

Memory Work — 1 John 2:13

- 1) (a) What phrase does John repeat several times in I John 2:12-14? (b) Why do you think he repeats this phrase so much? (c) What do you think is meant by children, young men, and fathers? (d) In what ways do these few verses encourage you in your walk with Christ?

- 2) John writes to the young men because they have overcome the wicked one. (a) How is it possible for us to overcome the wicked one? See I John 4:4, and 5:4,5. (b) Read Christ's account with Satan in the wilderness in Matthew 4:1-11 and make note of all the ways that Christ overcame the wicked one. (c) How does Christ's example encourage and equip you as you resist the wicked one?

- 3) John writes to the little children in I John 2:12 because their sins are forgiven them for His name's sake. Read Leviticus 16:20-22, and answer the following questions. (a) What animal was used to bear the sins of the Israelites? (b) What happened to that animal? (c) Was it seen again? (d) How does this help you to understand what "forgiveness of sins means"? (e) In contrast, as New Testament saints, what was the sacrifice that was made for the forgiveness of our sins? (See Hebrews 9:11-22; 10:4-18) (f) What does having your sins forgiven mean to you?

- 4) (a) Why is it imperative that the "word of God abide in us?" Joshua 1:7,8; Psalm 1:1-3; Psalm 19:7-11; 119:11; 119:97-105; John 15:3; II Tim. 3:15-17; James 1:21-25. (b) What is your relationship to the Word of God? In other words, how much time do you spend reading it, studying it, memorizing it and meditating on it? (c) How has the Word made a difference in your life this week?

- 5) (a) What are some physical, emotional and mental characteristics of babies, young men and fathers? (b) What are some of the strengths and weaknesses of each category? (c) How do the physical characteristics help you to understand the spiritual characteristics that each category has?

- 6) (a) How long have you been a Christian? (b) Would you classify yourself as a babe in Christ, a young man (woman) or a spiritual father (mother)? (c) What is keeping you from maturing in Christ as you should?

- 7) After contemplating your answer from 4b and or 6c, write down a prayer request that relates to these questions as a matter of prayer for your partner.