

Youth Bible Study Lesson 15

Memory verse – I Cor. 13:6, 7

Charity in vs. 6 _____ not in _____.

I Cor. 13:6 **Charity rejoiceth not in iniquity.**

Charity does not find pleasure or delight in wishing ill or seeing ill fall on another, even on one's enemy. Hoping that bad things happen to someone is not charity.

Sometimes we can be smug about the calamity sin brings upon others. "It serves them right." What do you expect?" "They got what they deserved." "Maybe now they'll learn."

Our response to iniquity should be as David's in Ps. 119:136 "_____ of _____ run down mine _____, because they keep not they law." Read Jer. 9:1 and 13:17 and Luke 19:41. The Lord does what when He beholds the blindness of His people in Jerusalem? _____

Believers should not rejoice in any sin. Do you ever find yourself watching, reading, listening to things you know are sinful? And you sort of enjoy it from a distance. It's easy to do. Most any movie, book, TV show includes sinful ideas or actions and we laugh right along with the rest of the crowd. After all, we are not the one doing it. Read Prov. 14:9 "_____ make a _____ at _____..."

In Rom. 1:32 after citing the wickedness of mankind we find not an abhorrence of evil but participation and "_____ in them that do them."

As believers we are not to be comfortable or taking pleasure in iniquity. But rather filled with compassion and even moved to tears over the ungodly.

I Cor. 13:6 **Charity rejoiceth in the truth.**

What does charity rejoice in? the _____

John 17:17 "Sanctify them through thy _____: thy word is _____."

John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the _____, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

The Word of God manifesting the Son of God is the truth that charity rejoices in.

Phil. 4:4 "_____ in the _____ always: and again I say _____."

Hearing of the truth being preached Phil. 1:18 "...Christ is _____; and I therein do _____, yea, and will _____."

Hearing of others walking in the truth III John 3, 4 "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children _____ in _____."

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In Ps. 1:2 we read “But his _____ is in the _____ of the _____; and in his _____ doth he _____ day and night.”

In Ps. 40:8 “I _____ to do thy _____, O my God: yea, thy _____ is within my _____.”

Ps. 119:24 “Thy _____ also are my _____ and my counselors.”

Charity rejoiceth in the truth. If your rejoicing is built on this foundation, no circumstances, event, evil, or problem will be able to shake it.

God takes great pleasure in knowing that the truth will prevail!!

Is. 40:8 “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the _____ of our _____ shall _____ for _____.”

I Cor. 13:7 Charity beareth all things

In looking at many verses that speak of “bearing”, I see the activity of serving, helping, assisting, caring, taking on as our own.

Gal. 6:2 “_____ ye one another’s _____...”

Doesn’t I Pet. 2:24 come to mind? “Who his own self _____ our _____ in his own body on the _____...”

Christ was made _____ for us in II Cor. 5:21. He bore our sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. Have you ever watched a weight lifter? Sometimes it’s hard to watch as the burden (weights) are increased to the point that it’s painful for the weightlifter to lift his load over his head. It requires great strength to meet the challenge. So many believers are crushed under the weight of life. Instead of soldiers standing strong in the army of God, there seems to be a waiting list for the infirmary. Sometimes we are so focused on our own challenges we are unable to see let alone bear the burdens of others.

Spiritual strength is needed. If believers cared as much about eating right for their inner man as they do about the carbs and nutrition for their outer man, we’d have a powerhouse church.

I Cor. 3:2 “I have fed you with _____, and not with _____;...”

Heb. 5:14 “But strong _____ belongeth to them that are _____ even those who by reason of _____ have their senses _____ to discern both good and evil.”

II Tim. 2:1 “Thou therefore, my son, be _____ in the _____ that is in Christ Jesus.” These are the doctrines of grace taught by Paul. Read verse 2.

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“And the things which thou hast heard of _____...” with the result to do verse 3 “Thou therefore _____ as a good _____ of Jesus Christ.” Depression, discouragement and defeat are quickly dismissed by the application of the sound doctrine of the word of God.

I Cor. 10:13 “There hath no _____ taken _____ but such as is _____ to man: but _____ is _____, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a _____ to _____, that ye may be able to _____ it.” The way of escape is not removal of the temptation, but strength through the sound doctrine of the word of God fortifying your soul, so that ye may be able to bear it. The world and church around us needs to see us exemplifying this strength.

Lesson 15 Answers and Comments

Rejoiceth	will	temptation
Iniquity	law	you
Rivers	heart	common
Water	testimonies	God
Eyes	delight	faithful
Wept	word	way
Fools	God	escape
Mock	stand	bear
Sin	ever	
Pleasure	bear	
Truth	burdens	
Truth	bare	
Truth	sins	
Truth	tree	
Rejoice	sin	
Lord	milk	
Rejoice	meat	
Preached	meat	
Rejoice	full	
Rejoice	age	
Walk	use	
Truth	exercised	
Delight	strong	
Law	grace	
LORD	me	
Law	endure	
Meditate	hardness	
Delight	soldier	

Have you been under the weight of life lately? Or have you been exercising, working out with the sound doctrine of the word of God working in you to produce godly strength enabling you to “bear all things”? I know for myself that when this is occurring in my life Eph. 3:20 is my experience. “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,”