

## **Crazy Love – Study Guide**

### **Chapter 8: Profile of the Obsessed**

#### **“All Units, Be on the Look Out 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 look out for. . .” The sentence usually continues with a profile of a suspect or a 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 a physical profile, but your life profile.

How would your close friends and family answer these 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?
- Can you see a difference in the way \_\_\_\_\_ lives his/her life in comparison to the world?

Chapter 8 gives us a profile of thirteen characteristics of a person obsessed with living for Jesus and for heaven. I know most of us are going to be discouraged again as we read this chapter, but think about how God is in the process of molding you. I think back at what one of my seminary professors told the class, he said (paraphrasing), “I know most of you are discouraged in using Greek, but if you keep using it each day, I will guarantee that five, ten years down the road you will all be proficient and you’ll no longer be discouraged.” May all thirteen characteristics be part of our profile one day, but this day, pick one and ask God to make it a part of your life.

I don’t know if you remember the three warnings given in chapter 1’s study guide but they were, “*Don’t compare,*” “*Get ready to see your life and this world differently,*” and “*You are beginning an adventure.*”

Let the Holy Spirit bring change to your life and when He does you will see this world differently. You will also 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 online video for chapter 8. You can watch it at [www.crazylovebook.com](http://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.
  - a.
2. Beginning on page 130 there are 13 profiles of the obsessed. Pick and choose 6 of them and summarize what an obsessed disciple looks like or lives like, then write down one verse and summarize what the verse is saying (you may have to look at the verses before and after to have a better understanding).
  - a. #1 – Obsessed people . . .
    - i. Verse:
  - b. #2 – Obsessed people . . .
    - i. Verse:
  - c. #3 – Obsessed people . . .
    - i. Verse:
  - d. #4 – Obsessed people . . .
    - i. Verse:
  - e. #5 – Obsessed people . . .
    - i. Verse:
  - f. #6 – Obsessed people . . .
    - i. Verse:

### **For Your Heart**

3. Brainstorm an ongoing list of the ways in which we, as believers in Christ, live lives dictated by culture and tradition instead of the Bible. From the silly to the super-serious, come up with as many as you can.

4. Open up your Bible to Acts 2:37. At this point in the book, Simon Peter (the one who denied Jesus three times) had just finished preaching a sermon about Jesus Christ being the way to salvation. Read from verse 37 to verse 47. As you read, make another list of things that the early church did that appeals to you.

a. Write down why we can or can't live like they did in the days of the early church.

5. We as Christians are called to live differently from the world. The thirteen characteristics are totally contrary to what the world teaches.

a. Define "obsessed":

b. Are you obsessed with the world or obsessed with Christ?

c. In our own power we cannot be obsessed with Christ, but we can ask that God will create within us an obsession each new day. Will you ask God to help you tear your obsession with the world and help cultivate an all consuming obsession with Him? What are steps you can take to change your heart?

### **For Your Life**

6. Look at question #2 and pick two or three profiles you want to grow in. Take time and ask God how He may grant you the grace to be one of those profiles. Write down what you will do to change your life in different areas to a life that is obsessed with Jesus Christ. Be creative in your applications, this is the adventurous part!

a. Profile #1:

i. Motivation

1. God wants me to be \_\_\_\_\_ (profile) because . . .

ii. Application

1. God wants me to . . .

b. Profile #2:

i. Motivation

1. God wants me to be \_\_\_\_\_ (profile) because . . .

ii. Application

1. God wants me to . . .

c. Profile #3:

i. Motivation

1. God wants me to be \_\_\_\_\_ (profile) because . . .

ii. Application

1. God wants me to . . .

**Challenge for the Week**

Look at question #6 and do the things you wrote down this week.