

A LIFE OF PRAYER - You cannot live a holy life without prayer. Prayer is an act of faith, a trusting in God. Whatever you accomplish in life will occur on your knees, it will be a result of your relationship with God.

Mark 1:35 KJV - [35] And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Luke 4:42 KJV - [42] And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them.

TRUST OR FAITH - if you don't trust in God, you won't treat him as the sovereignty that he is. You will start believing in your own abilities.

Psalm 103:19 KJV - [19] The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

MEDITATION IN THE WORD OF GOD - it's not just reading the word, it's thinking and pondering what it means. It's the active seeking to understand what is being said to you through the word. The word keeps proper perspective in mind when hearing the news of the world.

Psalm 63:6-8 KJV - [6] When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. [7] Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. [8] My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

Psalm 119:133 KJV - [133] Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

OBEY GOD - when we obey God, we're walking on a higher level, a standard that's higher than the accepted norm of the world. Obeying or not is a choice we make, we make up a thousand reasons, but it comes down to our choice.

Deuteronomy 27:10 KJV - [10] Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the Lord thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 KJV - [1] And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: [2] And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

DEPENDENCE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT - we are not equipped on our own to fulfill God's vision of our life. The Holy Spirit is our helper to empower us. Gives us wisdom, strength, courage, intellect.

Ephesians 1:13-14 KJV - [13] In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, [14] Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 4:30 KJV - [30] And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

GIVE TO GOD AND OTHERS - giving is an act of faith, not an amount to be added up and kept track of. God does not keep count of the blessings he gives us so nor should we keep count of the things we give to God and others. You cannot out-give God nor can you predict all that you'll need. God loves a cheerful giver, conversely, what does God think about one who doesn't give?

Luke 6:38 KJV - [38] Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

FORGIVING OTHERS - when another does us wrong and seeks our forgiveness, it is our obligation to forgive him in the same way we desire God to forgive us. It is important to recognize that forgiveness can only occur when someone seeks it. Not blanket forgiveness. If a person doesn't seek forgiveness first, they won't be forgiven by God.

Ephesians 4:26 KJV - [26] Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath.

Ephesians 4,31-32 KJV - [31] Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: [32] And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.