

Granny B's NEW LOOK To Teach the OLD BOOK

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TEACHING BASIC BIBLE FACTS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

MINOR PROPHETS TO CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULTS

In order to teach others about the Minor Prophets, we must fully understand some of their characteristics, and, as Christian teachers, we must be willing to serve the Lord in the same manner.

1. **“BEE willing to _____.** Why do we sometimes see some of God's most faithful servants suffer? Isaiah 55:8 teaches us that “For my _____ are not your thoughts, neither are your _____ my ways, saith the Lord.” The times we grow closer to God are the times of suffering. God uses suffering to shape our lives for a closer walk with Him. Suffering helps us to reevaluate our perspectives and our priorities. Jesus himself in Hebrews 2:10 was made _____ through suffering. The Minor Prophets warn about coming judgment because of sinfulness of the nations.
2. **“BEE” willing to _____.** When you are His child, God will never cast you out. He can still use you regardless of your past. If you believe God, do something about it! The Minor Prophets took God at His Word and went against the crowd to serve our God!
3. **“BEE” willing to _____.** Never give up—never give in; remember, God's got this! If we belong to Jesus, He will never cast us aside. The Minor Prophets managed to share a description of the coming judgment although circumstances were not always pleasant. Even Paul had been a Christian for about 30 years when he wrote the book of Ephesians under house arrest.
4. **“BEE” willing to vividly _____.** The Minor Prophets were known as messengers of God. As Christians, we all have that same opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others. Just imagine what this world would be like if we all took a stand like some of the Minor Prophets and became messengers for Christ!
5. **“BEE” _____.** The Minor Prophets were very specific with God's call for repentance. God tells us to ask specifically, and He has the power to give us the desires of our hearts.
6. **“BEE” _____.** Unless Jesus has started the work in you, you can't perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Billy Sunday once said, “If you are a stranger to prayer, you are a stranger to power.” The Minor Prophets were diligent in sharing the promise of future deliverance and salvation. “If we would praise God more, we would have more to praise God for.”
7. **“BEE” _____.** The Old Testament prophets were balanced by God to deliver a new revelation to a specific group of people. As Christian leaders, it is imperative that we, too, allow God to balance our lives so that we can study to show ourselves approved unto Him. We must study and prepare in the most efficient manner that we can to accomplish what God wants us to teach from His Word. Like the Minor Prophets, we must base every tool that we use on the Word of God and balance our time to ensure the effectiveness of the gospel presentation.

Answers:

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| 1. Suffer, thoughts, ways, perfect | 2. Serve | 3. Struggle | 4. Imagine |
| 5. Specific | 6. Diligent | 7. Balanced | |

**GRANNY B'S GRANDDAUGHTER, CHRISTIAN VENTRILOQUIST JORDANNA BURT,
OPENS THE OLD TESTAMENT MINOR PROPHETS TO SHARE
A NEW LOOK WITH HER FRIEND, LENNY, AND GRANNY B.**