



Sabbath
FOR STUDY

- » **Memory Text:** "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law" (Galatians 5:22, 23, NKJV).
- » **Our Beliefs, no. 22, Christian Behavior:** "We are called to be a godly people who think, feel, and act in harmony with biblical principles in all aspects of personal and social life. For the Spirit to recreate in us the character of our Lord we involve ourselves only in those things that will produce Christlike purity, health, and joy in our lives. This means that our amusement and entertainment should meet the highest standards of Christian taste and beauty."
- » Ellen G. White, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, pp. 91-93

"MAKE ME LIKE JOE"

Story 1. Prior to his conversion, Joe had gained the reputation of being a dirty wino for whom there was no hope, only a miserable existence in the ghetto. But following his conversion to a new life with God, everything changed. Joe became the most caring person those at the mission had ever known. Joe spent his days and nights hanging out at the mission doing whatever needed to be done. There was never any task that was too lowly for Joe to take on. There was never anything that he was asked to do that he considered beneath him. Whether it was cleaning up the vomit left by some violently sick alcoholic or scrubbing the toilets after careless men left the bathroom filthy, Joe did what was asked with a smile on his face and with a seeming gratitude for the chance to help.

One evening when the director of the mission was delivering his evening evangelistic message to the usual crowd, there was one man who looked up, came down the aisle to the altar, and knelt to pray, crying out for God to help him to change. The repentant drunk kept shouting, "O God, make me like Joe! Make me like Joe! Make me like Joe! Make me like Joe!"

The director of the mission leaned over and said to the man, "Son, I think it would be better if you prayed, 'Make me like Jesus!'"

The man looked up to the director with a quizzical expression on his face and asked, "Is He like Joe?"—Wayne Rice, *More Hot Illustrations for Youth Talks* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1995), pp. 114, 115.

Story 2. At a national spelling contest in Washington, D.C., U.S.A., an incident occurred that made me wonder. In the fourth round of the contest Rosalie Elliot, then an 11-year-old from South Carolina, was asked to spell *avowal*. In her soft Southern accent she spelled it. But did the seventh grader use an *a* or an *e* as the next-to-the-last letter? The judges couldn't decide. For several minutes they listened to tape recording playbacks, but the critical letter was accent-blurred. Chief judge John Lloyd finally put the question to the only person who knew the answer, "Was the letter an *a* or was it an *e*?" he asked Rosalie. Surrounded by whispering young spellers, she knew by now the correct spelling of the word. Without hesitating, she replied that she had misspelled it. She walked from the stage.

The entire audience stood and applauded, including half a hundred newspaper reporters, one of whom was heard to remark that Judge Lloyd had put quite a burden on an 11-year-old.—James S. Hewitt, *Illustrations Unlimited* (Wheaton, Ill.: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 1988), pp. 62, 63.

Sunday
RESPONDING

- » Read John 1:47.
- » While shopping in a store, you notice a young boy acting suspiciously. Standing in the toy section, he hides an item in his pocket, thinking no one has seen him. What would you do? You could do nothing and let the kid learn his lesson the hard way. You might say something to him. If so, what would you say?

Monday
BIBLE ANSWERS ON
CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR

- » Read Philippians 4:8; 1 John 2:6; Philippians 2:4.
- » Our purpose in life isn't to satisfy our own desires. We should find fulfillment in helping others learn of Jesus. The more time we spend with Jesus, the more we become like Him. And the more we become like Him, the more others will see Him in us.
- » In what ways do you reflect God and His love to those around you?

- » Use the word chart to write out the text that tells us how we should treat others. To find the first word, find the word in the chart that correlates to E7. The second word will correlate to A5. Each word will follow the same pattern. Not all words are used.

"E7 A5 D2 F4, C2, B1 E3 C7 D4 B3, B6 D2 D6 A2 F3 A3 F7 A6, F5, C3 F1 B3, D8 E5 A2 C8 A1. E1 B4 D1 D3 E6 F1 F6 B7, E2 D3 C4 D7 E3 C6 D4 A2 B2, B6 D2 B5 F8 E4 E5 B6 D5 E1 C3 E1 A4 A8 D4 B3" (C5 C1 A7, F2).

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	service	by	12:	not	and	to
2	your	mind	brethren	you	but	NKJV
3	a	God	acceptable	be	the	bodies
4	perfect	do	transformed	of	what	therefore
5	beseech	may	Romans	good	is	holy
6	sacrifice	that	renewing	present	conformed	this
7	1, 2	world	mercies	by	I	living
8	will	said	reasonable	which	love	prove



