Lesson 02 - Guarding the Gates

Power Text

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies” (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20).

Power Point

We respond to God's love when we dedicate ourselves entirely to Him.

FTWTF means:
Find The Word That Fits

Across
2. As John watched the young man climb up from the Jordan riverbed toward his home, he thanked God for the straight path the Spirit had into another ____ temple.
4. "I see," the young man responded. Thinking of ways to apply the principle was almost like playing a game. "I have watched the priests chase stray ____ away from the gates. I guess it would be important to guard the gates of the temple. What would that be like for my body temple?" He looked expectantly at John.
6. "The principle is this," John started slowly, staring into the calm ____ of the Jordan where the young man had been baptized. "You decided to 'love the Lord your God with all your heart & with all your soul & with all your strength' [Deuteronomy 6:5].
8. John the Baptist stood beside the Jordan River. It was evening, & the people who had been around him all day were finally on their way ____.
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11. The prophet Isaiah had predicted that John was going to "prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a ____ for our God" (Isaiah 40:3).
12. "Let's see. What are the ____ of your body temple?" "I think that my eyes & my mouth are ____." John smiled. "What about your ears, your nose, & your fingers?"
13. Imagine that you are a special place for the Spirit of God, that you are a tabernacle or a ____ [see 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19, 20]. What do you think that principle would tell you about how to take care of yourself?"

Down
1. [Thursday's lesson] Read 1 Corinthians 3:16. Based on what you have learned this week, write out God's plan to improve the treatment of your ____ temple.
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7. "Yes," John nodded, "cleanliness is important. That could include how you take care of your body inside & out, couldn't it? The ____ you eat, the thoughts you allow to stay in your head."
10. [Tuesday's lesson] Read 2 Corinthians 6:16 & 7:1. What do these ____ teach about how you can allow God to live in your body & mind temple?

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