

Bible Study Thought-Provoking Questions



The purpose of the questions is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible, this Bible study topic and ourselves. The questions may be answered by each reader, or used by a Bible study group leader or church pastor. The following questions should be answered or discussed after reading "Backsliding."

There are two types of questions: lesson and opinion. Lesson questions (preceded by a number) are provided an answer. Opinion questions (preceded by an ①) are designed to enhance learning via the determination of opinions and/or discovering how the lesson content illuminates our personal lives. As such, no answers are provided.

Questions

- ① Do you think a backslidden Christian is aware (deep in their heart and soul) God still loves them and is waiting patiently for them to come to their senses and return?
- ① Can you explain the opposing torment (between what they know is right vs. what they're doing is wrong) in the heart and soul of a backslidden Christian?
- ① If a backslidden Christian is aware of God's love, and they are aware of the consequences of their decisions:
 - How do they justify/cope with the internal conflict?
 - Based upon Matthew 12:43-45 (page 3) and 2 Peter 2:20-22 (page 4), what additional challenges does the backslidden Christian encounter?
- 1. What is living "in between?"
- 2. With regards to the backslidden Christian:
 - Can you identify a relational consequence with those who are not born again? Explain.
 - Can you identify a relational consequence with those who are born again? Explain.
- 3. What will motivate a backslidden Christian to return "home?"

Answers

- 1. Page 3: When a backslidden Christian is unable to intimately relate to those who are not born again and those who are born again.
- 2. Page 3:
 - They know and understand consequences of sin. Are unable to share their faith (considered a hypocrite).
 - Condemnation and guilt become a barrier. Interaction may result in confronting their sin.
- 3. Page 6: Fed up with their sin (had enough); remembrance of what it was like living for Christ vs. living a deceptive lie; and when the desire in their heart for God becomes greater than the demands of their flesh.