

NEWSLETTER

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Last year at this time our newsletter contained some thoughts on the importance of leaving a legacy and how important it is in leaving tracks for others to follow. The truth is, we all leave a legacy of some kind, it is just a question of how good (or bad) it is. As we consider the current state of our world with all the strife and angst that many societies are exhibiting, we are being forced to come face to face with past legacies that have left many people wanting.

The statement, "We are what we repeatedly do." is commonly attributed to the great Greek Philosopher, Aristotle. John Maxwell put a modern leadership spin on that truth by saying, "You teach what you know but you reproduce who you are."

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It is this very understanding of the nature of healthy leadership development that our academy desires to have germinate within every believer who engages with the Word through study. You not only become what you spend time doing but you also help produce those same qualities in others that you have some measure of influence with.

Recently our office received correspondence with a student who shared their passion: "I am half-way through Helping Christian's Grow. I am enjoying it and pray that my walk with God does cause others to want to know Him. The verses that says about living your life so others will ask about the hope in us, that's what I want my life to be like."

That verse the student is referring to is 1 Peter 3:15, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect". How encouraging is it to see student's not just desirous of their own lives being changed but recognizing their role in leading others towards transformation as well! This is the kind of legacy that is needing to be pursued. Dallas Willard in his book, The Great Omission put it this way, "The people to whom we minister and speak will not recall 99 percent of what we say to them. But they will never forget the kind of persons we are."

And those are the kind of followers of Christ at ABA we are committed in helping develop. Creators of healthy legacies who leave very clear tracks to follow.

Helping to Equip the Believer

If you've been a subscriber to our newsletter for any length of time you will have noted our "Check This Out" section that features a resource from one of the various streams of studies that we offer. Over the past several months we have focussed on highlighting resources that make up the **Christian Life series**. This 18 course program provides a spiritual guide to life in the Christian faith, with detailed courses on devotional, doctrinal, character, and service development.

Along within these four developmental areas, the courses also center around six themes:

- Spiritual Life
- The Bible
- The blok
- The Church
- Service
- Christian Ethics

Devotional Development

- When You Pray
- How to Study the Bible
- Your Helpful Friend
- Christian Worship

Character Development

- God's Design Your Choice
- Bible Ethics
- Marriage and the Home
- The Christian in His Community

Doctrinal Development

- Your New Life
- Your Bible
- John's Gospel
- Who Jesus Is
- We Believe

Service Development

- The Church
- What Churches Do
- Personal Evangelism
- Christian Workers
- The Teaching Ministry

"Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of

truth."

~ 2 Timothy 2:15

Jesus said "everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock" (Matthew 7:24-25). The Christian Life series is designed to give new believers a solid biblical foundation upon which to begin their life as a Christ follower. These courses will help students grow in their relationship with Christ, interact with the Word of God, and better understand God's purposes for their lives.

Our office would love to hear from you should you be interested in engaging with the Word through anyone of our studies.

What's on the Horizon

With physical distancing and travel restrictions still in effect, we've needed to adapt to present realities while still providing a service for our various student body stretched across the country. Virtual meetings and class room

sessions continue to be developed and is proving to be a viable alternative when unable to be in a place physically.

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Looking forward to our yearly trek to northern Quebec in early fall for the QC Native Women's Retreat.

Please pray that COVID restrictions will not hinder this vital event.



THANK YOU for YOUR PRAYERS & SUPPORT!

We couldn't do what we do without you!

CHECK OUT EVEN MORE RESOURCES ON OUR



WEBSITE!

Check This Out! (Contact our office for more information)

Christian Worship

Would you like to...

KNOW GOD'S PERSPECTIVE ON PRAISE AND WORSHIP?

When you asked Christ into your heart and life, you were born in God's family. He had already shown His love to you by sending Jesus to die in your stead. He continues to show you His love by answering your prayers and meeting your needs.

You in turn have responded by accepting what He offered you and by thanking Him for His many blessings. But your heart is reaching out to do more. You want to express your love further. As you grow in your Christian life, your desire to worship the Lord grows—and that desire must be fulfilled.

To understand what Christian worship is, we must learn it from God's Word. This course provides the opportunity to understand and to practice this vital means of expression toward God. The course teaches about God's power, presence, and intervention as we open our hearts to Him. Study it to bring a new dimension into your faith and walk with the Lord.

The Christian Life series comprises of 18 courses, divided into three units of six courses each



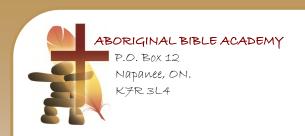
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