

Lesson 10

Chapter 8 - *Prepare Your Mind For Action* and Chapter 9 - *Okay! Where Do I Start*

Review Chapters 8 and 9 in preparation for this lesson.

1. a) If you were planning to plant a garden in an overgrown patch of weeds, where would you begin? What specific preparation would be needed?

clearing weeds, rocks, debris/tilling the soil/fertilizing/ watering

b) What spiritual applications could be applied to such a project?

If our lives are overgrown with this world's concerns, goals and ambitions it leaves little room for eternal seed to take root and grow. As you evaluate the needs of an overgrown patch of ground before planting, evaluate your life, your priorities and goals as they apply to eternal worth.

2. Open your Bible to Psalm 139:23-24 and in a quiet moment of contemplation, ask the Holy Spirit to examine the garden of your life. Ask Him to reveal anything that may need to be done or cleared away in order for the seed of His Word to freely take root and grow.

3. As you contemplate memorizing Scripture in its full context you will find ten suggestions in chapter 9. Review these comments and prayerfully fill in your answers below. (If you have already addressed these areas—in your mind, just change the future tense to present tense as you check to make sure they have all been addressed.)

Which Translation will I use? _____

Which chapter will be my first? _____

To whom will I be accountable? _____

Have I prayed for divine protection from satanic involvement? _____

Have I reviewed the "Helps and Hints" in Appendix A? _____

When is the best time for me to work this into my schedule? _____

Am I ready to proceed slowly and just enjoy this adventure? _____

I know God's Word is a *living* entity, more *powerful* than we mortals can ever anticipate. Have I fully grasped the importance of prayer and God-given insight as I seek the Lord through the memorization of His very Words _____

I understand that I will need to take time to meditate, and review as I delight in the sheer joy of Scripture securely planted in my heart and being. _____

I realize there will be times when I will need to take a break and just enjoy what I have learned. I realize that the Lord does not want me to pursue such a precious privilege under legalistic pressure, but only as a joy in my desire to know Him better. _____

4. Read the Scriptures on pages 121-123 and ask the Lord to inspire you with the same love and appreciation for the Scriptures that the psalmists had.