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Chapter One – The Light Comes On

1. What was the principal lesson being taught in Chapter 1? page 166 “The final word”

2. What are some of the things that need to take place in order for us to find emotional and spiritual healing? Page 3

3. What are some of the misperceptions about God and ourselves that keep us from healing? top of page 6

4. What is the first step toward discovering our significance and worth? page 10
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Chapter Two – The Origin of the Search

1. What is the origin of the search for significance? pages 13-15

2. According to God’s Word, the moment we trust in Christ, what are some of the wonderful things that happen to us? page 17

3. What is one of the tragic implications of the fall? page 18

4. Our attempts to meet our needs for success and approval fall into what two broad categories? Explain page 22
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Chapter Three – The Performance Trap

1. What is a primary deception all of us tend to believe? page 30

2. How did you do on the “Fear of Failure” test on page 32? What did you learn about yourself?

3. What are twelve areas (listed on pages 34-39) we should recognize and confront when dealing with the fear of failure in our lives so that we will keep from falling into the performance trap? Discuss one or two of the areas listed where you are/or could easily be caught in the performance trap.
1. On page 41, the author begins by asking the question about what we think God thinks of us. Reflect on his statements. Have you ever thought God is somehow involved in self-deception about what He thinks about us?

2. What are the obstacles to believing we are loved and unconditionally accepted by God? pages 44, 45

3. If we are accepted by God on the basis of grace and not good deeds, why should we obey God? Give the six compelling reasons offered by the author. pages 46-50

4. What does it mean to be justified? page 202 #1
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Chapter Five – Approval Addict

1. What was your score on the fear of rejection test? pages 55, 56
   What insight(s) did your learn about yourself?

2. Pages 216 & 217 give us four basic levels of acceptance and rejection.
   A. Evaluate these four in light of your childhood and how you
      you were rejected/accepted by your parents and/or siblings.
   B. Evaluate your marriage/work or other relationships in the
      light of these four basic levels.

3. List & explain the nine ways that fear of rejection can be manifested
   in our lives. pages 60-62
   Do any of these stand out as a problem in your life?

4. What is the only way for Christians to overcome the fear of
   rejection? page 59(top)
1. Justification explains the judicial facts of our forgiveness and righteousness in Christ. What does reconciliation explain? page 64

2. Of the verses listed with the questions on pages 65-68, give two that particularly give you assurance of your indissoluble union with Christ and your full acceptance by Him.

3. Describe the difference between healthy and unhealthy friendships and relationships. page 72 (middle paragraph)

4. What are some of the ways we know we have crossed the line from healthy relationships to those that is emotionally dependent? pages 72, 73
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Chapter Seven – The Blame Game

1. How should we respond to another person who fails? page 77

2. How is the blame game played out in the performance of our children? pages 236 (3rd paragraph)

3. How should we respond to our children when they disobey us? pages 236 (4th Paragraph)

4. What are two major errors we make when we punish others? pages 78, 79

5. The false belief that “those who fail (including ourselves) are unworthy of love and deserve to be punished” is at the root of our fear of punishment and our propensity to punish others. After taking the self-test on page 82, share how deeply you are affected by this lie.
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Chapter Eight – God’s Answer: Propitiation

1. Give the meaning of “propitiation” and explain how this applies to our sins and God. pages 88, 89

2. What was the only motivation God the Father had to allow His only Son, Jesus Christ to satisfy His holy wrath through His payment for sin? page 91 (top)

3. How do we begin to experience freedom from Satan’s lie “those who fail are unworthy of love and deserve to be punished”? page 92(bottom) and 93

4. What is the main motivation for us to forgive others? page 246 (top)
   What are some of the results due to our unwillingness to forgive others? pages 249, 250
1. “When we base our self-worth on (1) past failures, (2) dissatisfaction with personal appearance, or (3) bad habits, we often develop a fourth false belief:
   I am __________________. I cannot _______________. I am _______________.”
   page 95
Why does shame make an impact on our sense of self-worth? How does shame lock us into a low opinion of ourselves? #3, page 262

2. How did you score on the “Shame” test? pages 98, 99 Is there any statement (or statements) that shows “shame” as one area that keeps you from wholeness? Explain

3. Is there anything about your appearance or past performance that prevents you from viewing yourself as fully pleasing and totally accepted? Question #5 page 263
   What area(s) have you overcome in the past and how did you do it?

4. What are some of the powerful effects shame can have on our self-esteem? pages 101-103

5. What is the basis of your self-worth? Contrast scriptural truth from the false beliefs of the enemy. page 266
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Chapter Ten—God’s Answer: Regeneration

1. What is regeneration? page 106 Explain the process and effects that regeneration can have as seen in the life of Zaccheus. What benefits did Zaccheus receive from Christ that influenced him to change? pages 105, 106

2. Read Ephesians 4:22-24 & Colossians 3:9-10. What three-fold process do you need to go through in order to experience your new self? #4 page 274

3. How could an understanding that you are a new creature in Christ affect you personal fitness and grooming habits? Are there any habits in eating, exercise, grooming or resting that you need to change to reflect your new nature? Question #8 pages 272 & 275 What Biblical reasons can you cite that shows our need to take care of our bodies?

4. How can the fact that you have a new life in Christ affect the way you think, feel, and act? #9 page 275
1. What are five obstacles that stem from a misunderstanding of Christ’s love and forgiveness which often prevent us from experiencing God’s presence and power? List and explain. pages 122-127

2. One role of the Holy Spirit is to convict the world concerning sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:8-11).
   a. What does it mean to be convicted?
   b. What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit’s conviction?
   c. What are common mistakes we make when the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin?
      #4 pages 282, 283

3. Read I John 1:9
   a. What is confession?
   b. Does confession make you forgiven?
   c. Read the prayer given and use it when the Holy Spirit convicts you of sin in your life.
      #5 pages 283, 284
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Chapter Twelve—Guilt versus Conviction

1. Contract the differences between guilt and conviction concerning:
   a. Basic focus   b. Primary Concern   c. Primary fear   d. Agent
   e. Behavioral results   f. Interpersonal result   g. Personal results
   pages 134, 135

2. What is the purpose of the law?  pages 136, 137
   Romans 3:19, 20, 5:20, Romans 7:5-12

3. What is the impact of Romans 8:1 for the believer?  page 138
1. God has given us two deception detectors to bring us to truth, healing and wholeness. What are they? page 142

2. The Feeling Wheel on page 143 is a visual tool designed to help people recognize and identify their own emotions/feelings. A close relationship with anyone is next to impossible without being able to _________________________________.
   First, _______________________________ and second _______________________.
   All intimacy in a relationship comes from _______________________________.
   page 144

3. Our reactions to different situations reveal the actual beliefs we have. From where do a person’s destructive emotions come from? Answer: _________________________________.
   What triggers these ________________________________? Answer: False _______________________.
   How are these false ________________________________ energized? Answer: Our life _______________________.
   Therefore, we have a great need to destroy these false ________________________________ and replace them with the ________________________________ that God has disclosed in His Word.
   page 145

4. Describe the three phases of “The Trip In” that leads from destructive behavior to healthy behavior. pages 146-151

5. Of all the passages you have memorized this year in Next Level, give one truth that has helped you replace a false belief for God’s truth and therefore healthy behavior.