

First Semester Final Exam Format

94 questions - 100 points (1ST 92 are one point each and the last two are four points each.)

- Page One – Word-bank with the nine character traits.
25 statements to match them up with*
- Page Two – “true” or “false” and “yes” or “no” questions.
- Page Three – Matching and “fill-in-the-blank”. (Fill-in’s have a word bank.)
- Page Four – More “fill-in-the-blank”, some additional true or false and two short answer questions.

*For the first page, be sure to know the definition of each character trait. This is the first line after each character trait. (Be able to match these with the proper character trait.)

*Also be sure you know the description of each character trait (the second line under each character trait); and be able to match them with the proper trait.

* Study everything - not just the blanks

* Ignore the numbers.

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QUEST ONE - ¹ Love The Foundational Character Trait.

meeting another's needs unselfishly

Key Concepts - I Corinthians 13 is the ² Love ³ chapter of the Bible.

The opposite of love is selfishness. Love is not just a feeling but an action.

Love that says, "I'll love you 'if' or I love you 'because'" is ⁴ conditional love.

God's true love is ⁵ unconditional love, which says "I love you no matter what."

QUEST TWO - ⁶ Wisdom Knowledge Used for God's Glory.

Observing & reacting to life from God's point of view

Key Concepts - Wisdom is not just Knowledge. Wisdom comes from ⁷ God. *The Bible book of wisdom is PROVERBS*

The Bible says that we should ask for wisdom (James 1:5). Luke 2:40-52 says that Jesus grew

in ⁸ wisdom, in ⁹ stature, in ¹⁰ favor with ¹¹ God

and ¹² man. Wisdom is something that we should strive to develop in our lives.

Wisdom helps us understand that, "today affects tomorrow."

The fear of the Lord is the, "beginning of wisdom" according to Proverbs 9:10.

Name three words that describe the fear of the Lord: awe, reverence, respect

QUEST THREE - ¹³ Obedience Always Doing What God Says.

Fulfilling God's Commands without question or hesitation

Key Concepts - ¹⁴ Delayed obedience and ¹⁵ partial obedience are really ¹⁶ disobedience

Disobedience brings negative consequences

Obedience brings personal benefits and blessings.

We must demonstrate obedience in our lives. For the Christian obedience is not an option.

In order to demonstrate obedience you must understand the principle of delegated authority

QUEST FOUR - ¹⁷ Courage Unafraid to Follow God.

Overcoming fear to do what is right

Key Ideas - Courageous people are ordinary people who face their fears

rather than run from them. As we trust God in everyday situations, we develop

the courage to face greater challenges just like David developed the courage to face Goliath

by first killing the lion and the bear. The root of courage, "cour", means ¹⁸ heart.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey (keep) my commandments."

QUEST FIVE - Attentiveness The First Step to Success. Having a hearing heart. ^{2.}
Paying close attention when God speaks.

Key Concepts - Without the ability to pay attention we will be unable to learn and succeed in life. There are many things Competing for our attention. Some of those to whom we should pay attention are: God, parents, teachers, Pastors, gov't. officials friends.
The human mind can only focus on one thing at a time.

QUEST SIX - Humility The Mind of Christ in Us.
Realizing that all I am & all I accomplish is by God's ^{grace.}

Key Concepts - Pride and sin both have "I" at the center. Humility is God-centered and others centered, rather than self-centered.
Jesus' life is the perfect example of humility, and His death is the ultimate demonstration of humility. We have two choices: We can either humble ourselves, or we can be proud and be humbled by God. Pride is the root of all sin.

QUEST SEVEN ⁽³⁹⁾ Confidence - ^{Knowing that I am strong and capable because of God.} myself.
Knowing that I am valuable to God to others and to
Key Concepts - The opposite of humility is pride. The first sin was pride. Since pride is self-centered, the best confidence is not self-confidence, but God-confidence. The more we know and experience God, the greater confidence.

QUEST EIGHT ⁽³⁸⁾ Thankfulness An Attitude of Gratitude to God. of their benefits
Expressing appreciation to God & others for to us.

Key Concepts - Thankfulness is a choice. Thankfulness is God's command.
Thankfulness produces benefits such as peace, joy, faith and contentment. An attitude of thankfulness strengthens your relationship with God. Thanksgiving should produce a life of "thanks-living". Thanksgiving is especially difficult for the atheist. In the story of the 10 lepers, only 1 demonstrated thankfulness. Instead of being thankful, we often take things for granted.

QUEST NINE Joyfulness Experiencing Cheerfulness in All Situations. of circumstance
Having a cheerful, positive & peaceful attitude regardless
Key Concepts - Happiness and joyfulness are not the same thing. Happiness is temporary, joy is lasting. Happiness depends on circumstances.
Joy comes from God. According to scientific studies, laughter stabilizes blood pressure and helps digestion.

- Sacred means belonging to or dedicated to God; Bible class = “Sacred Space”
- Quest: A journey with a purpose; a mission...
- Seventh Grade is a subset of the Big Story.
- Big Story Mission: Fill the earth with God’s Glory - Invite others into the story
- For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. (Habakuk2:14)
- The mission (purpose) of our 7th Grade quest is: To grow your character to be more like God. To get to know God better. The better you get to know him, the more you’ll want to be like him and the more you will become like him.
- According to Jesus, the end will not come until everyone has had a chance to hear the good news of God’s Big Story.
- In the end Satan loses.
- Small Story - everyday life; daily responsibilities; sometimes boring, routine & exhausting; the small story is a subset of the big story; the Big Story gives meaning to the small story; the small story is the key to success in the Big Story.
- If we are faithful in the everyday small story stuff it can help us develop character qualities that will serve us well for the rest of our life.
- Small story does not mean unimportant. The small story stuff is actually part of the Big Story and helps us succeed in the Big Story.
- “This is your training circle. The smaller your circle, the greater your focus. Your whole world shrinks to this circle. There is nothing outside this circle.” (It’s as if this were true, because your focus is so strong.)
- Your training circle is your sacred space and your sacred space is your training circle.
- The Greek word for God’s love used in the Bible is “agape”.
- According to Jesus our neighbor is – “everyone”
- The opposite of unconditional love is – (not hate!) – “selfishness”
- Knowledge of the Bible automatically makes you a good Christian – False
- Knowledge of the Game of football automatically makes you a good football player. – False
- The foolish man heard Jesus’ words and did not put them into practice; the wise man heard Jesus words and put them into practice. In the story of the two builders Jesus was really talking about how you build your life, not a real house.
- Conditional love is self-centered; unconditional love is others-centered. Jesus’ death on the cross is the greatest example of obedience and unconditional love.
- Obedience to God’s Word is God’s plan to protect us from the negative consequences of disobedience.
- Paying attention is an easy task – False
- Gideon was courageous when the angel first contacted him – False.
- Character is what you do when no one is watching.

Short answer exam questions for final exam:

1. Explain why attentiveness is the first step to success.

Sample answer: In order to succeed we must know what to do and how to do it before we can successfully take action. The only way to know the first step is to pay attention.

2. In our quest the opposite of love is not hate but selfishness. Explain why.

Sample answer: In our quest conditional love is self-centered. Any time we are selfish we are not showing unconditional love. The real issue is not love or hate but selfishness or unselfishness.