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Lesson 14-Sat.
Saturday, April 12, 2014

D2/D3—HOME/MINISTRY: PEACEMAKING—RESPONDING TO CONFLICT BIBLICALLY

DUE:
Saturday, April 26, 2014

Before you begin your homework, take a few minutes to quiet your heart and pray, thanking God for His Word and asking God to reveal more of Himself to you through His Word. Ask Him to increase your heart's desire to know and love Him.

LOOKING BACK...

Review your lesson notes. What did you find new, encouraging, or helpful? In what area of peacemaking do you need/want to grow? Identify the steps you need to take in order to grow and apply what you've learned.

LOOKING DAY BY DAY...

As you continue in your reading plan, look for examples of conflict and/or peacemaking. List the Scripture reference(s) and any insight you gained that helps you grow in living out the gospel in your relationships.

LOOKING AHEAD...

In preparation for lesson 15, *D3- MINISTRY: Practical Ministry*, read 1 Thessalonians 5:14. Observe the three kinds of people described by this verse. Think for a minute about what each one of these descriptions means. Are these people inside or outside of the church in Thessalonica? How can you tell?

LOOKING DEEPER...THE POINT OF SUFFERING IN THE PAIN OF SUFFERING

Remember to read the broader context of each Bible passage below.

Take a moment to think about the last affliction or trial or suffering you encountered. How would you summarize your general attitude toward the trouble you faced? Honestly record what your goals were in the midst of the trouble. Are you satisfied with how you endured the trial? Why or why not?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. Record God's promises to Paul (and by application to you) in the midst of affliction or suffering.

Read James 1:2-4 and Romans 5:3-5. Record God's goals for you in trials which are the result of perseverance in the trial.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:17. How are you to regard affliction in light of eternity?

Read Romans 8:18. What is to be our focus when suffering enters our life?

After reading these passages on suffering, what changes would you like to make in any suffering you are undergoing now or in the next trial that comes? Be as specific as possible. Does anyone in your household need to benefit from something you've discovered in these passages?