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FUNDOCY Homework: Daily Bread

Lesson Taught on Sunday, April 7

Homework Due: Sunday, April 21

When Moses and the people of Israel were wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, they often didn't have food. They complained and asked Moses to provide some food. Moses then asked God for food. God told Moses not to worry. God promised that there would be bread from heaven every morning and quail for meat every night. The next morning, they woke, looked out on the fields and exclaimed, "What is it?" (Manna in Hebrew literally means "What is it?") Manna was the daily gift God sent—the first bread from heaven. God gave them just enough for each day. If they collected too much and tried to hoard the manna, it became wormy, rotted and started to smell. The Provider was training them to literally trust in God one day at a time.

God gives life one day at a time. The joys, pains, challenges and struggles all come in bite-size chunks. Don't spend your time worrying about tomorrow. You will miss out on today. Let tomorrow's worries be tomorrow's worries. Today is all you have. Don't waste it. It is too precious a gift to lose.

Part I: The Lesson

1. Read Matthew 6:11. This is the fourth petition of the Lord's prayer. It says:

"Give us this day our _____"

2. What does "daily bread" include?:

- a. Everything we need for life,
- b. Food and clothing, home and property, work and income,
- c. A devoted family, an orderly community, good government, favorable weather, peace, health, a good name,
- d. All of the above, plus true friends and neighbors

3. Read Exodus 16:4-5. What special instructions does God provide concerning the sixth day of the week?

4. Read Exodus 16:9. Moses instructs Aaron to say to the Israelites: "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your _____".

5. Read Exodus 16:19-20. Do the people listen to Moses' instructions when Moses tells them to leave none of the bread for the morning? _____

6. The Israelites requested physical *bread* from God, but Jesus often talks about another kind of *bread* as well—spiritual bread.

- a. Read Matthew 4:4. When the devil tempts Jesus to turn the stones into loaves of bread, Jesus responds "One does not live by bread alone, but by _____"
- b. Read John 6:35. Jesus says "I am the _____ of life".
- c. Based on these verses, what is one way we can be filled with *spiritual bread*? (If you're unsure, talk with your parents)

7. Read Matthew 6:25-33.

- a. Jesus instructs the people: "...do not _____ about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink..."
- b. He also says "...do not worry....indeed your heavenly Father _____ that you _____ all these things".

8. God gives "daily bread" to:

- a. Only those who deserve it,
- b. Only those who are thankful,
- c. Only the good and not the evil,
- d. Both the good and the evil

9. The Fourth Petition to the Lord's Prayer, Matthew 6:11, tells us:

- a. God is like an endless ATM who doesn't care about how we spend the money,
- b. God is like a rich old aunt who is trying to buy our love and attention by supplying us with money,
- c. God will provide our every want,
- d. God will provide our every need

Part II: Reflection Questions (There are NO wrong answers here!)

1. List 5 things you *need* to survive.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

2. List 5 things you *want* in your life.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

3. What is the difference between wants and needs?

4. What are three things that worry people your age the most?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

What are two things that worried you today?

- a. _____
- b. _____

5. What would it take for you to give these worries totally and completely to God?

6. You have saved up money for months to buy your friend a wonderful birthday present. You can't wait to give it to him. When he opens it, however, he seems less than impressed and hardly acknowledges it. How do you feel?

What would you say to him?

How does this relate to God's good gifts?
