

Jesus response regarding _____

An illustration of friends and the bridegroom

An illustration of new cloth and new wine

An explanation

Proper reasons

To bring liberation from the bonds of wickedness and to set the oppressed free (strongholds)

To relieve heavy burdens

To increase sensitivity to needs of others

To invest ourselves in our families

2. Observations

Jesus indicated that his disciples would fast

At the right time

Under the right circumstances

Jesus taught that fasting pleased His Father

In the Sermon on the Mount

Not to impress men but to please God

Early Christians practiced fasting

Church at Antioch

Churches of Galatia

Apostle Paul

When fasting would be appropriate today

(Isaiah 58:1-7)

Improper reasons

To get God's attention v 3

Without a focus on God v 3

Without humility v 4

For an external show of piety v 5

God's _____ to those who fast v 8-14

Insight and understanding v 8

Physical well being

Deep sense of what is right

A testimony of God's presence in your life

Immediate access through prayer

Release from spiritual oppression

Continual guidance

Satisfaction at times / places when it would seem unlikely

Increasing strength to accomplish His work

Fruitfulness

Restoration

Ministry

A new delight

3. Implications

New wine implies new _____

New wineskins implies new _____

Some try to put Jesus' wine into OT wineskins

Some put Jesus' wine into their own wineskins

Some put their own wine into Jesus wineskins

4. The Sabbath was made for _____

Institution

Basis

5. The Son of man is _____

To interpret its use

To rescind its use



Lesson 6 – Mark 2:18-28

Introduction: Jesus is questioned about fasting /
Of wine and wineskins / Lord of the Sabbath /
Hard hearts and hard thoughts

1. **The Setting:** the nature of Jesus ministry caught the attention of many / religious leaders kept a close watch on all that He did

Jesus questioned regarding _____

Why did his disciples not fast?

The disciples of John the Baptist fasted

Fasting was a common practice in those days

