**Part One: By Grace through Faith NOT Law**

**Lesson Eight**

**Day 11 and Day 12**

Day 11: “Faith Pitfalls”

**Discuss each pitfall. Points to consider might include:**

* Have you fallen into any of these traps?
* How does real faith come about?
* Why is it important to avoid these pitfalls?

1. **Presuming Deity**
2. **My Way or No Way**
3. **Allowing Experience to Undermine Scripture**
4. **Going at Things Backward**
5. **Trusting in Your Works**
6. **Faith without Works**
7. **Foolishness**
8. **Giving Up**

Day 12: “Good Girl, Bad Girl”

1. **Discuss the difference between “I, I, I” thinking and “He, He, He” thinking.**
2. **Talk about the significance of this quote:** “Anyone who seeks to be justified by law will fall from His grace. It is automatic. God loves us too much to allow us to feel comfortable continuing down the dead road of self-effort.” How does “I, I, I” thinking reflect the law?
3. **Often when we are successful in many areas of life, but are still struggling with one or two, it is because in those particular areas, we are buried in layers of law that are keeping us from the freedom we desire (and often don’t know it).** As we are seeking God to help us, He will

show us where law is lurking and how it is holding us down. If you’d like, share a law that the Lord pointed out to you.

1. **Having you ever caught yourself playing “Good Girl/Boy, Bad Girl/Boy”?** Or worse do you only think in terms of Bad Girl/Boy (constantly criticizing yourself)? How is this a reflection of the law? What do you think is our way of escaping this way of thinking?