

Crazy Love-Study Guide

Chapter 8: Profile of the Obsessed-

“All units, be on the lookout for . . .”

If you have ever watched a television show or movie with police officers you may have heard the line, “All units, be on the lookout for . . .” The sentence usually continues with a profile of a suspect or vehicle. How would your close friends and family members describe you if they had to give a profile of you to another person? I’m not talking about your appearance or physical profile, but how would they profile or describe your life?

How would your family and close friends answer the following questions about your life?

- If _____ was given \$5,000 what would he/she do with it?
- Does _____ have vitality and joy in living his/her life?
- What are _____’s dreams and hopes for his/her life?
- Where is most of _____’s time spent?
- What difference do you see in _____’s life compared to other people in the world?

Chapter 8 gives us a profile of thirteen characteristics of a person obsessed with living for Jesus and for heaven. Don’t let yourself be overwhelmed or discouraged. Instead ask God to show you how He is transforming your life. With God’s help all thirteen characteristics can be part of your life profile. Pick one characteristic lacking in your life and ask God to help it be a part of your life today. Let the Holy Spirit charge and energize your life to see the world differently. You will see what an adventure it is to fulfill God’s work here on this earth. “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

Take a few minutes to watch the video for chapter 8. You can find it at www.crazylovebook.com.

Last Chapter’s Key Thought: Examine my faith in Jesus.

Key Thought for This Chapter: Examine my obsession with Christ.

For Your Mind

1. Write down the main point of the chapter.

2. Review the thirteen characteristics in the profile of the obsessed. Pick 6 of these and summarize what an obsessed disciple of Jesus looks like or lives like. Write down one verse of scripture and summarize how it illustrates this characteristic.

#1 – Obsessed People:

Verse:

#2 – Obsessed People:

Verse:

#3 – Obsessed People:

Verse:

#4 – Obsessed People:

Verse:

#5 – Obsessed People:

Verse:

#6 – Obsessed People:

Verse:

For Your Heart

3. Brainstorm with your group an ongoing list of the ways in which we as believers live our lives dictated by culture and tradition rather than upon the Bible and the teaching of Jesus. From the seemingly silly to the super-serious come up with as many as you can.
4. Read Acts 2. Simon Peter (who had denied knowing Jesus three times) finished preaching a sermon about Jesus Christ being the way to salvation. What made the transformation within Peter to be boldly obsessed with Jesus and in turn for those listening in the crowd to want to likewise be saved or transformed?

Look again at Acts 2:42-47. What characteristics or qualities about the early church appeal to you?

Why can or can't we live in the same way that believers did in the first century?

5. As Christians we are called to live totally different from those still in the world. The thirteen characteristics are totally contrary to the ways of the world. Define "OBSESSED."

Are you obsessed with the world or obsessed with Christ?

In our own power we cannot be obsessed with Christ, but we can ask that God will create within us an obsession for Him each day. Will you ask God to help you tear your obsession with the world and help to cultivate an all-consuming obsession for God? What steps of obedience to you believe God is calling you to so your heart is transformed?

For Your Life

6. Look back at question 2 and pick two or three of the profile of the obsessed characteristics which you described that you want to grow in. Take time and ask God how He may give you grace to be so obsessed with Jesus. Write down what needs to be changed in your life so this obsession will be evident in your day to day life. Be creative in your applications; this is the adventurous part of our journey.

Personal Obsession #1:

Motivation: God wants me to be _____(profile) because. . .

Application: God wants me to . . .

Personal Obsession #2:

Motivation: God wants me to be _____(profile) because. . .

Application: God wants me to . . .

Personal Obsession #3:

Motivation: God wants me to be _____(profile) because. . .

Application: God wants me to . . .