



The Way to Abundant Living

Now that you have chosen to follow Christ you will want to do all you can to make your new life as successful and effective as it can be. Post this guide in a place where you will see it often and review it until you have incorporated each part into your life.

1. **REMAIN SURRENDERED TO JESUS.** You became a Christian by genuinely surrendering your will to God. You remain saved and grow in faith by doing the same. Begin each day by telling the Lord again that He has first place in your life. Some Christians make this a practice in their earliest waking moments each day. (Matthew 10:37)
2. **GET INTO GOD'S WORD.** God's word is the food that will make you grow. (1 Peter 2:2) Your spirit needs nourishment just as your body needs food. The surest route to spiritual malnutrition is to neglect your Bible. You should be receiving help from older Christians in the very near future that will show you how to use your Bible effectively. Be sure to cooperate and learn. For now, begin reading through the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) in a modern translation like the New American Standard Bible.
3. **ENGAGE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER.** As you read your Bible, praise God for the wonderful qualities you find revealed there. You already have experienced much to be thankful for. So praise Him! Engage in your new privilege of prayer. Communicate with the Lord. Such fellowship begins to fulfill the purpose of your creation.
4. **MEET OFTEN AND REGULARLY WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS.** God commands this because He knows we need other Christians of like faith. (Hebrews 10:23-25) If you go to the fireplace when the coals have burned down to a low glow and remove one of them from the others and place it on the hearth by itself, its fire will go out. Leave it with the others and it will continue to glow. Separate a Christian from other Christians and he or she, like the coal, will soon die. Make up your mind now, if you haven't already, to be at every meeting of the church that you possibly can.
5. **DEAL SCRIPTURALLY WITH SIN.** Though we do not intend to, Christians still slip and sin. When this happens, immediately confess your sin to God and turn away from it. You will be forgiven. This privilege is yours because you have come into Christ. (1 John 1:5-10)
6. **BE AT THE LORD'S TABLE EACH WEEK.** The Lord's supper is where you share in the body and blood of Christ symbolically. There you remember the price paid for your salvation. There you review and examine your life with God. (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 1 Corinthians 11:23-28)

7. **SHARE JESUS WITH LOST FRIENDS AND RELATIVES.** You are saved today because someone cared enough to share the good news of God's salvation with you. Now that you have heard the good news, you must realize that many others haven't heard it. You may be the only hope that some will have of hearing about Jesus. Start right away sharing the things you have come to know. In the future you will be able to take training that will help you do this more effectively.