

EPOC: “LET US GO ON TO PERFECTION”

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2 Timothy 2:15 (AMP) Study *and* be eager *and* do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing *and* accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

Instructions:

1. Print out the study guide.
2. Watch the videos at www.epocfoundation.org under “Moving On To Perfection” or visit EPOC Foundation YouTube channel (Let Us Go On To Perfection).
3. Look up each scripture (NKJV) and fill in the blanks and answer each question in the study guide. Some answers are found only in the videos. The more you put into your studying the more you will get out of it.
4. Share what you learn with at least three other people.
5. Send you questions or feedback to info@epocfoundation.org

Key EPOC Foundational Scriptures:

Luke 6:46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?

⁴⁷ Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: ⁴⁸ He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. ⁴⁹ But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ (EPOC), let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. ³ And this we will do if God permits.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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In this lesson we will be examining the phrase "let us go on to perfection" from Hebrews 6:1

1. "LET US" – Do this thing together (fill in the blanks below)

Acts 15:36 Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, " _____ now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing."

Romans 14:19 - Therefore _____ pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

Hebrews 10:24 And _____ consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the _____ of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but _____, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

1 John 4:7 Beloved, _____, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Search the New Testament and find two other "let us" scriptures:

1.

2.

Why is "let us" important? _____

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2. "GO ON" – More than a walk to the store (Fill in the blanks below)

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore go on and get past the elementary stage in the teachings and doctrine of Christ (the Messiah), advancing steadily toward the completeness and perfection that belong to spiritual maturity. (Amplified Bible)

Weymouth Translation: "let us _____ to mature manhood"

"go on" pherō verb: Carry, _____, endure, _____, bring, lead.

"let us be borne forward," or "bear ourselves forward";

implying active exertion; grown or advanced in any shape or _____.

Mark 4:8 But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and _____: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

John 15:1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not _____ fruit He takes away; and every branch that _____ fruit He prunes, that it may _____ more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot _____ fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and _____ fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

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John 12:24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it _____ much grain.

Summarize the phrase "let us go on": _____

3. "TO PERFECTION" – The goal (fill in the blanks)

teleiotēs noun: Perfection, perfectness, completion, _____.

teleios adj: Complete, perfect, whole; full-grown, _____.

Hebrews 5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first _____ of the oracles of God; and you have come to need _____ and not _____. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is _____ in the word of righteousness, for he is a _____. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of _____, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both _____ and _____. 6:1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary _____ of Christ, let us go on to _____

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A. Born Again/Birth by the Spirit

John 3:7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be _____ again.'

1 John 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is _____ of God,

1 Peter 1:23 having been _____ again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the _____ of God which lives and abides forever

Titus 3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He _____ us, through the washing of _____ and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

When were you born again? _____

B. Newborn - Babe – Milk (Complete the follow verses)

1 Peter 2:1 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, 2 as _____

_____ ,

Use a dictionary and define the following words:

Malice: _____

Deceit: _____

Hypocrisy: _____

Envy: _____

Evil: _____

What is "the pure milk"? _____

What is the purpose of the pure milk? _____

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Hebrews 5:13 For everyone who partakes only of milk _____

Define "unskilled" - _____

What is a babe unskilled in? _____

Ephesians 4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the _____ of the saints for the work of ministry, for the _____ of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a _____ man, to the measure of the stature of the _____ of Christ;

teleios adj: Complete, perfect, whole; full-grown, mature, _____. (see video)

Ephesians 4:14 that we should no longer be _____, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of _____, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may _____ in all things into Him who is the head--Christ-- 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes _____ of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

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2 Timothy 3:13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the _____, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All _____ is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for _____, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be _____, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

What does Ephesians 4:11-16 & 2 Timothy 3:13-17 have to do with "let us go on to perfection"? _____

According to Ephesians 4:14 what is a sign of being a child? _____

Where should you get your doctrine from? _____

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C. Carnal babes – Not able to receive solid food

1 Corinthians 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to _____ people but as to _____, as to _____ in Christ. 2 I fed you with _____ and not with _____; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still _____. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like _____? 4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not _____?

Explain the difference between spiritual people and carnal babes: _____

D. Babe/Unskilled vs Adult/Trained

Hebrews 5:12 For though by this time you ought to be _____, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of _____, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use _____

Hebrews 5:14 However, solid food is for mature people, whose _____ to know the difference between good and evil. (God's Word)

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Describe something that you are very skilled at: _____

Describe something that you are unskilled at: _____

E. Good vs Evil

Matthew 12:33 "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. 34 _____ of vipers! How can you, being _____, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the _____ the mouth speaks. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth _____, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth _____.

Good: agathos adj: Good, perfect, complete, upright, kind, benevolent, useful, acceptable, wholesome, beneficial, goods, good deeds.

Evil: ponēros adj: bad, wicked, depraved. "useless, bad, harmful, good-for-nothing"

From the passage above – Who is evil and why? _____

Matthew 7:17 Even so, every _____ tree bears good fruit, but a _____ tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Good: kalos adj: Beautiful, good, excellent, advantageous, noble.

Bad: sapos adj: Rotten, useless, unsound.

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Are we called to clean up our fruit? Why? _____

Mark 7:20 And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. 21 For from within, out of the _____ of men, proceed _____ thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. 23 All these _____ things come from within and defile a man."

Who defines what is evil and how? _____

1 Peter 3:9 not returning evil for _____ or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary _____, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. 10 For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his _____, And his lips from speaking deceit. 11 Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.

From the passage above describe what you think the actions of a carnal baby who is unskilled in the word of righteousness would be? _____

Take a moment to reflect on a time when you turned away from evil and did good.

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Psalm 34:13 Keep your _____ from evil, And your _____ from speaking deceit. 14 Depart from _____ and do good; Seek peace and pursue it. 15 The eyes of the LORD are on the _____, And His ears are open to their cry. 16 The face of the LORD is _____ those who do _____, To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

Psalm 119:101 I have restrained my _____ from every _____, That I may keep Your _____.

Proverbs 8:13 If anyone respects and _____ God, he will _____ evil. For wisdom hates pride, arrogance, corruption, and deceit of every kind. (The Living Bible)

Describe something you really hate: _____

Hate is emotional. Have you ever thought about how much you actually hate evil?

Proverbs 3:7 Do not be _____; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

Reflect on a time when you were wise in your own eyes, did not depart from evil and what the consequences where.

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Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call _____;

Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

In today's society describe something evil that is called good: _____

In today's society describe something good that is called evil: _____

1 Thessalonians 5:22 _____ from evil [shrink from it and keep aloof from it] in whatever form or whatever kind it may be. (Amplified)

1 Thessalonians 5:22 Avoid _____ of evil. (Passion NT)

James 4:17 Therefore, to him who _____

_____, to him it is _____.

Is there something in your life you are doing that you know is sin that you need to repent of?

Galatians 6:9 And let us not grow _____ while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not _____ heart.

Is there anything that you are doing good that you are getting weary in?

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Write out Romans 12:21 _____

_____.

John 5:28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth--those who have done good, to the

_____, and those who have done evil, to the

_____.

From the above passages what is the danger of not knowing the difference between good and evil? _____

How are you, by practice, training your mind to know the difference between good and evil and how often? _____

How does knowing the difference between good and evil impact "let us go on to perfection"? _____

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F. PERSERVANCE

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore let us go on and get past the elementary stage in the teachings and doctrine of Christ (the Messiah), _____ the completeness and perfection that belong to _____. (Amplified Bible)

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all _____ when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the _____ of your faith produces _____. 4 But _____ patience have its perfect work, _____

Romans 5:3 And not only that, but we also _____ in tribulations, _____ that _____ produces _____; 4 and perseverance, _____; and character, hope.

1 Peter 1:7 that the _____ of your faith, being much more precious than _____ that perishes, though it is _____, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

2 Peter 1:5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, _____ to your faith _____, to virtue knowledge, 6 to _____, to self-control _____, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly

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kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and _____,
you will be _____

Hebrews 10:36 For you have need of _____, so
that _____ you have done the will of God, you may receive the _____:

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
_____ lay aside every weight, and the _____ which so easily ensnares us, and

Based on the above scriptures describe what perseverance has to do with "let us go
on to perfection": _____

What than do baby, carnal Christians not do? _____

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Colossians 1:28 Him we _____, _____ every man and
_____ every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man
_____ in Christ Jesus. 29 To this end I also labor, striving according to
His working which works in me mightily.

What was Paul's role in "let us go on to perfection"? _____

G. ONE THING

Matthew 19:16 Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I _____ that I may have _____?" 17 So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to _____, keep the commandments." 18 He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 19 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" 20 The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. _____?" 21 Jesus said to him, "_____, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." 22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Can you miss entering into life by one thing? _____

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Luke 8:14 Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and _____
_____.

Write out Matthew 13:22 _____

1 Timothy 6:9 But those who _____ fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful _____ which drown men in _____ and perdition. 10 For the _____ money is a root of all kinds of _____, for which some have _____ in their _____, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Luke 12:15 And He said to them, "Take heed and _____
_____, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the _____ he possesses." 16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17 And he thought within himself, saying, _____, since I have no room to store my crops?" 18 So he said, _____: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I

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will store all my crops and my goods. 12:19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." ' 20 But God said to him, '_____! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those _____ be which you have provided?' 21 So is _____."

Have you prayed, "Lord, what do I still lack?" If not, will you commit to do so?

Like the rich young ruler, is there one major thing that is keeping you from going on to perfection? If so, what is it? _____

Would your friends and family know and testify that your desire to "let us go on to perfection" is greater than your desire to be rich and possess things? Yes / No

List the thorns in your life? _____

What are you doing to take heed and beware of covetousness? _____

What part of "let us go on to perfection" do you need to deal with? _____

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ASSIGNMENTS:

REVIEW: Go back and review all your notes and list below the most important things you've learned as a result of completing this study:

1.

2.

3.

ACTION: What actions are you going to take as a result from what you have learned?

1.

2.

3.

SHARE: List the names of three people you will share what you learned and the action steps you are going to be taking.

1.

2.

3.

READ: Get a paperback New Testament that does not have any commentary, start in Matthew and read through it as fast as you can, marking or highlighting every Elementary Principle of Christ (Complete this within three months)