

***Study Guide for
The Love Revelation***

Book 1: The Royal Law

Chapter 10

The Vignette: *The Pastor's Wife*

Summary: A pastor makes a difficult choice between his love for the ministry and caring for his wife.

1. In a few sentences, how would you describe Pastor Norm's feelings about church ministry? Do you believe he just loved being called a pastor, or do you believe he truly loved the people (or both)?

2. Pastor Norm obviously had a passion for his flock. Because they have invested much into the church, most pastors feel an obligation to continue ministering to the flock even during a personal crisis. Although the vignette doesn't specifically state this, it can be assumed that Pastor Norm also had a burden for the lost and the best way he could reach them was through the ministry of the church. Based on this information, what conflicts might Pastor Norm face when he learned that his wife was gravely ill?

3. Given that there is an entire congregation at stake, and given the fact that potential souls may not continue to be saved through the church, do you believe Pastor Norm made the right decision to leave the ministry to care full-time for his wife? Could he have not just placed her in a nursing facility and let others care for her?

Personal Assessment Question:

- When your father and mother become aged and unable to care for themselves, what plans have you made for their care? Do you anticipate having to make sacrifices of finances, time and personal goals? If not you, then who will?

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12. Can you now answer the question, “How does our righteousness surpass that of the scribes and the Pharisees”? Can you answer the question, “How do we live righteously”? Can you now answer the question, “How do we show God we love him”?

13. Write what you believe is the main point of the chapter.

Main Point: _____

The Personal Assessment Questions:

- What new things have you learned about the biblical subject of righteousness?

- What standards have you been using to determine whether or not you are a righteous person?

- What things are you going to change about your thinking, your belief system, your behaviors and your relationships that will help you to better manifest your imputed righteousness?

- Does anything expressed in this chapter stimulate you to want to do a better job of loving others? If not, why, and what would it take?