

Character *in* CRISIS

Study Guide Questions—*Tip Lewis and His Lamp* Chapters 7 & 8

1. Tip Lewis comes up the hill with a resolute, firm step. He is determined to attend school steadily and promptly from now on! Yet before he even steps into the school room, his mischievous old playfellow, Bob Turner, meets him. Tip's heart sinks as he sees his friend, for he suddenly realizes the temptations that lie before him. Bob would surely expect Tip to join in all his rambunctious, foolish ways. Such a "friend" as Bob can be a trial indeed for the growing Christian! The Bible talks a lot about what kind of friends we should have. Some friends build us up and encourage us while others bring us down or lead us into temptation. Proverbs 1:10-19 teaches about the kind of friends we are to avoid. These friends have 4 primary characteristics (see below). Read the following passages to match each characteristic with its relevant Bible verse. Write the letter in the space provided.

- a. Entice others
- b. Have strength in numbers because of their insecurity
- c. Take advantage of weaker people
- d. Greedy of gain

Proverbs 1:10 _____

Proverbs 1:14 _____

Proverbs 1:19 _____

Proverbs 1:11 _____

2. Did you know there are two men in the Old Testament who are called friends of God? Read the following Scriptures to discover who they are!

- a. II Chronicles 20:7
- b. Isaiah 41:8
- c. James 2:23
- d. Exodus 33:11

3. Did you know Jesus talked about who his friends are in John 15:14-15? Read the passage to discover their identity. According to this verse, who can be called a friend of God?

4. In pages 78-79, Kitty notices a difference in her brother's life, but mistakenly thinks it is due to his sudden attendance at Sunday School. Read Matthew 5:14-16. Consider how Tip lived this verse out and how it opened up a door to bring his own little sister to church and give her the gospel. What changes have others seen in you that demonstrate your relationship with Jesus?

5. On pages 65-66, Tip is about to read from his Bible for the first time. However, in order to do so he must overcome his feelings of shame and muster all the resolve he has in order to read the Scriptures. However, he is rudely taunted and shamed by his friend Bob. To make things worse, Bob pulls Tip's hair, tickles his foot, and steps on his toes! The story reads that, "Tip never forgot the trials of that day, nor the hard work which he had to endure them." Yet, throughout it all, we read that Tip's "spirit gathered strength" during Mr. Burrows' prayer. Which of the following Scriptures does not describe the spiritual growth that Tip experienced that day:

- a. 2 Timothy 2:20-26
- b. Romans 5: 3-5
- c. 2 Peter 1:3-9
- d. 2 Peter 2:22

6. On pages 67-69, Tip gives in to Bob's provocations and allows his angry spirit to get the best of him. His teacher says, "Edward, you have commenced the term as usual, I see, the first one marked for bad conduct." Tip realizes that it is not going to be easy to overcome his bad reputation because of his "long weeks spent in evil company and folly." Which Scripture(s) below best describes Tip's life up until this point:

- a. Proverbs 9:6,7
- b. Proverbs 13:20
- c. I Corinthians 15:33
- d. All of the above

7. On pages 70-76, Tip is falsely accused of throwing a paper ball which hits Mr. Burrows in the forehead. When asked who threw it, the scholar Ellis Holbrook accuses Tip and even says he saw Tip throw it. As a result, Tip is publicly humiliated and punished. Even though Tip vehemently denies throwing it, his past reputation has made his word of no effect. This is a hard lesson for Tip to learn, and he is almost ready to give up, that is, until he remembers where to find help. Which Scripture below best describes what Tip remembers to do:

- a. Deuteronomy 8:3
- b. Psalm 119:105
- c. Matthew 4:4
- d. 2 Timothy 3:16,17
- e. All of the above