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What is this TXT Fondue program about?

This program is about your new life, that starts with your baptism. It is like a baby that develops into a toddler. Your new reflexes and habits come to life. You have left your old self behind you. It is important that you have first completed the previous program in this two-part study, in which we have analyzed through several case studies whether your "old self" has really died together with Christ, at the level of your spirit, soul and body. We will now look at these same topics from the perspective of your "new self". For each participant, you will need a pen/pencil and a printed copy of the Ferrari-check, which you can find on pages 9 and 10 of this TXT Fondue. At what point during the program this list should be filled out, will be indicated in the program.

How is a TXT Fondue played?

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go indepth can do so afterwards.

Referee

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

Feedback

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through HuisfeestNetwerk.org! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork.

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What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

Networking

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork. Elders can exchange their experiences at facebook.com/groups/Oudsten.

Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the second fundament: baptism.

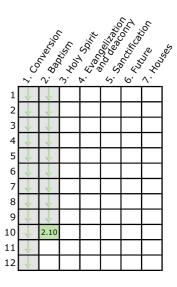
We recommend you to read the book of Deuteronomy while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

Previous program: 2.09 Old self

This program: 2.10 New self

Next program: 2.11 Jacob

For an overview of all programs, see the <u>Learnhouse</u>.





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1a. In Revelation 3:8-12, King Jesus had the following letter written to the believers in Philadelphia. What are the four strong points of this group of believers?

I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.

(answer) The other team must name all four points:

- 1. They have kept the Word.
- 2. They have not denied the Name of King Jesus.
- 3. They have kept the command to wait for Him patiently.
- 4. They are victorious.

2a. Being generous is a sign of your "new self". Name three examples what you could give, in addition to all of your money?

(answer) There are several answer possible. Some examples include:

- Your time
- Your talents
- Your future's expectations
- Your rights

- Your possessions
- Your entire personality
- Your family
- Your status

3a. To grow spiritually and learn what you can or cannot do, God the Father has made available spiritual food. How do you take up this food? (answer) By reading the Bible.



4a. As a new creation, your conscience grows. Everything in your life that even remotely tends towards weakness or sin, stops. You focus entirely on bringing order in your life. Where does this process start? Choose from:

- a. With your dedication.
- b. With your revelation.
- c. With your conscience.
- d. With your flesh.

(answer) The correct answer is: "c. With your conscience."

(comment) Dedication and revelation can only function properly if your conscience is really clean, which happens through baptism.

5a. Romans 8:12-14 says:

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

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[5a. continued] Please explain what the author of the letter to the Romans means with: "those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."

(answer) The Holy Spirits continues to lead you closer towards the plan, which God the Father has for your life.

(comment) The Holy Spirit of God the Father will first lead His newborn children from their hearts in the areas of dedication, prophecy and conscience.

6a. Through baptism, you bury your "old self". Your "new self" stands up. But you must make an effort to keep your flesh stay dead. What can you mentally do to prevent your flesh from resurfacing?

(answer) Thoroughly and permanently studying the Bible.

(comment) You need to become intimately familiar with God the Father's plan of salvation as well as the fundaments.

7a. Your mother can tell you exactly where you are born and what your history has been up until today. Your father is supposed to help you with plotting your future plan. He does not only play this role towards his own children, but also for friends, other residents, and family.

In the Second World War, father Ten Boom was prepared to hide Jews in his house from the Germans. He wasn't a Jew himself, but sometimes he did wear a Star of David. Name four characteristics of a "new self" that apply to him. (answer) He was among others:

- Hospitable
- Solidary
- Future-oriented
- Inspiring

- A resistance fighter
- Brave
- Self-sacrificing
- Visionary

- Chaste (honorable)
- Benevolent
- A clear conscience
- Humble

8a. When your "new self" comes into its own entirely, you are able to do great things. You are destined to do this. Which of the following things does the Bible not say?

- 1. Living like King Jesus and do even greater things as He.
- 2. You can speak with animals.
- 3. Signs and wonders will accompany you.
- 4. Your shadow will bring healing.
- 5. You will walk on water.
- 6. You can speak in other languages.
- 7. You will always hear the Lord's voice.

(answer) The correct answer is: "7. You will always hear the Lord's voice."

(comment) We for example see in the New Testament, that the apostles also didn't always know what God the Father wanted from them.

9a. Many years later, the Holy Spirit leads the woman of his dreams on George's path. They are about to marry, when his fiancée is involved in a car crash, and she is nearly unrecognizably burnt. She no longer looks like the person George chose for, and relies on care by others, George is asked by his fiancée, his friends and his acquaintances what he plans to do. Does he end the relationship right away? Does he want to detach from her through therapy? No; George is clear about it: He will marry her. Name two possible reasons he may have.

(answer)

- Because he loves her.
- Because he received this bride from the Lord.
- Because together they are an image of Christ and the church.





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After everyone has filled out the Ferrari-check, everyone in the group will share how many points he or she will be working on to improve.

10a. According to the Bible, your heart is the center of your spiritual life. Your soul is associated with your blood. Blood represents life. What is the greatest advantage for followers of King Jesus to be a blood donor or organ donor?

(answer) We have been commissioned to save as many people as possible during our lives. We are the ambassadors of reconciliation.

(comment) Man physically brings forth new life through his seed. Man spiritually brings forth new life through his new life. Similarly, you can sill bring life after your death as organ donor.

11a. A believing couple who are true to the Bible have a niece, who got pregnant after she was raped. Because the niece would not be able to care for the baby and an abortion was considered, the couple who already had children of their own have offered to adopt the child. Name two Biblical motives why this couple would do this. (answer)

- Love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:18)
- You shall not murder (Exodus 20:13)
- Carry each other's burdens (Galatians 6:2)
- King Jesus has come to bring life to its fullest measure (John 10:10)
- Be fruitful (Genesis 1:28)
- God the Father knows us even before He makes us (Psalm 139:13–16)
- We may no shed the blood of a human being, because human beings were made in the image of God the Father (Genesis 9:6)

12a. The young Daniel and his friends resolved not to pollute themselves. This is why they did not partake in worldly revelings with meat, and they only ate potatoes, vegetables and fruit. How did this cause them to be appointed in the service of the king?

(answer) This had brought them in top shape, so that they could perform their job well. (comment) Because they were fit, disciplined and well-educated, they were good potential candidates to be selected for being in service of the king. Their bodies were not in charge; they were purposeful about what they wanted to achieve.

Closing question (both teams): Ephesians 4:20–23 tells us we have been taught a completely different way of life after we accepted King Jesus:

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Do you think you live entirely different? Please explain.





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1b. When you step into your new life through baptism, then goodness is one of the characteristics you will grow in. Which tax collector in the Bible paid back four times what he had stolen after he was converted?

(answer) Zacchaeus.

(comment) Luke 19:8 says: "But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

2b. A newly converted person can evangelize a lot, because in his old world there are still many people he can reach. His family and friends know him, and want to find out what had happened to him. For many believers, there will never be such a big opportunity to evangelize. This way, followers of King Jesus reach their world. But King Jesus also says in John 17:14–18 that we are no longer of this world:

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

So this means, that you break with your old world and you must take in your new land spiritually. This means that there may be conflicting interests. With the help of whom can a recently converted person overcome the danger of falling back into the old world?

(answer) There are several possible answers, such as:

- The Holy Spirit
- Your spiritual father or mother
- The person who converted you
- A mentor

(comment) Led by the Holy Spirit, a recently converted person understand when he can testify or when he is vulnerable to the danger of getting sucked back into the world.



3b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime what the first thing is that Holy Spirit teaches a recently converted person. The other team will try to guess this.

(answer) Hearing his voice.

(comment) TXT Fondue 3.08 about "Prophecy and tongues" will discuss in detail what that means.



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4b. When the works of the flesh control your life, according to Romans 7:24 you feel like a miserable creature. According to the following passage from Romans 8:7-11, how do you become victorious?

The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

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5b. People easily give into their anger and hostility. King Jesus calls upon us to be peacemakers. How do you turn an enemy into a friend? (answer) By calling him a friend.

(comment) To be able to do this, you need to think long and hard to find arguments for that. You then make use of the power of words and you act in the opposite spirit.

6b. In an important meeting of missionaries, someone clearly says: "I think it should be like this", and he tries to convince the group that he is right. After you have tested whether this is flesh or spirit, you search for an opportunity to bring in something from the Lord. Name two things you can do or share.

(answer) There are several possible answers. Some examples include:

- A Bible text
- A testimony
- A prophecy
- A revelation
- Interpretation of tongues

 - A complimentA confirmation
 - A prayer

- A song
- A blessing
- Saying 'amen' to something

7b. The daughter of father Ten Boom was named Corrie ten Boom. She followed the good example her father gave her. After the Second World War, she has been able to speak out forgiveness to camp executioners who were guilty of eradicating her family.

Thanks to the education of her parents, Corrie had become one of the most important heroes of faith of the last century. Name three things parents should do to follow this example.

(answer) The other team must name three of these points:

- Speaking out to your children every day that you have faith in them.
- Preparing your children for a hopeful future.
- Telling your children every day that you love them.
- Encouraging your children instead of embittering them.
- Teaching your children how to pray, study and worship.
- Providing your children safety.
- Being a clear daily example to your children of walking in the light.

(comment) The above points are the bare minimum of what you should be doing.



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8b. George is a popular boy of 12 years old. He believes and wants to be obedient to King Jesus. This is why he has committed himself to only pick up girls who are believers who are true to the Bible. Name two possible reasons he may have. (answer)

- The Bible tells us not to be under a yoke with an unbeliever (2 Corinthians 6:14).
- Two faiths (including atheism) do not go together.
- George wants to be an image of King Jesus.
- It would inhibit them in their spiritual relationship.
- This prevents having to make compromises.
- For every decision, George consults the Lord, who would never allow him to go for plan B.

9b. How can you know what the will of God the Father is in such a situation? (answer) By hearing the voice of the Lord.

(comment) He places it in your heart, because He lives there.

He places it in your will, because He is working in your will. He places it in your mind, because you need to understand it.

He places it in your emotions, because it excites you.

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10b. In Acts 15:19-20 the apostles sum up four specific rules that the believing heathens must stay away from. Which four points do they name in this passage?

It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood.

(answer) The heathens must stay away from:

- 1. Food (and other things) polluted by idols.
- 2. Sexual immorality.
- 3. The meat of strangled animals.
- 4. Blood.





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11b. The apostle Paul says that you should use every meal to save people. Every time we celebrate a house feast, we invite people to eat with us. Depending on with whom you eat, you sometimes do eat meat, and other times you don't. How come? (answer) In order to not offend (being a stumbling block).

(comment) Romans 14:20–21 says: "Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall."

And 1 Corinthians 10:31–33 says: "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God—even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved."

12b. King Jesus says in Mark 7:18b-23:

"Don't you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? For it doesn't go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person."

What does King Jesus say here about food?

(answer) It's not about what you eat; it is about what comes out of your heart.

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Ferrari-check

The Ferrari-check is a checklist based on the works of the flesh and the characteristics of your "new self" in Galatians 5:19–21 and 1 Timothy 3. With this checklist, you assess to what extent you have crucified your works of the flash, and through which characteristics your new self comes to life.

Circle for each criterium whether it needs improvement (n.i.), is sufficient (suff), or is good. Did you circle "n.i." or "no" somewhere, then briefly explain why you did so and determine for yourself what you intend to do about this and by when. Answer the questions truthfully. You are personally responsible for the consequences of falsely representing the way things are. We recommend you let two other persons fill out this checklist for you, so that this gives you a 360° -observation on where you stand.

Galatians 5:19a,21b,24, 6:4a: "The acts of the flesh are obvious. (...) I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. (...) Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (...) Each one should test their own actions." You will now be 'testing of your own actions' through this Ferrari-check.

Criterium Ferrari-check	Rating		g	Why n.i. or no? What actions will I take? Improved by when?
Are you faithful to your partner?	no	yes	n/a	
Are you sexually moral?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you pure?	n.i.	suff	good	
Have you got yourself under control?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you civilized?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you dedicated to God the Father alone?	n.i.	suff	good	
Do you stay away from the occult?	n.i.	suff	good	
Do you stay away from drugs?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you loving?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you kind?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you a peacemaker?	n.i.	suff	good	
Do you take joy in others' successes?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you calm?	n.i.	suff	good	
Do you pursue your goals in a proper way?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you forgiving?	n.i.	suff	good	
Do you bring calmness?	n.i.	suff	good	
Do you have faith in the loyalty of others?	n.i.	suff	good	
Do you respect other people's right to live?	n.i.	suff	good	





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Criterium Ferrari-check	Rating		g	Why n.i. or no? What actions will I take? Improved by when?
Do you drink with moderation?	n.i.	suff	good	
Do you avoid excesses?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you blameless?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you self-controlled (disciplined)?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you temperate?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you respectable?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you orderly?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you hospitable?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you peaceable?	n.i.	suff	good	
Do you pursue honest gains?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you benevolent?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you gentle?	n.i.	suff	good	
Do you have everything in common?	n.i.	suff	good	
Can your word be trusted?	n.i.	suff	good	
Do you have a clean conscience?	n.i.	suff	good	
Are you trustworthy?	n.i.	suff	good	
Do you speak good of others?	n.i.	suff	good	
Total				