

HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIAN

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

1. Admit that you are a sinner and hopelessly lost before God. As it is written: there is no one righteous, no, not even one....for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Rom. 3:11-18, 23. We have all broken God's Law, the Ten Commandments. And sin has wages: The wages of sin is death (Hell Fire). Rom. 6:23. Rev. 21:8. God does not want us damned so He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die on our behalf. John 3:16. Acts 17:30-31, Acts 4:12.
2. Believe what the Bible says about you and that God sent Jesus Christ to save you. He took your place as a sinner and died in your place and paid the full penalty for sin. He died and was buried and was raised and is alive now forever, to speak to God on your behalf. "He is able to save to the uttermost them that come to God by Him." Heb.7:25, 1Corinth.15:1-5, 1John 2:1-2.
3. CONFESS you are a sinner before God and claim His pardon which He has already provided in Jesus Christ. Then accept God's statement in the Bible that

whosoever believes has eternal life. NOW admit, Believe, and Confess. Then fully confess your decision before all everyone. God says: "If you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." Rom.10:9-10; 1John 1:9; John 1:11-12.

4. Declare your determination before God and men to live now for the Lord Jesus daily. Satan will seek to persuade you not to fully dedicate yourself to Jesus Christ, but you will not enjoy being a half-hearted Christian.

HOW TO LIVE A CHRISTIAN LIFE

1. Read your Bible daily and believe firmly the entire Word at all times. Claim the promises of God for yourself. They are meant for you, and can be yours as you claim them by FAITH. 2 Peter 1:1-4, 2 Corinth.1:20, Heb. 10:23-39, Gal. 5:16-26.
2. Obey the Word of God and ask to be baptized by immersion in water according to the Bible. Rom.6:1-23. This is your public confession that you have forsaken the old life and way of living.

You are identifying with Jesus death, burial and resurrection to walk in the newness of life. Your old life is being buried in watery grace as it were, and rising from the water is like resurrection to new life in Christ Jesus. Col. 3:1-17.

3. Pray to God daily as your heavenly Father, in the Name of Jesus, asking Him to guide you, protect you and bless you in your daily work and activities at all times. John 16:23-26; Phil. 4:5-6; 1 Peter 2:2.
4. Avoid temptations and shun evil companions. Read Psalm 1:1-6; Prov.1:10-16; 1Tim.4:6-16. Resist sin and Satan and he will flee from you. Keep company with God's people and seek at all times to help others and be a blessing to them. Rom. 12, 1Corinth. 13, Col. 3:5-10
5. Seek for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit which God has promised to all who ask and thirst. John 7:37, Acts 1:8, Lk.11:13, Acts 2:4, 38-39, act 5:32.
6. Attend church and group meetings regularly and seek to join in with all evangelical activities. Matt. 28:19-20, 2 Cor.6:1,2, 2Tim.2:15-17, Heb.10:25.

7. Seek God for the continual fullness of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit and seek to be submissive in His hands to be a channel for their operation. 1Cor.12, Gal.5:16-26, Luke 11:13, Luke 24:49, acts2:38-39, Ephes.6:10-18, 1Thes.5:19.
8. Recognize at all times your own weakness and failings and confess them daily to the Lord, asking and claiming His pardon and power to overcome them. 1Cor.10:12-13, 1Peter1:3-5
9. Live in daily expectation that the Lord will use you to win souls and lead others into the victorious Christian life you have learned to enjoy yourself. 2Cor.5:17-21, 1John3:1-4.

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN WORKER

Every Christian, no matter how old or how much he or she has been trained, is expected by the Lord Jesus to be a witness.

**“You Must be My witnesses.”
Acts1:8.**

He has left us in this world to witness for Him and to do His work. He depends upon us to go out with the gospel and to deliver men and women everywhere. Matt.28:19-20, Mark16:15-20, Matt.13:38. There is no

need to wait to feel a call from God to do so. 1Cor.3:11-15. Witness in your home, in the place of work, house to house, and with all whom you come in contact. God will lead you to those in need of Him.

It is when we realize the love of God for others that we shall be eager to bring others to know Him too. John3:16, 1Cor.13:, 2Cor.5:17-21, 1John 3:1-4. It is essential that every Christian worker **MUST** know the promises of God and have **FAITH** that God will perform them. Matt.17:2-21,22, Mark 9:23, Mark11:22-24, John 10:10, John 15:7,16; John 16:23-26, Heb. 11:6, 1John 5:14-15

As we seek to serve the Lord, then He will give us wisdom on how to deal with seekers and those in need. Matt.10:16, James 1:5-8, 3:15-18.

HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL SOUL WINNER

Have love and compassion for the lost. Matt.9:36, Luke 19:10, 2 Cor.4:1-4. Have **FAITH** and absolute conviction that it is God's will to save all men and all needs in response to faith on the part of every seeker. Isa.55:10-11, Matt.13:3-23, Heb 11:6, 1Tim.2:4-6, 2Peter 3:9. Have **PATIENCE** and self control, perseverance and endurance. Gal.5:22-23. Ask for and use **WISDOM** in speaking to all inquirers.

Pray, the Lord will give you the right thing to say at the right time. John 4:7-

34,John 8:1-11, Acts 8:28-29. Be ready to **LISTEN** patiently to the problems and questions of those earnestly seeking the Lord. Mark8:32-38, Rom. 9:1-2.

KNOW your Bible thoroughly and be able to give a definite clear answer to questions on your faith and hope in the Lord Jesus. 2Tim.2:15, 2Tim.3:15-17.

THINGS EVERY CHRISTIAN MUST AVOID

1. Never, never become involved sexually with the other sex. Fornication, adultery, homosexuality and lesbianism, etc. are sins against God and he cannot use us if we indulge in them. Matt 7:21-23. Stay away from defilement.
2. It is dangerous for any Christian to keep juju or charms or juju medicine, accursed instrument, pornographies of various types, or hide it in any way. (Crystal ball, Ouija board, or demonically influenced games, web sites or tools of witchcraft, and such like that suck people into occultism and witchcraft.)
3. It will lead to a break in spiritual Fellowship with God if we waste our time and money which God has given to us, on worldly pleasures and ungodly

habits such as alcohol, smoking or adult movies, etc. We must also be careful on our reading habits. Your brain or your mind is the soil of your character.

4. Never become engaged in arguments about the Bible. Argument never saves anyone. Strife or contentions which will bring competition among Christians. Gal.5:20, Matt.7:6.
5. Do not attempt to defend the Bible. God will defend it and no one can understand it by mere reasoning. 1Cor.2:14.
6. Don not be a hypocrite. Rom.2:21-24, Job 8:11-14.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WITNESSING

Every Christian should make sue that every member of his or her family has been told of their conversion and witnessed to John 1:36-51, John 3:1-13, John 4:10-30, Acts 9:17, Acts 13:6-13, 1 Peter 3:15.

Every Christian should seek to witness of their faith in the Lord Jesus to their work mates or school colleagues, Acts 17:17, and in our traveling and business operations. Matt. 4:18-22, Luke 20:30-37, Acts 8:26-30.

Regular open air meetings in parks, beaches, neighborhoods, etc. with a desire to open doors for the teaching of the way of salvation to all. Door to door witnessing wherever possible as well as visiting prisons, hospitals and schools. Acts 16.

HOW TO DEAL WITH BACKSLIDERS

1. God will not take me back. 2 Chron. 7:14, Ps.51, Matt. 18:21-35, Gal. 4:19, Gal. 6:1, 1John 1:9, 1 John 2:1-2, James 5:19-20, Rev. 2:5.
2. I have committed the unpardonable sin. Matt. 12:31-32, Heb. 6:4-6, Heb. 10:26-29, Isa. 1:18.
3. I cannot be lost regardless of what I do. Rom. 6:16-23, Rom. 8:12-13, Gal 5:19-21, 1 Cor.3:17, 1Cor.6:9-11, 1Cor. 9:27, James 5:19-20, 1Thess.3:8, 2Tim.2:12, 1Peter 2:20-22, Heb.3:6, 11-12; Heb.6:4-6, Heb. 10:26-29, Rev. 3:5.
4. Some other day, I have plenty of time. Prov.27:1, Prov. 29:1, Isa.55:6, Luke 12:20, 2Cor. 6:2, Heb.2:3, Heb.3:15.
5. I am too young to be a Christian. Eccl.12:1,13-14, Isa. 55:6, Prov. 8:17, Matt.18:3, 2Cor.6:2.

HOW TO DEAL WITH EXCUSES OF THE WEAK AND FEARFUL

1. I too weak to live a Christian life. Matt. 1:21, Isa. 26:3, 2Cor.9:8, 1Pet.1:5, 1John 4:4, Jude24.
2. The Christian life is too hard and difficult for me. Prov.13:15, Matt. 11:28-30, Rom.6:23, 1Cor.10:13, Gal.6:7-8, James 4:7, 1John 1:9, Phil.2:13.
3. I would have to give up too much. Matt.6:33, Mark 8:34-38, Mark 10:29-31, Rom.8:32, 1Cor.2:9.
4. I am afraid I could not live the life. Rom.14:4, 1Cor.10:13, Phil.1:6, 2Tim.1:12, Heb.7:25, 1Pet.1:5, Rev. 21:8.
5. There are some things I could not give up. Rom.6:11-23, Rom.8:1-5, 12-13, 2 Cor.5:17-21, Col.3:2, Titus2:11-12, Phil.2:5-11.

HOW TO DEAL WITH THE OPPOSERS OF THE GOSPEL AND REBELS

1. I do not believe in God. Psalm 14:1, Mark 16:16, John 3:16-18, Rom. 1:20, Rom. 3:1-20, Rev. 21:8, Rev.22:15, Psalm53:1,4-6.

2. I do not believe in any life hereafter or hell. Matt.17:3, Luke 16:19-31, Luke 23:43, Matt.10:28, Matt.13:38-50, Rev. 14:9-11, Rev. 19:20, Rev. 20:11-15, Rev. 21:8, Rev. 22:15, Mark 9:43-48.
3. I do not believe in the atonement. Lev.17:11, Matt.26:28, Rom.5:6-21, Eph.1:7, Col. 1:20, Heb.9:22, 1Pet.1:18-23.
4. I do not believe in any church. Mark 1:15, Mark 16:16, John 3:16, Rom. 1:16, Gal. 1:4, Eph. 2:8-9, 1John 1:7-9, Heb. 10:25.

HOW TO DEAL WITH EXCUSES OF THE INDIFFERENT

1. I believe all will be saved. Matt.7:13-14, Mark 16:16, John 3:18, 1 Cor. 6:9-10, Gal.5:19-24.
2. I will have another chance after death. Rev.20:11-15, Rev. 21:8, Rev. 22:14-15, Gal. 5:19-21, 1Cor. 6:9-11, Heb.9:27.
3. No one can be sure he is saved now. John 3:36, John5:24, Rom 8:14-16, 2 Cor.5:17-18, 1John 1:9, 1John 2:3, 1John3:15, 1John5:10-13.
4. All men are children of God now. Matt.13:39, John 8:44, Acts 13:10, Rom 8:9-16,

2Tim.2:19, 1John 3:8-10,
1John4:1-5.

5. I lead a good, moral life and I believe God will accept me. Isa.64:6, Luke 16:15, Luke 18:9-14, Rom. 3:10-23, James 2:10
6. God is too good to send people to hell. Matt.18:3, Matt.7:13, 14, 21,; Mark 1:15, Mark 16:16, Rev. 22:7, Luke 13:1-5, John 3:16-18, John 5:40, 2Peter 3:9.

HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL PRAYER

One of the most important parts of every Christian's life is that of PRAYER and FASTING. Matt. 9:37-38, 1Tim. 2:1-4, Acts 13:1-3.

God wants to use every Christian in prayer. It is the prayer that the Holy Spirit inspires that God the Father answers. Rom. 8:26.

There are different kinds of prayer

1. Personal prayers. (Private)
This kind of prayer should be praise and worship of God with reverent meditation so that we can secure guidance, refreshment of spirit and food from the Word of

God. Matt. 6:6, Ps.100:4,
Ps.19:14.

2. Family or group prayer and worship.
This should be practiced in every family so that all can be protected and prayed for regularly. "Train a child in the way he should go."
3. Congregational Prayers.
These prayers should be constructive and not personal or selfish. We are exhorted to pray for our government, God's servants and their ministries, or those in need of deliverance and salvation; that God would thrust out laborers into His work; for all the members of the Lord's Church (Body). 1Tim.2:1-2, Acts4:29, Acts 12:5, 12; Matt.9:37-38, Eph.6:18.

4. Intercessory Prayers
This is praying for others. Every believer is called to be a priest which means that we are called to intercede for others. Isa. 59:16, 1Sam.12:23, James 5:16, Rev. 1:6, Rom. 8:26.
5. Travailing Prayer.
This is true Holy Spirit prayer in which we

agonize and remain in prayer for ourselves and others, to cause changes in lives and conditions and to secure spiritual equipment in the warfare of the spiritual world. Eccl.3:10, Heb. 5:7, Gal.4:19, James 5:14-17.

We are to pray personally, secretly and privately. We are to pray together. (Matt.18:19) and in groups and to claim the promises God has made to us, by prevailing prayer...for ourselves and others. 1John5:14-15. We are not to BEG GOD... we are to claim His promises and act on them. Isa. 45:11.

PRAYER IS SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Eph.5:10-11, Eph.6:10-20

Our warfare is spiritual and we can only overcome the enemy in the spiritual and with spiritual weapons and in prayer. The Holy Spirit gives us power and guidance to pray and fight the forces of darkness. 2Cor.10:4-5.

The spiritual battle is mainly a battle of words....words of command, words of power in the Spirit. The Sword of the Lord is prayer and words. (Rev.1:16). Prayer should consist of words of praise, worship, claiming and command.

PAYER AND FASTING.

Fasting is voluntarily refraining from food and drink for a time to give us the opportunity to ourselves to praying for a special matter. This should mainly be for others as well as for ourselves. Its is often necessary to fast for deliverance fro others and against the forces of darkness. Zach.7:5, Acts 13:2, Matt. 4:3, Acts 9:9.

BENEFITS OF FASTING

1. It brings deliverance for others and ourselves. Isa. 58:6.
2. It disciplines the body. 1Cor.9:27.

3. It releases faith for healing. 3John 2, Isa, 58:8.
4. It gives power to our prayers. Ezra 8:23.
5. It purges the spirit. Psalm 35:13.

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