

STUDY SEVEN WORKSHEET

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#1 The missionary

In her situation identify:

Non-biblical and/or unrealistic perceptions and expectations

Knowledge of others' expectations and perceptions

Perceptions and expectations generated in/by family, friends, church

What realistic expectations/perceptions could have minimised her guilt and mental/emotional trauma?

#2 The high school student

In her situation identify

Unrealistic perceptions and expectations

Her knowledge of others' expectations

What realistic expectations/perceptions could have prevented her trauma?

#3 The mission pastor

In his situation identify:

Non-biblical and/or unrealistic perceptions and expectations

Perceptions and expectations generated by mission traditions

What realistic expectations/perceptions could have minimised his stress?

#4 Yourself

List your expectations of:

Your self

Your role or job

A significant relationship

Now look objectively at each expectation you listed. Circle only those that are realistic.

Now list your perception of the expectations the following people have of you:

Your employer

Your fellow Christians

Your closest relation or friend

Now circle which of these expectations you feel are unrealistic – the one's that are demanding of you what you believe you cannot possibly give to the extent you think is expected.

#5 Expectations and perceptions within 'the church'

Discuss each the following expectations or perceptions. Are they Biblical? If not, why not? How do they impact individuals?

Good Christians are [or should be] involved in mission or ministry.

All Christians should be involved in 'discipling' or 'being disciplined'.

Good Christians don't work on Sundays

You have to have a 'word from the Lord' before you become involved in mission.

Style [not referring to modesty] of dress is an indicator of spirituality

Christians should not surf the internet

Every Christian should be an active 'soul-winner'

Unless you can identify the time of your conversion you are not saved.
[Or, unless you have 'been down the front' or 'prayed the prayer', you are not saved.]

Every Christian has to find 'God's plan for their life'

You will only be blessed if 'you are in the centre of God's will'

#6 What I need to change and why

Make a list of your personal expectations and perceptions of yourself, your relationships, your fellow Christians, circumstances and your role/job that need to be changed or discarded. Explain why.

My unrealistic and/or unbiblical expectations and/or perceptions of myself

My unrealistic and/or unbiblical expectations and/or perceptions of my relationships

My unrealistic and/or unbiblical expectations and/or perceptions of my fellow Christians

My unrealistic and/or unbiblical expectations and/or perceptions of my circumstances

My unrealistic and/or unbiblical expectations and/or perceptions of my role or job