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- sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:6).
3. Prayer.
 4. Winning one person which helps to win others.
 5. Following the leadership of the Holy Spirit. "He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit: for apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).
 6. Realizing that fear is sin. "...For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin" (Romans 14:23b).
 7. Realizing that every person is lost forever without Jesus as Saviour. "I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5).
 8. Learning that it is not necessary to know everything before trying to witness.
 9. Explaining to the person her own personal experience of salvation.
 10. Explaining simply a plan of salvation.

PART FOUR: A PLAN OF SALVATION

1. Show the person that he is a sinner and is lost. (Romans 3:23)
2. Show that he is not able to save himself. (Acts 4:12)
3. Show that only Christ is able to save. (Romans 6:23)
4. Show that Christ will save him who repents and believes. (Luke 13:5)
5. Show the work of the one who believes in Christ. (I Timothy 6:11)

PRAYER: Let us pray that God will make us his witnesses, starting today. Pray that we may receive everlasting joy.

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THE NEW WOMAN

PUT AWAY THE OLD.....

MEMORY VERSE:

*"Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come."
2 Corinthians 5:17*

(NOTE: For this month's programmes, write 2 Corinthians 5:17 on a blackboard or on a large poster.)

INTRODUCTION: (Leader) - When we become Christians we have a new life in Christ. As we have read in Corinthians, we must put away the old person and become as new creatures. This is a difficult task and not all new Christians immediately change their ways. Often they are slow to see that they must let Christ be seen in all that they do. Perhaps these programs will help you.

We are going to look at the lives of two women who live very much like you live. Both have just made a profession of faith in Jesus. We will call them Elizabeth and Veronica. They could be any of you.

PART ONE:

As Elizabeth walked down the path to her home, she was very excited. She could hardly wait to tell her husband John what had happened this morning. She felt clean and different inside for she now knew Jesus as her Saviour. He had come into her heart to live, and this she must share with her family. None of them were Christians. They still followed the old ways of their tribe.

Elizabeth's friend, Veronica, lived near the edge of town. She was walking home from the morning worship service feeling happy inside.

accept Christ as Saviour and obey God and do his work in his world. In this way we have complete fellowship with God and joy and peace in the world, and the promise of eternal life with God.

PART TWO: PREPARING TO WITNESS

Before Mama Esta went to visit this family, she did not know that God would give her an opportunity to witness to someone who was not a Christian. But she was prepared to tell what God had done for her. She realized her main work in the world is to bring others to know Christ as their Saviour.

How did she prepare herself to witness?

1. She herself is a Christian. She knew in her heart what God had done for her. She had studied God's plan for man in Sunday School, W.M.U., and by herself.

2. She read the Bible each day.

3. She memorized verses from the Bible that would help her to witness to someone else about Jesus.

4. She prayed daily that God would give her an opportunity to witness and would help her in her witness.

5. She made a list of her friends who were not Christians and prayed for them each day. She visited these friends. Through her Christian life and her words of witness she tried to lead them to salvation through Christ. She wanted other people to have joy and peace in their hearts as she had.

PART THREE: OVERCOMING FEAR

Many of Mama Esta's Christian friends were shy or afraid to witness for Christ. These are some of the things that helped Mama Esta overcome shyness and fear.

1. Love. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear..." (1 John 4:18).
2. Depending on the promises of God. "He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for

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PERSONAL WITNESSING

MEMORY VERSE:

*"Pray therefore the Lord of
the harvest to send out
laborers into his harvest."
Matthew 9:38*

INTRODUCTION: We are created for fellowship with God and as instruments for the redemption of our fellowman. If we do not love our fellowman, we do not truly love God. One way of showing our love to God is sharing his love with others.

PART ONE: A WITNESS

One day Mama Esta was visiting in the home of one of the children in her Sunday School class who had been absent the previous Sunday. The child's uncle was also visiting in the home. As they were talking, Mama Esta asked the man where he went to church. He mentioned a certain denomination. Then he said, "What is this school you speak of? Do you teach the Bible?"

Mama Esta explained the purpose of Sunday School. The man replied, "I would like to learn the Bible. You see, my church does not teach the Bible. Is your church another religion? What does your church teach?"

Mama Esta then had an opportunity to tell the man that Baptists believe there is only one God; that the Almighty God created the world and everything in it. God created man to have fellowship with him. But he gave man a will to accept or reject God. Man sinned. He turned away from God. Because God is entirely Holy, he could not approve man's sin. Yet God loves man and wants to save him. Therefore, he sent a Saviour, his Son Jesus Christ, to be a sacrifice for man's sin. Through Jesus Christ we know of God's salvation for us. Only through Jesus can we be brought back to God. We must repent of our sins,

She too had said at the end of the service, "I want to believe in Jesus and follow Him." But there was also confusion in her mind. She was worried about what her family would say. Her husband, Edward, would be angry with her because she had left the farm early to go to church. He had a good job as a clerk in town and it was her place to stay and tend the farm. She decided she would not tell anyone yet about becoming a Christian. She would keep it a secret.

PART TWO:

John was waiting angrily for Elizabeth's return. He had come in from the market and was hungry. There was no food ready. When he saw her coming, he began yelling angrily. Elizabeth quietly said she was so sorry and would cook food immediately, but something special had happened. More angry accusations came from him, then quickly he stopped. What was different? Usually she would yell back and there would be a quarrel. Elizabeth was different somehow. What had happened?

Paul, Veronica's boy, ran to meet her as she came down the path that led to her house. He told her there was a man there to see her husband. When she arrived, she saw Peter a friend of her husband. He had loaned them some money, and they were to pay it back today. She knew they did not have enough and he would be angry. Forgetting her experience at church that morning, she decided to tell him that her husband had to leave town in a hurry because his relatives were ill. He had forgotten to give her the money, but he would bring it as soon as he returned. This would give them time to get the rest of the money.

PART THREE:

It was market day and Elizabeth was getting ready to take her vegetables to sell. She met several of her friends and they would walk

in to town together. Veronica met them along the way. As they talked and laughed along the way, Veronica told them how she had fooled Peter; but Elizabeth did not laugh with the others. She was thinking about the many sins that she knew must be put away if they were to be good Christians.

After all their vegetables were sold, the women went by the beer market before going home. As Veronica joined the others and bought her beer, she thought, "Surely, it will not hurt me to drink this. All my friends are drinking." But as she looked around, she saw that Elizabeth had not bought any, but was talking with a friend.

Some of the women asked Elizabeth why she did not have any beer. "I am a Christian now," she said and smiled.

PART FOUR:

Now, let's read 2 Cor. 5:17 again. As we heard about our two friends Elizabeth and Veronica, do we see more clearly that new Christians need to put away all the things in the old life that are sinful? What mistakes did Veronica make? Lying, quarreling, impatience, drinking are a few of the things that will harm a Christian's life. Do you have some old ways that you need to put aside? Can others see that you are different because you are a Christian?

PRAYER: That each woman present will look in her life and ask God to help her become a better Christian.

these are some of the qualities we want to try to develop in them:

1. Respect for other people for their rights and property.
2. Truthfulness and honesty in everyday practice.
3. Persistence to finish a task.
4. Good judgment in making decisions.
5. The ability to decide which of two responsibilities is more important.
6. Love that reaches beyond one's own people to people of different tribes and nationalities.

Qualities such as these cannot be developed in one day, but only slowly over a period of years. Children are not born understanding these things. They learn through the guidance they receive at home from the parents.

PRAYER: Let each mother pray silently for a few moments that God will lead her day by day in rearing her children. Ask someone to close the prayer.

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"That is a good idea," said Mother. Jane said, "I have a little car which I have made from a box. Perhaps he would like to play with it." Mother said, "I think he would like that very much."

Little Peter said, "I could draw him a picture." And so each of the children had a part in helping Marko and learning how to share. The mother could have collected the things herself to give to Marko, but by letting her children share, she taught them a valuable lesson.

PART FOUR: TEACHING APPRECIATION

"Mother, look at the insect I found," said David.

"Yes, I see. That is a Mantis," Mother said. "It eats flies and mosquitoes, so it is very helpful."

David said, "But isn't it strange looking?" "Yes," said Mother. "But that is the way God made it. When you look at the many different things which God has made, you know God is great because he has made so many wonderful things and he likes variety. Aren't you glad God made so many things for us to enjoy?"

"Yes, I like all the pretty flowers and trees which we have," said David.

"Would you like to thank God for giving us pretty things to enjoy?" asked Mother.

"Yes, I would," replied David. He bowed his head and said, "Thank you, God, for the pretty things you give us, especially the flowers and trees and even this insect that eats mosquitoes."

David was learning an appreciation for God's wonderful creations and the beauty that surrounds him. Later he will be able to more easily accept the differences in people because he knows God created them that way.

PART FIVE: TEACHING CHARACTER

In teaching character to our children,

MEMORY VERSE:

*"Like newborn babes, long
for the pure spiritual
milk, that by it you may
grow up to salvation; for
you have tasted the kind-
ness of the Lord."
I Peter 2:2, 3*

INTRODUCTION:

(Leader) - In our scripture we read that a Christian must get rid of many things in his life if he is to grow in God's grace. He will need to get rid of hate, jealousy, dishonesty and any other thing which will harm his new way of life. He will want to hear God's word and think about its meaning so he can be more Christlike. Today, we will see some of the things Elizabeth did to grow in Christ's love.

PART ONE:

In the weeks following their conversion, Veronica and Elizabeth went to Sunday School and church faithfully. Once a week they had an inquirers class which was taught by the pastor. This was very helpful because he explained many things about being a Christian and a member of the Baptist Church.

Elizabeth worked very hard at home so she would have time to attend every class and worship service. She did not want to miss any. Veronica had farther to go, and often she did not get to class or church on time. This made it hard for her to understand everything and soon she began staying at home. She had many reasons that she thought were good. It was too far and she had too much work on her farm. Besides, she would at least go once a month. This would be enough.

PART TWO:

One of the first things Elizabeth noticed in her new life was her joy in hearing God's Word. Each week she was able to understand better about the love of God. What comfort it brought her. She was not a good reader but she read from her Bible daily. Often it took a long time to read just a few verses. After she read them she would think about their meaning and the rest of the day she tried to do as the Bible told her. When her sister was visiting her, she let her read the Bible for her. She had been to school and could read well. How good God was to send his Word for all to read and follow.

PART THREE:

Elizabeth continued to be amazed at the many changes that were slowly taking place in her own heart. She was always the first one up in her family, rising just before daylight. Her day was full of much work in caring for her family, field and house. She began to enjoy the quiet of early morning and before she did anything she would pray and talk to God.

At first in her prayers she was very shy and embarrassed. She did not really know how to pray. At church her pastor would call on the different Christians to lead in prayer. When he asked her, she was so afraid that no one could hear her voice. After church he explained that she was simply talking to God and he would hear all she said. She started by thanking God for his goodness. Each day it became easier to pray and say the things she felt in her heart. Soon she was praying without fear.

PART FOUR:

One morning as Elizabeth was pounding corn she saw Veronica coming. After the greetings, Veronica began to tell Elizabeth she was afraid she would not finish the inquirers class. Be-

PART TWO: HOW DO WE TEACH HONESTY?

A mother and her five year old daughter went to the store. She bought bread, put the money on the counter in front of the clerk, who saw it, but failed to pick it up immediately. The mother turned to look at something else in the store. Then she called her daughter and they left the store. When she took her daughter's hand to cross the street, the child had ten ngwee in her hand. "Where did you get the money?" asked the mother. "In the store," replied the child. "Is this the money I put on the counter to pay for the bread?" asked the mother. "Yes, but the clerk didn't want it; he didn't pick it up," said the child. "This money belongs to the store. To have taken it is stealing. We will go back to the store. You must give the money to the clerk and tell him you are sorry you took the money," said the mother.

If the child were older and realized what it means to steal, the mother might then say, "You know it is wrong to steal. If you do not return the money, you will have a guilty conscience and will not be happy. What are you going to do?" If the child replies, "Take the money back to the store," then the mother would go with him to take it, letting the child explain to the clerk and return the money. If the child does not understand that the money must be returned, the mother must gently but firmly lead the child to realize this.

This is but one example of teaching character. Character is taught day by day in daily deeds.

PART THREE: TEACHING GENEROSITY

Mother came home from visiting a friend one day and said to her children, "Our neighbor's child, Marko, is ill and his father has no work. What do you think we can do for him?"

Her son Samuel said, "We could give him an egg. Our chickens are laying lots of eggs now."

THE WITNESS OF DAILY DEEDS

WITNESS THROUGH TEACHING CHILDREN

MEMORY VERSE; *"And you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise," Deuteronomy 6:7*

PART ONE: THE NEED TO TEACH CHILDREN

Whether we have children or not, most of us are surrounded by children. We have a responsibility to love and teach them. If God has given you children, one of your greatest responsibilities in life is to teach them the love and commandments of Jesus Christ. To be Christian means to consider life as the gift of God. Remember that time is to be used wisely. Being a Christian means being honest, unselfish, patient and loving.

But how do we teach these virtues to children? Children learn more from examples than from formal teaching. Therefore, we must develop these virtues ourselves. Children learn to lie when they hear their parents lie about their age in order to get them into school. They learn to cheat when they hear their father tell a friend, "I didn't go to work today. I told my employer I was ill, but I really wanted to visit some friends." They learn to disregard the sacredness of life when they see their father come home drunk or their mother spending money on expensive clothes, which could better be used for food for her children. Parents must be honest with God and other people.

cause she had missed several times there were quite a few things she did not understand and she wanted some help.

Elizabeth was glad to do this and as they sat in the field she began to explain to Veronica some things that had happened to her. She had found strength and more knowledge of God by going to church every opportunity. She also learned many ways to show her love for Christ. In her heart she knew she needed to hear and learn God's Word. Many daily problems were solved by using her Bible and following the advice written in it. And always, she told Veronica, she felt the need of talking to God in prayer every day.

As Veronica left she was thankful for a friend like Elizabeth and she knew that she also must grow in fellowship with God. This she would do by going to church more faithfully, studying God's word and praying to God every day.

CONCLUSION: (Leader) - All Christians need to

use the ways Elizabeth did to grow in God's grace. When Christ lives in you, you must have daily fellowship with him. He is our friend and will help us any time we ask him. But we must put forth the effort and he will give the strength. As you worship in God's house, you receive strength for daily living. As you read his word each day and talk with him, you are filled with joy and peace.

PRAYER: That each woman present might see her need of God's help and use every opportunity to fellowship with Christ.

THE NEW WOMAN AT HOME

MEMORY VERSE:

*"As therefore you received
Christ Jesus the Lord, so
live in him, rooted and
built up in him and estab-
lished in the faith, just
as you were taught, abound-
ing in thanksgiving."
Colossians 2:6-7*

INTRODUCTION: (Leader) - By now you should know Elizabeth and Veronica well. Today we shall see how they carry out Christian ways at home. As we know more about Christ, we will want to let him lead in all our activities. We are to walk in Christ every minute of each day. When we fail to do this and we do not talk with him daily, we often forget to be like him. As we hear about the two women today, see if you are in some ways like one of them.

PART ONE:

As Veronica was finishing the day's work in the field she was thinking about the words Pastor Peter had said on Sunday at church. He said each mother was to teach her children the ways of God. Soon she would start seeing that all her children went to church with her. Sometimes the oldest two would go, but she was always so tired that she did not bother taking all the younger ones. Besides, she thought, they can learn about Jesus when they are older.

She went inside and began preparing food for her family. When the older ones arrived from school and when her husband came in from work, they would all be very hungry. She did not take time to bless the food but began serving it as soon as they arrived. That night after everyone was in bed, she thought as she closed her

woman's face, that something was wrong. Mary spoke to her. She asked her about her family, where she lived, how long she had been in the city. Lydia was glad to talk. Mary invited Lydia to her home for tea where they became acquainted. Mary listened to Lydia's problems. She offered to help her learn to speak the language of the city and to introduce her to others of her neighbors. She invited Lydia to come with her to church and to W.M.U. Later, Mary took some of Lydia's neighbors with her to visit Lydia. The women were soon visiting each other. Mary asked her husband to go with her to visit Lydia and her husband to invite them to worship with them in the church. Lydia soon had many new friends. But Mary did not forget Lydia. She continued to visit her and encourage her.

PART FOUR: THE SALT OF THE EARTH

As you go to the market, carry water or work in the field you can witness. Many times we stop to talk with friends or neighbors on the way. Do we praise God, or complain about our work and troubles? Many times when we smile or sing along the road other people are made happier when they see our happiness. Joy is contagious.

As we go to the field to plant seeds of maize, we can plant seeds of kindness and the love of Jesus Christ along the way. Jesus told us to be the salt of the earth. All people need a little "salt". We can be the "salt" people of the gospel until people will realize that there is something we have which they are missing. Then we can truly share with them the love and salvation of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER: Pray that each of you will be strong in witnessing for him this week.

Reading a portion of the Bible such as Psalm 5, 8, 11, 19, 23, 25, 46, 62, 90; I John 3, I Corinthians 13, and praying together with the family early in the morning helps us to feel a unity with God and one another.

PART TWO: YOUR WORK

Because work is sacred, we must plan our work well that it will be pleasing to God. When you wash dishes with hot water and soap, do you realize this is a way of witnessing? For when you wash dishes carefully, you may prevent your family from being sick, thus giving them more strength to worship and witness for God. As you sweep your house you can pray that God will sweep your life clean each day. As you wash and iron clothes, you can pray that God will help the Christian spirit inside the wearer be as nice as the outward appearance of the clothes.

You should plan your work so that you will have time to play with and teach your children, talk with your husband, study God's word and be kind and helpful to your neighbors.

Cleanliness and proper use of money are ways of witnessing, for they prevent quarreling, unhappiness and disease.

PART THREE: SHARING SALVATION

There are many ways of sharing the Good News. All people long for love and kindness. People want to see the results of the Good News, not just hear about it. Therefore, a living example is much better than a sermon, although teaching through a sermon is necessary, too.

Lydia came from her village into the city where her husband found work. She knew no one in the city. She did not speak the language of the city. Her husband was gone to work all day and went out with his friends at night. This young woman was very lonely and depressed. One day she met Mary in the shop. Mary, who was a Christian, was concerned about her neighbors. She could tell by the expression of this young

eyes, "Tomorrow I will try to tell them about Jesus and will teach them the ways of God."

PART TWO:

Elizabeth, too, had much work to do each day. Besides caring for her large family, her sick mother lived with them. There were relatives staying there, too. When her children woke up each morning, they could hear her singing one of the new hymns she had learned at church. One day as she was singing, she was surprised as her five year old began singing with her. Often they would sing as they worked at home or in the field.

She tried hard to follow the advice of her pastor. She knew that she must teach all of her children the Word of God so that they could love Jesus as she loved him. Many times she would tell them things she had learned at inquirers class. And every Sunday she would help them all get clean and ready for Sunday School. They could learn a lot from their lessons. She tried to be more loving and understanding with each of her children.

PART THREE:

Soon after she became a Christian, Elizabeth talked with her husband. She explained as simply as she could that Jesus had come into her heart and she must do as God's Word said. She asked him to come to church with her and prayed in her heart that he, too, would become a Christian. John was not interested in going to church or being a Christian, but he quickly saw the change that had taken place in Elizabeth's life. He also noticed the change in their children, too. So he was patient with her requests.

One of the most unusual requests was at meal time. It was not customary for the family to eat together, but Elizabeth tried to do it as often as possible. Then she would begin the meal with a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the food they had. Soon, her husband be-

gan to bow his head with his wife as she led the blessing. He even began to feel different inside. And one Sunday, when Elizabeth asked him to go with her (she always invited him), he went. Joy filled her heart and she understood why a Christian must be Christ-like in the home.

PART FOUR:

There are many ways we can show God's love as we go about our daily work in our homes and fields. One thing we must always keep in mind is to "walk in Christ." This is not an easy job, and we must always pray that God will lead us and give us strength and courage to do this.

We have seen only a little of the ways that Elizabeth and Veronica chose to follow. Did you notice that Veronica took the easy way? We often do this by saying tomorrow we will begin. But often tomorrow never really comes. We cannot put off our Christian responsibility. Our children must learn now, before they are too big and learn other ways that are not Christian. Even a very young child can begin hearing about the love of our Saviour. Elizabeth was faithful in helping her family to understand the ways of Christ. She was always doing as she felt God wanted her to. She shared her faith with her husband and children.

CONCLUSION: All women have big jobs in caring for their home and family, but they can do these things in many ways to show God's love. If they give in to being too tired and put off helping their families to understand the way of God, it will be a more difficult job. But if we start each day with God's help, we can use every chance to show our loved ones about Jesus and his love. Do you try each day to share your faith with your family? As we pray, let us ask God for strength.

PRAYER: That each wife and mother will take Christ into her home and will share his love with all.

PROGRAMME 9

THE WITNESS OF DAILY DEEDS DAILY DEEDS IN THE HOME AND COMMUNITY

MEMORY VERSE:

*"Arise, shine, for your
light has come, and the
glory of the Lord has
risen upon you."
Isaiah 60:1*

INTRODUCTION: Life consists of many activities done day by day. These in themselves may seem unimportant, but when put together they make life run smoothly and give us joy. Many times we tire of the tasks of every day, but when we consider that God gave us work, and work is holy to him, what we do, we do unto Him.

If God has blessed you with a home and family, you have a responsibility to God to care for that family. This is a daily witness. How then, can you have love, patience, understanding and energy to be a witness in daily deeds?

PART ONE: START YOUR DAY WITH GOD

"This day, O Lord, help me to worship you, Help me to be filled with the joy of a new day, new opportunities.

Give me diligence in my work for today.

Help me to be patient, loving and courteous.

From the first moments of the morning let understanding and joy and power go forth to keep me close to you each hour of the day."

How do you start your day? If we pray to God before getting out of bed in the morning, this will help prepare us for the worship of God throughout the day.

THE NEW WOMAN

THE NEW WOMAN IN COMMUNITY AND CHURCH

MEMORY VERSE:

*"And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart."
Galatians 6:9*

INTRODUCTION: As we continue to grow in God's grace and goodness, we are more aware of our responsibility in our village, community and church. We should have concern for those we meet daily. As we read in the scripture, we should not be weary in well doing. Daily we are a witness to our friends and neighbors. What kind of a witness we are depends on our well-doing and our faithfulness to God.

PART ONE:

Elizabeth has a growing concern for her friends. Often the women would visit in the late evening. Most of the time there was just idle talk, but since Elizabeth had become a Christian, she would many times talk about Jesus and the things she learned at church. Several women were Muslim; others had no religion at all. On the day for W.M.U. and on Sundays she would be sure to invite her friends to visit with her. Sometimes they would go and take part in the services. She knew that it was her responsibility to visit with a purpose, the purpose of telling others about Jesus. Veronica was learning, too. It was very hard for her to tell others about Jesus. At times her friends would laugh when she told them she was going to church. If they were having a good time visiting she did not even go, but in her heart she knew this was wrong and it troubled her.

CONCLUSION: (Leader) - Let's close our program today with this story. Perhaps it will help us to understand our stewardship of self. There was a small village near the Baptist Church. Weekly a doctor and a preacher would go to this village telling the villagers about Christ and healing them. Many made professions of faith. One day the Chief of the tribe came. He was so impressed and thrilled that he wanted to be a Christian too. So he went back to his house and got his best possessions. He gave his spear, bow and arrow and several other important items. "Take these. I want to be a Christian." The missionaries explained that God first wanted him, then he would be saved. Without understanding, the chief said, "Yes, I am intelligent and a leader. I will bring my people together each day and teach them from God's book. Then I will be a Christian." Again, he was told that God only wanted him to believe in Jesus and he would be saved. The chief left with disappointment. The next week when the missionaries came, the chief was the first one there. He said, "All week I have asked your God to help me understand. Now I KNOW I must first give myself to Jesus. Then I can give of what I have and have peace in my heart."

The chief learned a lesson we all need to learn. We must learn to give ourselves.

PRAYER: Have sentence prayers, praying for each one present to search her own life and see if she has truly given all to Jesus. Close by singing, "All to Jesus I Surrender."

PART TWO:

As weeks went by Elizabeth continued to learn ways in which she could show others God's love. She was an active member of W.M.U. and through their community missions she was able to do more for others. When her non-Christian friends had babies, she found it was a good time to visit them and give them a small booklet with the plan of salvation in it and some verses from the Bible.

Another opportunity to witness came when there was a death in the community. It was the custom for all of the villagers to go to the family's house and cry with them for several days. Elizabeth knew this was not the Christian way. She would work in the house preparing food for all the relatives or help as she could. When she had an opportunity to comfort her friends, she would read from her Bible and explain that God was a God of love and would give them strength if they just asked for it. Sometimes her friends would ask her to pray to her God for them.

PART THREE:

Now that they had been members of the Baptist Church for some time, there were many things for Veronica and Elizabeth to do. Elizabeth was asked to teach the children's Sunday School class while their teacher went to visit her relatives. She had never taught anything before, but finally decided she would try to do her best.

When the church held a three day training school for the leaders of the churches in their association, both Veronica and Elizabeth offered to help cook the food each day. Although they did extra work, they were glad to take part in God's work.

In W.M.U. the women had many opportunities to take part in the programs. When the time came for group discussions of their problems and needs, they took part, not fearing to say how

their school. The pastor was very please, but he told them, "You are already full time workers, because you have given God the most important thing, yourselves."

PART TWO: GIVE YOUR LOVE

What is love? God is love, and he loved you so much that he gave Jesus so that you and I might have life everlasting. When you confessed Christ, you came with love in your heart. This love was simple, like a child's love for his parents. As we become stronger Christians, we begin to realize the power of that love.

Samuel was eighteen when he became a Christian. For the first time in his whole life, he was filled with love, God's love. As he grew in the knowledge of God and Christ, his love also increased. He worked hard sharing his love of God with his family and friends. Through his concern for others he was able to be of greater service to God. Love gave him the power to witness in Christ's name. Although Samuel as a person was weak, his love made him strong.

PART THREE: GIVE YOUR ALL

When a Christian gives himself and his love, he will want to give all that he has. God does not ask us to do more than we can. In giving our all we must use our bodies as a trust from God. In Rom. 12:1 it says "present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." We must take care of our bodies. Your body is the temple of God.

Our possessions will then be given for God's use. We will be so filled with his spirit through giving ourself, our love, our body and mind, that giving of what we have will follow. God only asks for a tenth, but we will want to give many offerings over and above this.

SPIRITUAL DEPTH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP OF SELF

MEMORY VERSE:

*"And this, not as we expected,
but first they gave them-
selves to the Lord and to us
by the will of God."
2 Corinthians 8:5*

INTRODUCTION: For the past three weeks we have been studying how we can become better Christians through our faithfulness in church attendance, through good prayer habits, and through daily study of God's word. When we truly practice these things we will want to yield our all to Christ. Practical Christianity is a religion of giving. God gave man life. He gave us the greatest gift of His Son Jesus. We in turn are asked to give. What can we give?

PART ONE: GIVE YOURSELF

This is a hard thing to do. Often it is easier to give things than to give yourself. In 2 Cor. 12:14 we read "I seek not what is yours, but you." So before we worry with giving of what we have materially in our possession, we must be willing to give up our own desires and wants for those of God.

There were two young girls in a village Baptist Church. Both were fine Christians. They did not have any money or possessions of their own. In fact, they were having great difficulty in paying their own school fees. But they wanted to serve God, so they decided the least they could do was to give themselves. This meant extra hours of selfless labor. They taught classes at church, helped the mothers during worship with the smaller children, assisted their pastor with his many responsibilities. One day they decided they wanted to be full time Christian workers when they finished

they felt. Each month they would go with some of the group in a community mission activity, visiting the sick or members who had not attended in a long time.

PART FOUR:

In closing our programs on The New Woman let us look at our scriptures we have studied. First say 2 Cor. 5:17. (Then call on several to say what this means to them.) Have you become a new person in Christ? If you have, have you tried to put away the things in your old life that were wrong?

Now read I Peter 2:1-3 or quote it 'if you have learned it. (Have someone ready to read this.) Do you really want to hear God's word and learn from it? If you do, you will be faithful in coming to church to worship him. You will read your Bible, or have someone read it to you daily so that you may grow in God's grace.

Now, turn to Colossians 2:6-7 and we will read this together. Do you walk in the footsteps of Christ? Are you rooted in him? Does your home show that you love God?

Last, let's read again our scripture for today, Galatians 6:9-10. If we have followed God's word and done these other things to grow in his love, we will not be tired of doing for others. We will use every opportunity to help our friends and they will see the new woman.

PRAYER: Ask each one present to bow her head.
Have short prayers from all who want to ask for God's help as they walk in his footsteps and live each day for Christ.

SPIRITUAL DEPTH THROUGH CHURCH ATTENDANCE

MEMORY VERSE: "Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with
singing!" Psalm 100:2

LEADER: For the next two months we will be studying ways we can be more like Christ. There are several good ways in which we can attain spiritual depth. None of these are simple and easy, but they always require us to work daily. These are: faithful church attendance, daily prayer, daily Bible study, continuous stewardship of self and Christian witness. Only through God's strength and help can we develop our Christlike nature.

PART ONE:

Most of us go to church as often as we can. Let us begin by asking a question. Why do you come to church, or W.M.U.? (Wait for some of the women to answer. If none says anything, call on one to tell why she comes.) I think all of us will agree that we come to church to worship God and to receive strength for daily living.

A church is a group of baptized believers. We do not have to have a church building to have a church. Maybe some of you have been to church in a home or out in the open. Church is a place for God's people to worship him together. God knows that we need to come together to share our love for him. By coming to church we can fellowship with other Christians. When we do this, our hearts are filled with his presence and power. As we become more filled with the love of God we become more aware of our responsibility in serving him. The church is a place of worship.

read the whole Bible. She had done this twice, each time discovering new thoughts to help her. Then she decided to follow the calendar for reading the Bible every day for one year. She did this faithfully. Another time she read the scriptures each week that would go with the Sunday School lesson.

Just recently she learned another way of studying her Bible. Her pastor was teaching the book of James. He asked everyone to read this during the week. So she studied one book all the week long. She enjoyed this and the next week began studying another book. Often she would memorize special verses that would help her to witness for Christ better.

CONCLUSION: Now, let us look at the ways to be a better student of God's word. We will list them for all of you to see. (Read and write on blackboard or poster. Discuss each one again as you read it.)

1. Read the Bible daily.
2. Find a good time and place for daily study.
3. Follow a plan for reading:

Read the Bible straight through
Follow a Daily Bible Reading calendar
Study scriptures that go with the

Sunday School lesson

Study one book at a time.

If you will follow these suggestions, you will get much help from the study of God's word. You will soon discover new ways of learning and using his book, the Bible, too.

PRAYER:

more familiar with certain verses that had special meaning for her. She worked hard at memorising many verses. So, often when she wanted to study her Bible she could just say the verses and think of their meaning. Soon her Bible was in her head and she could use it any time.

PART TWO:

Sela Mwaponya was a new Christian. Her husband and family were not Christians and it was very hard for her to go to church often. But she went every time she could. Her pastor told her as a Christian she must read God's word daily. But she did not have a Bible and had no money to buy one. How could she read his word every day if she had no Bible? When she went to her pastor and told him her trouble, he gave her a small book of John from the New Testament. He told her to start saving her money to buy a Bible.

Each morning after her husband had gone to work and the children were at school, she got out her small book of John to read. She read a few verses every day, often reading them two or three times. Sometimes she enjoyed her reading so much she could not stop and she would read one or two chapters. It was so full of wonderful words telling her about Jesus and helping her to be a strong Christian. On some days, she would read the verses that she had read the day before. In this way she was able to study her Bible daily.

PART THREE:

Betty was the chairman of W.M.U. and a very dedicated Christian. She had been reading her Bible daily for several years. The most important thing to remember about Bible study, she said, was to fix a certain time and a certain place for reading and study.

When she first began reading the Bible daily, she decided to begin with Genesis and

PART TWO:

Another reason we should go to church every opportunity is to hear God's word. We are fortunate to have good leaders in our churches who are led by God. Each Sunday morning our Sunday School teachers have lessons in Bible study. They have worked and studied hard to teach us more about God's word. In W.M.U. we have good programmes prepared to teach and train us. But to receive these teachings, we must come, listen and then take what we have heard with us in our hearts.

Our pastors are God's chosen men who speak to us through his power. If we will listen and follow their teachings, we will grow in God's grace daily. Only through our faithfulness can we enjoy walking daily with God. Our church is a place for hearing God's word.

PART THREE:

We learn many ways to follow Christ's teaching by going to church. Through our prayer services we learn how to pray. In our worship service we can watch our Christian leaders as they pray. We can follow as they lead. In our W.M.U. meetings we can learn to take part in the services. By taking part on the weekly programs, we become more confident that God will help us in all that we do. Our fears of speaking for Christ and taking jobs of leadership in the church will go away. Our church is a place of learning God's word, how to pray and how to take an active part in his service.

PART FOUR:

Another very important reason for going to church is that we can "enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise." As Christ becomes more real in our lives, we become more grateful for all his gifts to us. We

should go to his house, the church, to praise God with our voice and heart.

Have you ever gone to church with the one purpose of saying "thank you, God" for life everlasting, for Jesus, for food, for rain, family, home and love. God is good. He is love. Our church is a place for praise and thanksgiving.

CONCLUSION: (Leader) - Now, let us name some of the reasons we go to church. (Lead group in answering) We go to church to worship with our brothers in Christ. We go to hear God's word that it might be a part of our lives. We go to learn better ways of being a Christian and serving God. Finally we go to God's house to sing praises to his name and to show him our gratitude for his love. By doing all of these things we will walk closer to God and he will rule more effectively in our lives. In closing our program let us read Psalm 100 together.

PRAYER: Have a time of silent prayer so that each one can renew her vows to God to live for him every minute of every day, and especially be faithful in Church attendance.

SPIRITUAL DEPTH THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

MEMORY VERSE:

*"Do your best to present
yourself to God as one
approved, a workman who
has no need to be ashamed,
rightly handling the word
of truth."
2 Timothy 2:15*

INTRODUCTION:

(Leader) - Every Christian who wants to learn more about God's word must decide on a good way to study his Bible every day. Because we have different responsibilities at home and also because our background often differs, we will look at several women who have found successful ways of studying God's word each day. As you hear about these women, can you find a new way which will help you "study to show yourself approved unto God"? 2 Timothy 2:15

PART ONE:

Mama Margaret had many children and they all had gone to school. She was very proud of them, especially since she had never learned to read or write. She loved to go to church and hear God's word being read. She would always listen very carefully so she could remember what is said. But how could she read her Bible daily if she could not read?

She found two answers to her problem. First, she asked her granddaughter who was in school to come to her house every day and read to her. Both of them looked forward to this time. As the weeks went by and she was able to hear the word of God every day she became filled with his spirit. Her testimony was a daily witness of God's love. With the opportunity of hearing God's word often, she became

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the questions, giving them time to answer and discuss, perhaps to add their own ideas. Be sure you have the answers ready ahead of time of this meeting.)

Close the program by reading together the model prayer Matt. 6:9-13. (You might make copies of this to give to each woman present. This way she can take them home and use it.)

PRAYER:

SPIRITUAL DEPTH THROUGH PRAYER

MEMORY VERSE:

*"But when you pray, go into
your room and shut the door
and pray to your Father who
is in secret; and your
Father who sees in secret
will reward you."
Matthew 6:6*

LEADER: Before we can see the need of prayer we must desire a real fellowship with God. He is our Father and we are his children. How do you know your own father? Have you ever spoken with him? Certainly, we know him because we have lived with him, talked with him, listened to him as he helps us grow from children to adults. When you were young did you do all of the talking when you were with your father? Certainly not, you probably did more listening. When you went to him for help or with a problem, did you trust his answer?

Prayer is talking and visiting with God, our heavenly Father. We need to go to him every day in prayer. As we pray, we receive guidance in our daily task. Not only should we talk to him, but we need to listen quietly as he reveals his will to us for our lives. Today we are going to try to answer the questions on prayer - why, where, how and what for.

PART ONE: WHY DO CHRISTIANS PRAY?

In the New Testament we read from Matt. 26 verse 41 that we must "watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak." There are many reasons why we should pray. We get strength to meet day to day temptations by going to our Father in prayer. Through a continuous prayer life God can speak to us and use

us in his service.

Betty was talking to her pastor. They were discussing her prayer life. For several weeks she had made a special effort to spend a certain time each day in prayer. She was thrilled because she had begun to see how wonderful it was to talk to God through prayer. This is what she said. "Since I have been going to my God in prayer, I am happier. My days are filled with joy and peace. I now have strength to meet my problems and be a better Christian. Before I started praying every day, I would often forget to act like a Christian. But now prayer is so real to me that I cannot forget."

PART TWO: WHERE DO CHRISTIANS PRAY?

As Margaret was working in the field; her heart was heavy. It had been several weeks since she had buried her son, but she still missed him very much. She looked up into the bright blue sky and prayed as she worked, "O God, I am so weak. But you are strong. Help me in this time of need and loneliness." In the quiet of the field she felt a new strength. She was a good Christian and she had long ago learned that she could pray to God anywhere.

When Johana awoke it was still dark, although a faint light was coming from the east. Each morning she made it a point to rise before her family and find a quiet place outside her house to sit and pray to God. She learned Matt 6:6 which told Christians to find a closet or a quiet place to talk to God. She had found this to be very helpful. By doing it everyday, she had renewed strength for that day.

We can pray alone, with others, at church, at work or at home, but we must have a plan of prayer so that we can talk with God if we are to grow as strong Christians.

PART THREE: WHAT DO CHRISTIANS PRAY FOR?

When Anna first started praying she was so overwhelmed by her salvation and God's love for

her that she continually prayed prayers of thanksgiving. She saw for the first time all the things God had given her: good health, a fine husband and children, a home, the rain, soil, the sun that helped her food to grow. So she thanked God for it.

Soon she began to realize that she was not always grateful to God and often she did not act like a Christian. So Anna began to ask God to help her in her daily life. She asked him to forgive her for the many mistakes in each day.

As she continued learning more about God and his love, she had a growing desire for others to know her God. So she began to pray for them - her father, who was a pagan, her husband who had no religion, her children, that they would learn about Jesus and trust him while they were young.

It was not long until she saw the needs of her friends and of people that she did not even know. So she prayed with a burdened heart that God would help these people and use her in any way to spread his word for all to hear.

PART FOUR: HOW DO CHRISTIANS PRAY?

Pastor Edward was teaching a class on prayer. He told them that when they prayed they must have a clean heart. First, each one must put aside all worldly thoughts. When this is done, eyes should be closed and heads bowed. Many times a person will get on his knees before talking to God.

We are told in our Bible to pray in faith, believing. Often we offer our prayers to God with very little faith, and even more often we doubt that they will be answered. But as we grow in our prayer life, our faith will also increase, and God will bless us and our Christian testimony.

CONCLUSION: Now let's review some of the ways in which prayer can be more meaningful in our lives. (Ask the women each of