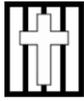


# KEY SUCCESS FACTORS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

God's Word provides us with a blueprint on how to live a Christian life that will glorify Him. In which of the following areas do you feel strong and confident today in your life.....and in which ones do you believe you need significant improvement?

<p><b>Hebrews 11:6;</b> <b>Ephesians 6:16</b></p>	<p><b>Faith &amp; Trust.</b> <sup>6</sup> But <u>without faith it is impossible to please Him</u>, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and <i>that</i> He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. // <sup>16</sup> <u>above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.</u></p>
<p><b>Joshua 1:8;</b> <b>Psalm 1:2-3;</b> <b>Isaiah 55:10-11;</b> <b>Psalm 119:105</b></p>	<p><b>God's Word.</b> <sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you<sup>[a]</sup> shall <u>meditate in it day and night</u>, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then <u>you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.</u> // "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; <u>It shall not return to Me</u> <sup>[a]</sup>void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper <i>in the thing</i> for which I sent it. // <sup>105</sup> Your word <i>is</i> a lamp to my <u>feet</u> And a light to my <u>path</u>.</p>
<p><b>Luke 9:23;</b> <b>Galatians 2:20;</b> <b>Romans 12:1-2.</b></p>	<p><b>Put Christ First.</b> <sup>23</sup> Then He said to <i>them</i> all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and <u>take up his cross</u> <sup>[a]</sup>daily, and <u>follow Me</u> // <sup>20</sup> <u>I have been crucified with Christ</u>; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the <i>life</i> which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. // I beseech<sup>[a]</sup> you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you <u>present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your</u> <sup>[b]</sup>reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> <u>And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,</u> that you may prove what <i>is</i> that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.</p>
<p><b>1 John 1:9; 2 Chronicles 7:14;</b> <b>Matthew 7:7-8</b></p>	<p><b>Prayer / Confession.</b> <sup>9</sup> <u>If we confess our sins</u>, He is faithful and just to forgive us <i>our</i> sins and to <u>cleanse us from all unrighteousness.</u> // <sup>14</sup> if My people who are <u>called by My name</u> will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. // <sup>7</sup> "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> <u>For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.</u></p>
<p><b>John 14:21</b></p>	<p><b>Obedience.</b> <sup>21</sup> He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him <u>and manifest Myself to him.</u>"</p>



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<p><b>Hebrews 10:24-25</b></p>	<p><b>Fellowship.</b> <sup>24</sup>And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup><u>not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some,</u> but exhorting <i>one another</i>, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.</p>
<p><b>John 15:8; Matthew 9:37-38; John 15:4-5</b></p>	<p><b>Fruitfulness.</b> <sup>8</sup>By this My Father is glorified, that <u>you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples</u> // <sup>37</sup>Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly <i>is</i> plentiful, but the laborers <i>are</i> few. <sup>38</sup>Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." // <sup>4</sup><u>Abide in Me, and I in you.</u> As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, <u>neither can you, unless you abide in Me.</u><sup>5</sup>"I am the vine, you <i>are</i> the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; <u>for without Me you can do nothing.</u></p>
<p><b>Hebrews 12:11; Philippians 1:6</b></p>	<p><b>Being Disciplined By God.</b> <sup>1</sup>Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, <u>afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.</u> // <sup>6</sup>being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete <i>it</i> until the day of Jesus Christ;</p>
<p><b>Deuteronomy 6:6-7; 2 Timothy 2:2</b></p>	<p><b>Teach Others.</b> <sup>6</sup>"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall <u>teach them diligently to your children,</u> and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. // <sup>2</sup>And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, <u>commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.</u></p>
<p><b>Matthew 22: 37-39</b></p>	<p><b>Love.</b> <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the <u>LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.</u>' <sup>38</sup>This is <i>the</i> first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup>And <i>the</i> second <i>is</i> like it: 'You shall <u>love your neighbor as yourself.</u>'</p>

**Christians.....what actions will you commit to take THIS WEEK** to address 1 or more of these areas. **Seekers.....will you decide TODAY to accept Christ as your Savior?**

## ASKING GOD FOR SALVATION....A SINNER'S PRAYER

**Pray the prayer below, FROM YOUR HEART, and you will be saved.**

Heavenly Father, I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son, and that He died on the cross to save me from my sin. I believe that He rose again to life, and that He invites me to live forever with Him in heaven as part of Your family. Because of what Jesus has done, I ask You to forgive me of my sin and give me eternal life. I invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust Jesus as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord. Help me to live in a way that pleases and honors You. Amen.