

## **Bible Study – Lesson 7**

### **Celebrating an Ending for a New Beginning**

#### **WHEN FACING TEMPTATION**

1 Corinthians 10:23&31

Shortly after I became a child of God, my early years, one of the seasoned saints gave me three very important passages of scripture to write in my Bible to make frequent references. They stated it would be helpful for new believers. I recalled writing them down on the flyleaf of the Bible, I had at the time. Only God knows the number of times they were looked at by me. I've had many Bibles of all sizes, colors, and translations and most of them have this one thing in common; the same three scriptures are written in the front of them by me. They are 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Colossians 3:16&17 and 1 Corinthians 10:23&31.

From season to season, in each of our personal life journeys, we all have or will come to a temptation intersection, a place where we are or were called to make decisions to turn left, right, go straight ahead or even turn around. You see, the tempter is always standing nearby, often, in the intersection seeking to entice us to make the wrong turn. The three passages listed earlier revealed three strategic and crucial questions we must asked ourselves as we maneuver our way through the many turns, roadblocks and intersections facing us during our Christian life journey.

- I. Can I Thank God For It? (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
  - A. Where we go, say, and do {Actions}
  - B. Everything is key
  
- II. Can I Do It In Jesus' Name? (Colossians 3:16-17)
  - A. What is our motivation {Attitudes}
  - B. Impression on others
  
- III. Can I Do It For God's Glory? (1 Corinthians 10:31)
  - A. Why we should DO IT {Adorations}
  - B. Pleasing to the Father

**STOP!!** Don't just rush through the intersections of life, you must consider the cost of salvation!