

PLEASE GIVE TO SCHOOL OVERSEER

THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL REVIEW ANSWER SHEET COVERING ASSIGNMENTS FOR WEEKS OF JULY 1 THROUGH AUGUST 26, 2013.

SOURCE MATERIAL: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* [bi12], *The Watchtower* [w], “*Bearing Thorough Witness*” About God’s Kingdom [bt], and *Awake!* [g].

INSTRUCTIONS: Each one should have the questions for the review as set out in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. The school overseer may ask auxiliary questions, as time permits, in order to clarify main points, to highlight the reasons for the answers, or to elicit comments on how the material can be applied. It is not always practical for the answer sheet to contain all possible answers; so any answer that the audience gives that is appropriate and in harmony with our present understanding is acceptable, even if the point is not found on the answer sheet. Until the congregation has taken this review, the answer sheet is not to be made available to the congregation to read, but it should be used by the school overseer during the preceding weeks as a guide to points that he wants to emphasize for the congregation. It is not necessary for the school overseer to read all the answers from the answer sheet if the points have already been covered. The review should not exceed 20 minutes.

NOTE TO SCHOOL OVERSEERS: Please select an approved *Watchtower* Study reader to read from the platform some of the scriptures cited in or after each question that appears in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Cited texts should usually be read before you ask the printed question. In view of the limited time allotted for the review, you may use your discretion in determining whether certain Scripture citations should be read or be summarized briefly.

The date in brackets represents the week that the material was to be covered.

1. What very important lesson can we learn from King Herod’s willing acceptance of undue praise and glory from men? (Acts 12:21-23) [July 1, w08 5/15 p. 32 par. 7] ***Herod readily accepted glory that should be given only to God. In contrast, Paul and Barnabas emphatically rejected undue praise and honor from misguided humans! We should not desire personal glory for whatever we may accomplish in Jehovah’s service.(Acts 14:14-18)***
2. How can Christian youths benefit themselves by analyzing and following Timothy’s example? (Acts 16:1, 2) [July 8, w08 5/15 p. 32 par. 10] ***Since Timothy was well reported on by the brothers in Lystra and some 18 miles away in Iconium, he was evidently well-known for his fine ministry and godly qualities. Like Timothy, Christian youths should apply themselves spiritually and seek Jehovah’s help to build up a good reputation in the congregation and surrounding communities.***
3. After hearing Apollos “speak boldly” in the synagogue in Ephesus, how did Aquila and Priscilla lovingly assist him? (Acts 18:24-26) [July 15, w10 6/15 p. 11 par. 4] ***Aquila and Priscilla took him into their company and expounded the way of God more correctly to him. Apollos was no doubt***
grateful for their willingness to assist him. Equipped with this information, Apollos “greatly helped” his brothers in Achaia and gave a powerful witness. (Acts 18:27, 28)
4. What Scriptural basis is there for Jehovah’s Witnesses to utilize the courts of the land to protect their right to preach? (Acts 25:10-12) [July 22, bt p. 198 par. 6] ***When Paul appeared before Governor Festus, he used his right as a Roman citizen by saying: “I appeal to Caesar!” Festus complied by saying: “To Caesar you have appealed; to Caesar you shall go.” In appealing to a higher legal authority, Paul set a precedent for true Christians today. Jehovah’s Witnesses avail themselves of legal provisions to defend the good news. (Ps. 94:20)***
5. How did the apostle Paul continue to find ways to witness even while imprisoned in Rome, and how do Jehovah’s servants today follow his example? (Acts 28:17, 23, 30, 31) [July 29, bt pp. 215-217 pars. 19-23] ***Paul maintained a positive outlook, doing all that he could in God’s service. He wrote a number of important letters to encourage the brothers, he preached the Kingdom good news to all who visited him, and he called together the principal***

men of the Jews in order to give a witness. Many of Jehovah's servants today who have been unjustly imprisoned because of their faith have retained their joy by finding ways to preach the good news and encourage their brothers.

6. Why does the Bible denounce homosexual acts as unnatural and obscene? (Rom. 1: 26, 27) [Aug. 5, g 1/12 p. 28 par. 7] ***Homosexual acts involve sexual activity that was not intended by our Creator. Homosexual acts cannot produce offspring. The Bible compares homosexual activity to the sexual relations that rebellious angels had with women before the Deluge of Noah's day. (Gen. 6:4; 19:4, 5; Jude 6, 7) God views both acts as unnatural.***
7. How could "the ransom paid by Christ Jesus" in 33 C.E. cover "the sins that occurred" before it was paid? (Rom. 3:24, 25) [Aug. 5, w08 6/15 p. 29 par. 6] ***The moment Jehovah uttered the prophecy recorded at Genesis 3:15, the ransom price was as good as paid from his viewpoint, since nothing can prevent God from fulfilling what he purposes. So on the basis of the future sacrifice of Jesus Christ, Jehovah could forgive the sins of descendants of Adam who exercised faith in that promise.***
8. What loving provision has Jehovah made for the times when we find ourselves facing extremely perplexing situations and do not know exactly what to pray for? (Rom. 8: 26, 27) [Aug. 12, w08 6/15 p. 30 par. 10] ***When we are faced with situations so perplexing that we do not know what to pray for, "the spirit itself pleads for us." Then Jehovah, the "Hearer of prayer," accepts appropriate prayers recorded in his Word as coming from us. (Ps. 65:2)***
9. What is implied by the admonition to "follow the course of hospitality"? (Rom. 12:13) [Aug. 19, w09 10/15 pp. 5-6 pars. 12-13] ***The Greek expression translated "follow the course of hospitality" implies showing initiative. This means that our love for our brothers will move us to look for opportunities to "share with the holy ones according to their needs" and according to our ability. Even if we have few of this world's goods, we can share what we have. (2 Cor. 8:2-4)***
10. How do we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ," as the apostle Paul advises? (Rom. 13:14) [Aug. 26, w05 1/1 pp. 11-12 pars. 20-22] ***As Christians, we wear Jesus, as it were, like a garment. We strive to imitate his qualities and actions to such an extent that we become a reflection—even if imperfect—of our Master. We can successfully "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" if we become familiar with the Master's life and strive to live as he lived.***