

# How to do a LIFE MESSAGE Study

In a Life Message Study your goal is to explore the life of a key character in the Bible in order to discover how this person's life message affects your own life. A Life Message Study has eight key parts that help you discern from the word why God has preserved the testimony of this person for our instruction.

"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Romans 15:4. NIV

In a Life Message Study you look for the MESSAGE in each man or woman's Life:

<b>M</b>	<b>MEANING OF HIS/HER NAME</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>EXPERIENCE OF THE MAN/WOMAN</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>SPIRITUAL LIFE</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>SHORTCOMINGS</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>GLORY TO GOD</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>ESSENTIAL TRUTH</b>

After discovering the MESSAGE apply it to your LIFE:

<b>L</b>	<b>LEADING LESSON</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>FUTURE PLANS</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>EXPRESS OBEDIENCE</b>



"sharpen up"

*edge  
tools*



# MEN OF CHARACTER

MAN STUDIED:

KEY PASSAGES:

KEY CHARACTER TRAIT  
IN HIS LIFE

## MEANING OF HIS NAME

- What is the significance of this man's name? (Use a Bible dictionary or encyclopedia to find out the meaning of his name.) In what ways does he live up to the meaning of his name?

## EXPERIENCE

- What was this man's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?

## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- What do you observe about this man's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- Do you observe any weaknesses in this man's life? What reasons would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?

## **A**CCOMPLISHMENTS

- What strengths do you see in this man's life and character? Are there any key or unique phrases used in describing him?

## **G**LORY TO GOD

- How is God honored through this man's life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through his life? What is his concept of God and how does he relate to Him?

## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

- What is the main character trait you see exhibited in this man's life ? (List references below)  
What can you learn about this characteristic from his life?

## LIFE APPLICATION

- L** LEADING LESSON
- What do you think is the leading lesson of this man's life?
- I** IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE
- How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?
- F** FUTURE PLANS
- What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?
- E** EXPRESS OBEDIENCE
- Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.



# WOMEN OF CHARACTER

WOMAN STUDIED:

KEY PASSAGES:

KEY CHARACTER TRAIT  
IN HER LIFE

## MEANING OF HER NAME

- What is the significance of this woman's name? (Use a Bible dictionary or encyclopedia to find out the meaning of her name.) In what ways does she live up to the meaning of her name?

## EXPERIENCE

- What was this woman's life experience? Who were her father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did she live in? What are the significant periods of her life? What about her occupation, contemporaries or associates?

## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- What do you observe about this woman's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in her life?

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- Do you observe any weaknesses in this woman's life? What reasons would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?

## **A**CCOMPLISHMENTS

- What strengths do you see in this woman's life and character? Are there any key or unique phrases used in describing her?

## **G**LORY TO GOD

- How is God honored through this woman's life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through her life? What is her concept of God and how does she relate to Him?



## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

- What is the main character trait you see exhibited in this woman's life ? (List references below) What can you learn about this characteristic from her life?

## LIFE APPLICATION

### L LEADING LESSON

- What do you think is the leading lesson of this woman's life?

### I IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE

- How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### F FUTURE PLANS

- What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### E EXPRESS OBEDIENCE

- Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.