God given to parents?
 - A. 1 Tim. 5:8; 2 Cor. 12:14
 - B. Eph. 6:4; Deut. 6:6–8; Prov. 22:6; 6:20–23; 13:24
 - C. 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14–15
10. What expectations does God have of children?
 - A. Eph. 6:1–3; Col. 3:20; Prov. 30:17
 - B. Eccl. 12:1
 - C. 1 Cor. 15:33; Prov. 1:10; 13:20

Patterns Of Sin To Avoid

Lesson 11

For each set of references, identify God's pattern of sin and explain why it is to be avoided.

1. 1 John 2:15–17
2. 1 Corinthians 15:33
3. Romans 6:12–14 (in the greater context of 6:11–23)
4. Romans 7:18 (in the greater context of 7:12–20). See also Proverbs 5:1–29.
5. Proverbs 26:24–26; 1 John 2:9–11; 3:15; Colossians 3:6–8
6. Ephesians 5:18; 1 Corinthians 5:1; Romans 13:13
7. 1 Timothy 6:9–11; 6:17–19; Luke 12:15–21; Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 6:19–21, 24
8. 1 Timothy 2:9–10; 1 Peter 3:3–4; Proverbs 7:10; Genesis 3:7–8, 10, 21
9. Revelation 3:15–16; Hebrews 10:32–39

Not Conformed, But Transformed

Lesson
12

1. This lesson is based on Romans 12:2.
 - A. Define “conformed”
 - B. Define “transformed”
 - C. How does transformation occur? Provide other scriptures to help the understanding.
2. How do we purify ourselves (1 John 3:3–10)? How does this occur?
3. To what degree are we to be transformed?
 - A. Ephesians 4:13, 15; 2 Corinthians 3:18
 - B. Ephesians 4:17–24; 5:3–8
 - C. Colossians 3:1–2
4. What problems arise from a failure to be fully transformed?
 - A. James 4:4
 - B. 1 John 2:15
 - C. Revelations 3:16; Hebrews 5:11
 - D. Romans 8:13
 - E. James 1:21–26
 - F. Acts 5:1–11
5. What attitudes will the transformed possess?
 - A. 1 Thessalonians 5:22
 - B. 1 Peter 4:19
 - C. 2 Peter 3:10–14
 - D. Colossians 3:12–17
 - E. 1 Peter 2:2
 - F. Matthew 6:33