



Mature Thinking

Wednesdays
Year 2 Book 4

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1. Define the word “responsible” and give one example of how you have been responsible in the past week.
2. What do the following passages teach about your responsibility to God?
 - A. Romans 14:12
 - B. Romans 2:6
 - C. 2 Corinthians 5:10
 - D. John 12:48
 - E. James 4:17
3. What is your responsibility to parents (Ephesians 6:1)?
4. How does Matthew 7:12 indicate you should treat your parents and others? (Apply this to tasks assigned to you by parents.)
5. Define the word “Integrity.”
6. What should be our attitude about our integrity?
 - A. Proverbs 19:1
 - B. Proverbs 11:3
 - C. Proverbs 10:9
 - D. Matthew 5:37
7. How do we learn to be responsible for big things (Luke 16:12)?
8. Provide examples of how your parents expect you to be responsible:
 - A. Name two “little things”
 - B. Name two “bigger things”
9. Be prepared to discuss how the following demonstrate a lack of responsibility.
 - A. Excuses
 - B. Laziness
 - C. Stubbornness
 - D. Disobedience

1. Define the word “*inspired*” as used in 2 Timothy 3:16. Why is this word significant to our understanding of the Bible?
2. How is study of Scripture profitable to us?
 - A. 2 Timothy 3:16–17
 - B. Psalm 19:7–11
 - C. 1 Peter 3:15
 - D. Hosea 4:6
3. What does it mean to “*accurately handle the word of truth*” (2 Timothy 2:15)? How is Acts 17:11 helpful in seeing this?
4. Why should we study Scripture?
 - A. Romans 10:17
 - B. Psalm 119:104
 - C. 2 Timothy 2:15
 - D. 2 Timothy 3:15
 - E. James 1:21
5. The parable of the sower (Luke 8:10-18) indicates the importance of the heart of the hearer when listening to the truth. Jesus concludes by saying “*take care how you listen*” (Luke 8:18). Try to list 2 ways we can take care how we listen if we want to profit from our time studying Scripture.
6. Discuss the importance of developing your own convictions and beliefs (compared with accepting what your parents believe).
7. Be prepared to give an answer in class:
 - A. How can I make Bible Study a habit?
 - B. What methods can I use to make Bible Study more memorable (I remember what I study)?
 - C. How does studying with a group (a class) help our understanding?

1. READ 1 Kings 12:1–15.
 - A. Which counsel was good?
 - B. What do you think of Rehoboam?
 - C. What do others think of you when you take poor counsel?
2. What should be your attitude about getting good counsel?
 - A. Proverbs 12:15
 - B. Proverbs 11:14; 15:22
 - C. Proverbs 27:8
3. What is the value of good counsel?
 - A. Proverbs 13:10
 - B. Proverbs 19:20
 - C. Proverbs 22:17–21
4. What is taught about the counsel of parents?
 - A. Proverbs 23:22
 - B. Proverbs 6:20–23
 - C. Proverbs 13:1
 - D. Proverbs 4:1–4
5. What is taught about the counsel of the ungodly (Proverbs 12:5–6; 16:29; 1 Corinthians 15:33)?
6. What is taught about the counsel of God?
 - A. Proverbs 3:5–6
 - B. Proverbs 19:21
 - C. Proverbs 16:9
7. Be ready to discuss what attitudes you must have to seek and take good counsel.

1. What is the benefit of diligence?
 - A. Proverbs 10:4-5
 - B. Proverbs 12:11
 - C. Proverbs 12:24
 - D. Proverbs 12:27
 - E. Proverbs 21:5
 - F. Proverbs 22:29
 - G. Proverbs 27:23-27
2. What problems arise from laziness?
 - A. Proverbs 6:6-11; Proverbs 10:4; Proverbs 24:30-34
 - B. Proverbs 12:24
 - C. Proverbs 15:19
 - D. Proverbs 18:9
 - E. Proverbs 26:14-16
3. What should we be spiritually diligent about?
 - A. 2 Timothy 2:15
 - B. Hebrews 4:11
 - C. 2 Peter 1:10
 - D. 2 Peter 3:14
 - E. Ephesians 4:3
4. What good attitudes help me to be diligent at anything?
5. What poor attitudes helps me to be lazy?

1. Spiritual growth is necessary. What do these passages teach about how we are to grow? In what ways and areas are we to grow?
 - A. 1 Peter 2:2
 - B. Hebrews 6:1
 - C. 2 Peter 2:18
 - D. Ephesians 4:13-15
 - E. Colossians 1:9-10
 - D. Hebrews 5:12-14
2. What are we to "add" to our faith (2 Peter 1:5-8)? How do we do this?
3. We are to grow in "good works." What should be our attitudes about good works?
 - A. Ephesians 2:10
 - B. 1 Corinthians 15:58
 - C. Titus 2:14
 - D. Titus 2:7
 - E. 2 Timothy 2:21
 - F. Colossians 1:10
 - G. Name three "good works."
4. Why do you think some Christians do not grow? How can you prevent this in your life?

1. Define "priority."
2. Make a list (in order) of your top 5 priorities in life.
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
 - D.
 - E.
3. What does Jesus give as the Christian's #1 priority?
 - A. Matthew 22:36–38

 - B. Matthew 6:31–33
4. What do some have as a priority?
 - A. Luke 9:46–48

 - B. 1 Timothy 6:10

 - C. Proverbs 31:30

 - D. Proverbs 28:19 (try to give examples)
5. READ Colossians 3:23 and tell how it applies to the following:
 - A. Work/Employment

 - B. School
6. How do you prove what your priority is?
7. What are some other important priorities in our life?
 - A. Philippians 4:6

 - B. Psalm 110:105

 - C. Matthew 20:26–28

1. How do the following passages indicate we should plan ahead in all aspects of life?
 - A. Proverbs 31:27

 - B. Proverbs 22:3

 - C. Luke 14:28–32
2. What should be our attitude about planning ahead spiritually?
 - A. James 4:13–15

 - B. Amos 4:12

 - C. Eph. 6:11

 - D. Luke 12:40

 - E. 2 Peter 1:9

 - F. 1 Peter 3:15
3. From the following readings identify how they did not plan ahead, and tell the consequences they suffered.
 - A. Luke 12:16–21

 - B. Luke 16:19–31

 - C. Genesis 25:29–34

 - D. Luke 15:11–19
4. Read Romans 2:5–11.
 - A. Who planned ahead in this text?

 - B. What are the stated consequences (good and bad)?
5. Name two things you can change in your daily habit to be better prepared spiritually?

1. Define "wisdom."
2. What is the value of wisdom?
 - A. Proverbs 2:1-6
 - B. Proverbs 3:13-18
 - C. Proverbs 3:35
 - D. Proverbs 4:5-9
 - E. Proverbs 8:11-12
 - F. Proverbs 9:10-12
 - G. Proverbs 16:16
3. How do we acquire wisdom?
 - A. Proverbs 2:1-6
 - B. Proverbs 4:5-9
 - C. Proverbs 8:33
 - D. Proverbs 18:15
 - E. 1 Corinthians 3:18-20
4. What is a danger that often comes with wisdom (Romans 12:16)?
5. How will wisdom be seen in our life?
 - A. James 3:13
 - B. Ephesians 5:15-16
 - C. Colossians 4:5

1. Try to list three things you worry about which you cannot change.
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
2. How do we show our trust in God?
 - A. Matthew 6:25-34
 - B. Proverbs 3:5
 - C. Psalm 55:22
 - D. 1 Peter 5:7
3. What are some reasons why we fail to trust God?
 - A. Proverbs 29:25; Isaiah 12:2
 - B. Matthew 14:28-33
4. What are some things we tend to trust instead of God?
 - A. 1 Timothy 6:17-19
 - D. Isaiah 31:1
 - E. Jeremiahs 7:4 and 7:8
 - F. Jeremiah 17:5 (compare with Jeremiah 17:7)
5. Tell how we trust God:
 - A. In our relationship with parents
 - B. In our relationship with friends
 - C. In regard to marriage
 - D. In regard to the church
 - E. In regard to the plan of salvation
6. Discuss the meaning of Isaiah 26:4 and how to apply it in your life.
"Trust in the Lord forever, for in God we have an everlasting rock."

1. What is said that indicates the necessity of self-control?
 - A. 2 Peter 1:5–6
 - B. Acts 24:25
 - C. Matthew 5:29
 - D. Luke 9:23
2. How did Jesus demonstrate self-control?
 - A. Isaiah 53:7
 - B. Matthew 26:39–46
 - C. Matthew 26:51–54
 - D. Matthew 4:2–4
3. What are some areas we are to demonstrate self control?
 - A. Matthew 5:39
 - B. James 1:26
 - C. 1 Peter 2:11
 - D. 1 Corinthians 9:24–27
4. In what ways do the following examples demonstrate self control?
 - A. Genesis 39:7–9 Joseph
 - B. Daniel 1:8–16
 - C. 1 Corinthians 8:13
5. What does it mean that self control is part of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:23)?
6. How do we learn to be self controlled?
7. Be ready to discuss how self control will be shown with our parents, education, and work.

1. What dangers about the tongue are taught in James 3:1-12? (See also Proverbs 18:13, 21.)
2. What advantages are there to restraining the tongue?
 - A. Proverbs 10:19; 13:3
 - B. Proverbs 17:28
 - C. Proverbs 21:23
 - D. Proverbs 29:11
3. What is meant by a “*timely word*” (Proverbs 15:23)? Compare this with Ephesians 4:29.
4. What does God say about thinking before you speak?
 - A. Proverbs 15:28
 - B. Proverbs 29:11
 - C. Proverbs 29:20
 - D. James 1:19–20, 26
 - E. 1 Peter 3:10
5. What problems come from speaking before we think (Proverbs 12:18; 25:23)?
6. How do we “*keep*” our tongue (Psalm 34:13)?
7. For each example, tell the consequences of thinking before you speak, and failing to think before you speak.
 - A. You parents are angry with you.
 - B. Your friend wants your opinion.

1. Read 2 Corinthians 13:5.
 - A. What question are we trying to answer?
 - B. Why are we supposed to do this? What will be the result?
 - C. How can we know Christ is in us? What “measuring stick” are we to use to determine this?
2. What other words or phrases are used to describe this self examination?
 - A. James 1:23–25 (What is the “mirror”?)
 - B. Haggai 1:5–8 (Why were they told this?)
 - C. Psalm 119:59
 - D. Lamentations 3:40
3. What is the Christian to do while partaking of the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 11:27-31)? Explain what this means we are to think about.
4. Read Galatians 6:3–5.
 - A. What is the “work” we are to examine?
 - B. What is the danger if we fail to do this (Romans 12:3)?
5. List two occasions when self examination will help us to make a decision or change our mind.

1. “Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life” (Proverbs 4:23). What does this verse mean to you? See also Mark 7:21–23.
2. Read Romans 8:5–8.
 - A. What does “set your mind” mean?
 - B. What should we set our mind on (Colossians 3:2; Philippians 4:8)?
3. How do we guard our mind?
 - A. Proverbs 4:24–27
 - B. 1 Peter 3:11
4. What is the instruction for avoiding the adulteress (Proverbs 5:8)? What does this help us understand about temptation?
5. How can we guard our mind from:
 - A. Foul language
 - B. Sinful images (video, film, photos)
 - C. Immodesty
 - D. Gossip
 - E. False Teaching
6. What helps us in guarding our mind (Philippians 4:6–7)?