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This chapter introduces a shift. We've been looking at Christian principles and beliefs. Now we turn to the resulting practical actions. It is easy to talk and easy to dream, but not always easy to act. Nevertheless, the disciple's life is a life of obedience, and obedience requires action.

Review Chapters 1-9. Write the number of each chapter beside its theme.

1. _____ Our actions both reveal and change what we value.
2. _____ Christians need a vision—a vision for building God's Kingdom.
3. _____ Everyone must choose between serving God and serving money.
4. _____ Failure to practice Biblical stewardship limits effective evangelism.
5. _____ We represent God and are accountable to Him for how we use our resources.
6. _____ We must evaluate our choices carefully to be sure we are building the Kingdom of God.
7. _____ We tend to view money through our culture's mindset rather than through God's mindset.
8. _____ We miss many opportunities to build God's Kingdom if we don't have a clear Kingdom vision.
9. _____ We want the freedom to make our own decisions, but it is important to make decisions that set a safe course for our lives.

Read Chapter 10: "Putting Your Vision into Action" (pp. 69-76).

Reading for Understanding

Answer the questions.

10. Why is "The Acts of the Apostles" a fitting name for that book?

11. What had the church of Thomas Aquinas' day traded in exchange for wealth?

-  12. James 2:19 says, "Thou believest that there is one God . . . the devils also believe, and tremble." What is the difference between a Christian's belief and the devils' belief? See James 2:18-20.

-  13. The author used the story of a young man who considered participating in one ministry in order to avoid the call to another ministry. What are two ways young people might be tempted to "protect" themselves from the Lord's call to give or to serve?

Circle the letter(s) of the correct answer(s).

14. What are the two main reasons early Christianity had such power?
 - a. The disciples had no church guidelines.
 - b. Most early Christians were wealthy people.
 - c. Christians had the power of the resurrection.
 - d. The disciples were people of action, following Jesus at all cost.
15. Which three are results of the abundance of information available today?
 - a. We become exposed to false teaching.
 - b. We find it easier to discern what is true.
 - c. We tend to equate information with power.
 - d. We spend much time absorbing information.
16. Which sentence from the textbook best states the theme of Chapter 10?
 - a. "Knowledge without action is worthless."
 - b. "Technology allows us access to even more information."
 - c. "We subconsciously position ourselves so the Lord cannot use us."
 - d. "What you believe about God is foundational to your Christian walk."

Proverb for the Day

"In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury" (Proverbs 14:23).

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

17. Which sentence best summarizes the meaning of Proverbs 14:23?
 - a. Work is more important than communication.
 - b. The harder a job is, the more money you are likely to make.
 - c. There is more gain in hard work than in only talking about working.
 - d. Working with your hands generally pays better than being a salesman.
18. Which sentence best summarizes how the verse could apply to this lesson?
 - a. Making a profit is top priority for Jesus' disciples.
 - b. Jesus wants His disciples to understand the value of physical labor.
 - c. Obeying Jesus' commands means that we work hard to make a living.
 - d. Obeying Jesus' commands produces more fruit than talking about them.