# **Group Meeting 7**

#### for Lessons 15-17

### God's Leadership

#### Looking back (last week):

- Ask, "What are your main "takeaways" from the lessons this last week?"
- **ℰ** Go over the completed Quiz **or** give it as an open-book test.
- Lessons 14 & 15 give two Biblical examples. One of gracious disobedience (Daniel) and another of using a careful approach to appeal to authority (Esther) Ask the class to give other examples from the Bible, history, personal experience, or the experience of someone else. (activity on page 69)
- Ask "How long did it take you to become thankful for God's correction in a particular area of your life?" (activity on page 72)
- Ask "What venture would you pursue if you knew you had the understanding to succeed?" (activity on page 75)
- Ask if anyone has thoughts to share about the Self-Evaluation (Ingredients of Personal Happiness) on page 76.

#### **Looking forward (this week):**

- Divide the group into teams of three or four people.
- Make copies of the next two pages and cut them into strips − one set for each team.
- Among the strips of paper are
  - six building blocks (in caps)
  - six negative statements (with quotation marks),
  - twenty subpoints.
- **№** Using their books (Pillar 2b, lessons 18-23), each team is to put in order the six building blocks with their twenty subpoints.
- They should then guess which of the six negative statements is the opposite attitude for the six building blocks.
- > Print the the "helpful hints" page (found below) and give a copy to each team.

#### Quiz

Hand out Quiz 8 if it is being used as a "study guide" in preparation for Group Meeting 8.

SPIRITUAL STABILITY

**Financial Commitment** 

CONFIDENCE

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

COMMITMENT

HOME ENVIRONMENT

Abundant Life

**EMOTIONAL FOCUS** 

Attractiveness

Pay what you owe

Security

Give to others when able

Sweet Sleep

Keep a promise

Avoid improper talk.

Help others when able

| Ruin of the Wicked                                    | "That's what she said, but what she meant was"      |
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| Sudden Danger   | Good Mentors  |
| Time Commitment                                       | Don't create problems.                              |
| Demonstrate humility.                                 | Don't allow your emotions to draw you into conflict |
| Don't judge the motives of others                     | Don't judge the methods of others                   |
| Don't betray people's confidence                      | "I'll pay you, if you can catch me!"                |
| "I want to be free of the 'straight and narrow'!"     | "I hate him so much I could spit nails!!!"          |
| "I can't stand my family! I want to get out of here!" | "I'm so afraid of what might happen!"               |

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