

Questions for Consideration—*With the Master In Fullness of Joy*

Lesson 17 — Paul's Loss is Paul's Gain — Philippians 3:7-11

1. (a) Read Philippians chapter three, listing all the promises you find there. (b) Are these applicable to all believers?

2. Memorize Philippians 3:7.

3. (a) From the account in Genesis 22, do you think Abraham counted Isaac as “loss for the sake of knowing God”? (b) Support your answer.

4. (a) Find at least one other Biblical example of someone who was willing to lay aside things that he/she counted dear for the sake of Christ. (b) What do you learn from them about the cost of being a disciple of Jesus Christ?

5. (a) According to Luke 14:25-33, what does Jesus say we should consider as loss for the sake of following Him? (b) How does this compare with the gospel message of our day?

6. (a) One of the ways we can know Christ more intimately is by sharing in His sufferings. With that in mind, would you say suffering is hard for you? (b) Why or why not? (c) What joys have you found in suffering?

7. (a) Do you think Jesus Christ is a priority in the church today? (b) What things do you see taking first place in the church and in individuals' lives over Christ?

8. (a) Is there anyone or anything in your life that has taken first place over the Lord, and kept you from pursuing knowing Him more intimately? (b) Please write your need in the form of a prayer request.