

# YOUR NEW LIFE

## Introduction

This little booklet is written as a follow up to that greatest of all decisions a human being can make: To receive Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour. This decision is commonly known as "*being born-again*".

This book will inform you as a person who has just taken that decision on a clear easy-to-understand way, the steps to take to grow and continue in the Christian faith.

I pray that the Almighty God will grant unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him as you read in Jesus name.

### **Who is a New Believer in Christ?**

To know if you are a believer in Christ or not let me show you who a believer in Christ is **NOT**.

- (1) A believer in Christ is NOT one born by Christian parents into a Christian home. Godly heritage does not confer salvation.
- (2) A believer in Christ is NOT one who attends church faithfully and does his religious duties faithfully. Church membership does not confer salvation.
- (3) A believer in Christ is NOT one who is morally okay. Doing your best is simply not enough.
- (4) A believer in Christ is NOT one who believes that the Bible is the word of God etc. it is not how many translations of the truth you have that matters but how many truth of the Bible you have translated into your personal life experiences.
- (5) A believer is NOT someone who MERELY believes Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world.

### **Who then is a believer in Christ? Rom. 10:10.**

According to the Bible a believer in Christ is:

- (a) Someone who acknowledges in sincerity that he is a sinner before God.
- (b) Someone who hears the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ AND makes an INTELLIGENT response with his whole HEART AND WILL (not just emotions or feelings) to surrender his life to Jesus and make Jesus his own PERSONAL Lord and Saviour.

(c) Someone who on making the decision above CONSCIOUSLY turns from and forsakes ALL that he presently knows to be wrong and sinful and RESOLUTELY follows the way of Jesus as revealed in the pages of the Bible.

If you are not sure you meet these criteria may be you will like to do so NOW before you go further.

Here is a simple prayer that you can offer in faith to God to change your state.

***Dear Heavenly Father,***

***I realise I am a sinner with no living relationship with you. I acknowledge my sins before you and ask your pardon for these sins because of the work of your Son Jesus Christ. I repent and turn away from my sinful past now and ask you Lord Jesus to come into my heart now as my Lord and Saviour.***

***Thank you for doing it Lord. (Amen)***

## CHAPTER ONE

### A MESSAGE TO THE NEW BELIEVER

#### **II Cor. 5:17**

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

#### **The Old Things That Have Passed Away**

It is so wonderful to know that all that you used to be have passed away. Let me tell you some few of them:

#### The nature of the devil.

Eph. 2:1-3.

*And you He (God) made alive who WERE dead in trespasses and sins, in which you ONCE walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom we all (you inclusive) ONCE conducted ourselves in the lusts of flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, AND WERE BY NATURE CHILDREN OF WRATH, just as others.*

Can you see? There is a nature in every unsaved person that cause them to do the things they do. A sinner is not a sinner because of what he/she DOES but because of what he/she IS. That sin nature is the nature of the devil and it was removed when you gave your heart to Jesus Christ.

#### **Ez. 36:26-27**

*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you, I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you will keep my judgements and do them.*

The old sin nature NEVER could keep the statues of God because it is in enmity with God. It has been removed now by the new birth.

#### **A picture of your Past State**

#### **Eph. 2:11-12**

*Wherefore remember that ye being IN TIME PAST gentiles in the flesh, who are called UNCIRCUMCISION by that which is called the circumcision in the flesh made by hand, THAT AT THAT TIME ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.*

What a terrible state for a man to be in and what a glorious comfort to be delivered from such a state!

Let me analyze for you these FOUR-FOLD STATE OF AN UNBELIEVER BEFORE GOD:

- (1) He is without Christ.

To be without Christ is to be outside Christ. In the Bible all the blessings and promises of God find their fulfilment in Christ Jesus. You will discover these phrases in your study of the New Testament Scriptures. “IN CHRIST, “IN HIM”, “THROUGH WHOM”, all referring to Christ and the things that have come to those who believe in Him.

To be without Christ is to be destitute of all these.

At the end of this book, I have included a small list of some scriptures that refer to these phrases for your meditation.

To be without Christ is to be without LIFE.

Jn. 14:6 *says, “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, AND THE LIFE: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”.* (Emphasis mine)

Any life lived outside of Christ Jesus is living in opposition of the LIFE that Jesus spoke of here, and that life is self destructive!

To be without Christ is to be lost and dead spiritually. To be without Christ is to be without salvation. Salvation in the Bible connotes the idea of TOTAL SOUNDNESS! So, to be without Christ is to be TOTALLY UNSOUND!

The list is endless.

(2) He is alienated from the Commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise.

God never does anything except through promise of covenants. Israel was the only nation on the earth that God personally took as His own possession because of His covenant with Abraham. God renewed that covenant with Isaac AND NOT ISMAEL Gen. 21:10-12.

An unbeliever has no share in these glorious covenant blessings. Read them up in Gen. 12:14. Check also Gal. 3:13-15

The Bible says that the covenant blessings of Abraham are now yours through Jesus. you can't beat that blessing. You are so blessed that you eventually become a blessing. In Christ the sky is not your limit, heaven is the limit.

(3) He is without hope.

A hopeless man is a liability. Hope is that quality or gift from God that enables a man to survey the ruins of his life and still go on. To be without hope is to be a vegetable in life.

But the worst state of all is to be hopeless about eternity. Glory to Jesus that you now have a hope. The Bible says that that hope is a living hope, it is a blessed hope. Check up I Pet. 1:3, Tit. 2:13, I Cor. 15:29.

(4) He is without God. That is God's own final nail in the coffin of an unbeliever. WITHOUT GOD, that is terrible. Such a person is at the mercy of forces he does not understand nor has any control over or defence against. Because an unbeliever has chosen the way of rebellion, he reaps such hard rewards.

To be without God is to be a destitute and fugitive of the worst kind. He is a spiritual vagabond and wanderer! A ship that cannot touch shore – like a phantom ship.

Beloved you have been delivered from such a terrible state. Let us now look at what you now have in Christ.

## CHAPTER TWO

### THE NEW THINGS THAT HAVE NOW COME

When you become born-again, the Bible says you become the work of a new creation. All the new things that have now come they are from God as opposed to the old things of the devil.

Philemon 6: *“That the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgement of every good thing which is in you and in Christ Jesus”.*

Think of it a little: EVERY GOOD THING IN YOU IN CHRIST.

To be born again is to be IN CHRIST! The Bible now says it is ONLY through a conscious acknowledgement and appropriation of all these good things in you that you can be an effective Christian.

Particularly that verse means that your faith which gives you victory in life (I Jn. 5:5) can only become effective or productive in its manifestation through the conscious acknowledgement of these good things.

It then becomes necessary for you to know some of these good things. How do you know these good things?

That verse gives you the key: it says good things are “IN CHRIST”. Therefore all you need to do is to take the New Testament and beginning from the Epistles start to underline or write out all those verses of scripture that contain the following phrases: (a) IN HIM (b) IN WHOM (c) IN CHRIST (d) THROUGH WHOM (e) WITH HIM (f) WITH CHRIST (g) OF HIM (h) BY HIS BLOOD.

After identifying these scriptures which I call ‘IN-CHRIST SCRIPTURES’ you need to start acknowledging them in your daily walk. How do you do this?

The Dictionary meanings of the word ACKNOWLEDGE is as follows:

- (1) Confers; admits the truth, existence or reality of something.
- (2) Report that one has received
- (3) Express thanks for
- (4) Indicate that one recognizes by giving a sign of recognition.

What it means to acknowledge is then this:

- (a) First, ADMIT the truth of whatever those verses containing IN-CHRIST SCRIPTURES are saying.
- (b) Second, CONFESS OR REPORT that you receive them when you become born-again. Make those ‘IN-CHRIST SCRIPTURES’ your daily confession and meditation. Make them part and parcel of your daily conversation.
- (c) Third, EXPRESS thanks to God regularly for these things.

Make them the reason for your praise to God. Thank God for the promises of those ‘IN-CHRIST SCRIPTURES’, make them part and parcel of your prayer life.

(d) Fourth, INDICATE that you recognise these realities by ACTION like they are so. Act like you possess what they say you possess.

Relate with God, Man, Angels and Satan like those “IN-CHRIST SCRIPTURES” say you are NOW IN CHRIST! Stop looking at yourself with the mind of the old things that have gone forever. Stop acknowledging those old things.

To help you get started I will highlight some ‘IN-CHRIST SCRIPTURES for your meditations here:

Philemon 6	Gal. 2:20	Rom. 5:1, 17
Gal. 3:26-29	Rom. 6:4,6,8	Gal. 4:6-7
Rom. 8:1-2	Gal. 5:6	Rom. 10:11
I Cor. 1:30	Rom. 8:17	I Cor. 2:12
Rom. 8:35-39	I Cor. 15:22	Eph. 1:7
II Cor. 1:19-22	Eph. 1:11	II Cor. 5:17
Eph. 1:13	II Cor. 6:14-18	Eph. 2:5-7
II Cor. 8:9	Eph. 2:10	II Cor. 13:5
Eph. 2:13	Eph. 2:18-19	Phil. 4:13
Eph. 2:21-22	Col. 1:14	Eph. 1:3
Col. 1:27	Eph. 1:4	Col. 2:9-10
Eph. 1:6	Col. 2:11-13	Col. 3:1-3

Now make sure you meditate daily on these scriptures, search out others and talk them out to God, yourself, others and the devil.

This step is very vital to your growth as a vibrant child of God.

To help you further on these IN-CHRIST SCRIPTURES I recommend an excellent book by Kenneth E. Hagin, titled IN HIM for you.

## CHAPTER THREE

### WHAT TO DO NOW

These are some steps that you must begin without delay to take on a daily basis if you will grow to be a giant in Christ.

God has done His part and will do all he has to do to make you a victorious Christian but you have got to do your own part faithfully.

#### **Step one. Put off the Old Man**

**Eph. 4:22**

*That ye PUT OFF concerning the former conversation or manner of life the old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts.*

**Col. 3:5-9**

*MORTIFY therefore your members which are upon the earth, fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence and covetousness, which is idolatry: for which things sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience. In the which ye also walked sometime, when ye lived in them. But now ye also PUT OFF all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication (or language) out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds.*

These words make it plain that it is your duty to restrain your members from doing what they used to do in the past. That would be impossible for an unregenerate man to do but NOT for you. For the seed of God has come inside you at the time you became born-again. How do you then mortify your members? It does not mean that you kill yourself or cut your members off. Not at all.

**Rom. 6:10-14**

*For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all, but the life that He lives, He lives to God.*

*Likewise you also reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. for Sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.*

There are THREE WORDS I want you to notice and focus on in this passage. They hold the key to putting off the old man.

- (a) RECKON
- (b) LET
- (c) PRESENT

The three words place the responsibility squarely on your shoulders. Let us examine each together.

**RECKON:** To reckon means to count or assume

It involves your will and it is two-fold reckoning. First RECKON YOURSELF DEAD TO SIN. There is a difference between 'dead in Sin' and 'dead to sin' An unregenerated man is 'dead in sin'. Let me help you a little: Suppose there is a dead man's body lying on the ground; and a fly began to hover around the ear of that body; will the body respond to the presence of the fly? Certainly not. That body is dead to the fly. The fly CAN NOT get a response from that body. Can that body (because it cannot respond to the fly) claim the fly is not existing. No, since the man is dead. Do you get my logic?

Sin, like that fly, is not supposed to get any response or reactions from you because you have legally died with Christ. The only way sin in actual life situation will not get any reaction from you is by a CONSCIOUS RECKONING OF YOURSELF AS DEAD TO SIN. Not that you reckon yourself dead to people but to sin or the temptation to sin. But this reckoning cannot succeed unless you add to it the COMPLEMENTARY RECKONING OF YOURSELF AS LIVING TO GOD!

If a fly begins to hover around your ear now you will swipe at it. That is, you will react to its presence, because you are alive to its presence. Like that, you are to react to God's prompting towards righteousness and holy living.

Just as there is the temptation of Satan to sin, there is the prompting of God to holiness. You are now to consciously reckon yourself or consciously make yourself available or open to the promptings of God to holiness.

**I Cor. 10:13**

*No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but WITH THE TEMPTATION WILL ALSO MAKE THE WAY OF ESCAPE, that you may be able to bear it.*

Do you see it? The way of escape is always there anytime you are tempted BUT you have to take that way of escape. God will not force it on you. What it means is: You don't have to yield to the temptation. It is not wrong to be tempted but it is not only wrong not to take the way of escape provided but to yield to the temptation is very foolish and beneath your new status in Christ.

**LET:** That is to say, the right to permit or allow either righteousness or sin to reign in your body is yours.

Do not ALLOW that temptation to gain a foothold in your mind or emotions.

**PRESENT:** Look at this word. It connotes an act of presentation. You present or yield your members to God as consciously as you reckon them dead to sin and alive to God. it is a question of your will. Your will to present your members to God for Him to use for righteous action. What I mean is this: YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT SIGHT THAT IS TEMPTING YOU NOW NOR DO YOU NEED TO LISTEN WITH YOUR EAR TO THAT GOSSIP OR MUSIC! You can then present your eye to God to look at another wholesome sight. Let me give you two examples in the Bible:

**Job. 31:1**

**I have made a covenant with my eyes, why then should I look intently upon a young woman?**

**Ps. 101:3a**

**I will set no wicked thing before my eyes...**

You see, it is a question of choice. You choose to present those members of your body to God.

You have got to make a clean break with ALL that you know to be sinful. All sinful relationship and association of the past have got to be done away with.

## CHAPTER FOUR

### STEP TWO: RENEW YOUR MIND WITH THE WORD OF GOD

**Eph. 4:23**

*And be renewed in the spirit of your mind.*

**Rom. 12:2a**

*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...*

This step is most important to your Christian growth, survival and experience. While you were not born-again your mind had collected and developed a formidable amount of wrong information that was responsible for your wrong thought patterns. Wrong thought patterns then led to wrong life patterns.

That is why the Bible says in Is. 55:7 “*Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous men his thoughts...*”

The only way you are going to forsake thoughts is by the renewing of your mind. You see ‘the way’ of a man is made up of the following:

(i) HIS THOUGHTS (ii) HIS WORDS (iii) HIS ACTIONS

For a man to develop and maintain a Godly way of life it then follows that his thought life must change, his speech must become godly and his action must be godly

**Ps. 119:9**

*How can a young man cleanse his way? BY TAKING HEED ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD!*

That is the key. The word of God must first be applied to your thought patterns. You need to acquire new thinking patterns that are in line with the word of God.

Then your language must correspond to the word of God.

Only then can your, actions be godly. That is the same message God gave Joshua.

**Josh. 1:8**

*This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then (not before then) you (not God) will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success.*

God was basically telling Joshua to CHANGE!

Change your thoughts – meditate on the word day and night. Change your language – let the word in your mouth change your actions – do according to the word of God. see the process again. THOUGHT give birth to WORDS, WORDS give birth to ACTIONS!

You need to now begin a process of reduction of yourself according to the Bible.

For too long you have believed and thought wrongly about God, the devil, yourself, sin, sickness, infact life itself. That led to wrong talking about these which in turn has led to wrong actions relating to these.

The solution is to renew your mind. The agent of that renewal is the word of God especially those IN-CHRIST SCRIPTURES. Change your thought patterns to correspond to those scriptures and very soon those scriptures will become your language and you will begin to act like them.

You will notice that this step is the link between putting off the old man and putting on the new man!

You can never successfully put off the old man nor can you effectively put on the new man without renewing your mind with the word of God.

### **STEP THREE: PUT ON THE NEW MAN**

#### **Eph. 4:24**

*And that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness.*

#### **Cor. 3:10**

*And have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of him who created him.*

This step is only possible as you faithfully practise Step two.

To put on means to allow the new man to show up on the outside.

The new man in the Bible is exactly like God, acts like God, talks like God etc. He will come to the surface on the measure that your mind is renewed with the word of God.

The new man has all the attributes of God in him and as you allow the word of God to grow in you and renew your mind, he also grows in these attributes and people begin to see a transformation taking place in you. You begin to think more, talk more, and act more like Christ.

#### **Godly Counsels**

Let me share with you some Godly counsel that will keep you moving forward and upward in Jesus. BUILD NOT AGAIN THINGS YOU HAVE DESTROYED.

#### **Gal. 2:18**

*For it I build again things which I destroyed; I make myself a transgressor.*

You have confessed Jesus as your Lord and saviour. You have renounced your former ways. Do not let situations and circumstance force you to build those things again. Be not like the proverbial dog that always returns to eat its vomit. BURN THE BRIDGE ONCE AND FOR ALL TIME. Make it impossible for your former ways to find expressions again.

To achieve this, immediately cut off all associations and situations that have the potentials of talking you back into those former things.

Remember, for we have spent enough of our past life doing the will of the Gentiles – when we walked in licentiousness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.

In regard to these, they (those former associates in sin) think it strange that you (now a child of God) do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you (that is a form of persecution) I Pet. 4:3-4.

The Bible warns further on the possibility of going back and its danger.

**(II Pet. 2:20).**

*For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.*

Look also at Heb. 3:12-14.

*Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today”, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end.*

There are three main reasons highlighted that can lead to a believer building those things he once destroyed again.

- (a) Wrong associations
- (b) Secret Sin
- (c) Lack of fellowship

The solution is also highlighted in Heb. 3:13, “...*exhort one another daily*”. Make New Grounds in Faith Daily.

Christian growth is a daily affair. It is a continuous affair too.

You as a believer have got to resolutely determine that you will only move if it is a step FORWARD AND UPWARD.

That is, daily you are making progress in your Christian experience and you are getting heaven-ready or rapture-fit. You have got to take away your gaze from every other thing and fix them resolutely on Jesus. Never look sideways or backwards. ‘Remember Lot’s wife’.

*Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witness let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, LOOKING UNTO JESUS, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, disposing the shame and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God, Heb. 12:1-3.*

**Hos. 6:3a**

*Then we shall know IF WE FOLLOW ON TO KNOW THE LORD.*

**JN. 8:31**

*Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “if you abide (or continue) in my word, you are my disciples indeed”.*

**Heb. 6:1 (Williams)**

*So then let us once for all quit the elementary teaching about Christ and  
**CONTINUE PROGRESSING TOWARD MATURITY.***

You must determine to grow in grace. You must follow after the Lord to know Him the more. Determine that your todays shall be better than your yesterdays in Christ.

## CHAPTER FIVE

### YOUR PRAYER LIFE

Prayer is of primary importance in the life of a child of God. It is through prayer that you gain victory over the world.

It is in prayer that you discover God's plan and blueprint for your life. Prayer is your breath. You cannot do without it.

Time spent in communion with your Father is time best spent.

#### **How To Pray**

(1) Set a definite time apart for prayer. The Bible over and over again talks of "the hour of prayer".

#### **Acts 3:1**

*Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer the ninth hour.*

#### **Mk. 1:35**

*Now in the morning, having risen a long while before day light, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.*

To get the best out of your prayer time do the following:

- (a) Make it a habit
  - (b) Make it the time that you are totally free from every other demands of life.
  - (c) Make it regular.
- (2) Come boldly to God as unto your own Father. Create an expectancy of faith in God as you pray.

Be totally open and honest with God.

#### **(3) Be Definite**

Make your requests DEFINITE. Avoid being vague and too general when you pray to God. Check Mk. 10:46-52. Be definite in your prayer request.

#### **(4) The Name of Jesus**

Make all requests in THE NAME OF JESUS TO THE FATHER. Jn. 16:23 (KJV).

*Verily, verily I say unto, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name, He will give it to you.*

Prayer must be presented in the Biblical order; and that is "to the Father, in the Name of Jesus".

The Name of Jesus is your pass key into the treasury of heaven.

Praise God in the Name of Jesus. pray in the Name of Jesus. do all you have to do in the Name.

(5) Have Faith

**Mk. 11:24 (KJV)**

*Therefore I say unto you, whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them.*

The time to believe that you HAVE RECEIVED is immediately you prayed. Not after. Not later. You get the answer right then by faith.

**Heb. 11:1**

*Now, faith is the evidence of things not seen, the assurance of the things we hope for.*

Your faith in God is simply a statement of your total confidence in His integrity and the integrity of His word. That you are convinced God will do all that the word of God says he will do.

When you pray with that attitude you always get results and your joy is always overflowing. Let me give you three areas that Jesus Himself guarantees you answer to prayers.

(i) **Jn. 14:13**

*And whatever you ask in My Name that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the son.*

Anything that will bring glory to the Father by the use of the Name of Jesus you are guaranteed the request. This includes healing for the sick and delivering the oppressed.

(ii) **Jn. 15:16**

*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain that whatever you ask the Father in My Name, He may give you.*

Any request that will increase your capacity to produce fruits that glorify God and that will make the fruits abide, God guarantees that request. This includes anything that will increase your usefulness for the Kingdom of God.

(iii) **Jn. 16:23-24**

*And in that day you will ask me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My Name He will give you. Until now, you have asked nothing in My Name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*

Anything that will contribute to your own personal joy God promises to give.

That includes all of your personal needs and wants and those of your family.

## CHAPTER SIX

### YOUR BIBLE STUDY LIFE

The Bible is the Eternal word. It is the food of the new man.

#### **Mt. 4:4**

*Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

#### **I Pet. 2:2**

*As new born babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.*

Just as your body cannot do without food for too long, so your spirit cannot do without the word of God. You need to feed your spirit with the word of God regularly for him to grow robust.

All the people that I know who did mightily for God were men and women of the Bible. To be destitute of the kind of knowledge the Bible imparts is to be destitute of the best in life.

Success in life is measured and determined by the word of God you have.

#### **Josh. 1:8**

*This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then (not before then) you (not God) will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success.*

See also Ps. 1:1-3

#### **Read the Bible Consistently**

Seek you out of the Book of the Lord and read Is. 34:16 (KJV).

### MEMORISE THE BIBLE

*Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee:* Ps. 119:11 (KJV)

*By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you.* I Cor. 15:2

#### **Meditate On It Day And Night**

*Meditate upon these things, give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all.* I Tim. 4:15

*Blessed is the man whose... delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His Law he meditates day and night.* Ps. 1:2

## **Practise The Word Of God**

*But the ye doers of the word and not hearers only deceiving your own selves.* Jas. 1:22.

*Those things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard and seen in me, DO: and the God of peace shall be with you.* Phil. 4:9

Do all of these to the word of God on a daily basis. You will never go astray. The word of God is your lamp as you walk through life. It will prepare you for the coming of the Lord.

## **MAINTAIN TRUE SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP**

Prayer is your spiritual fellowship with God but that is not enough for you to do. God expects you to maintain fellowship with others like you i.e. other children of God.

No human being is an island unto himself or herself. No Christian can survive by doing it alone.

### **Jn. 1:3**

*That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, THAT YE ALSO MAY HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH US: and truly our fellowship is with Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.*

When you become born-again you have a relationship with God as your Father and with other born-again people as your brethren.

That relationship automatically gives birth to a fellowship that must be cultivated if that relationship is not to be neglected.

It is of utmost necessity that while you break fellowship with sinners you must establish fellowship with born-again people. Your friends show the kind of person you are.

### **Heb. 10:25**

*Forsake not the assembling together of the children of God as the manner of some is*

Don't be part of those who do not fellowship with the people of God.

Find a good Bible-believing, Bible-practicing church with a recognizable leadership structure and fellowship with them

### **Benefits Of Fellowship With Others**

- (a) Your faith will grow more as you sharpen it with others.
- (b) You grow in grace and knowledge of God like you can't if you are on your own.
- (c) The Love of God is extended to you.

You have a spiritual home atmosphere you can call 'home'. *Psychologists* have found out that people who have a good church home, don't fall prey to many of the pressures that break down human personalities.

The greatest and best family is that of God. The Bible says – all families derive their name from God. His family is the family of Love. Infact of all the names that a church is called in the Bible the sweetest are those like “the household of God” “the family of God” “the household of faith” etc.

By joining a good, Bible-believing and practicing Church with a God-ordained Pastor in charge you will get to your promised land in shorter time and safely. Benefits you’ll get by being in a Church. Please spend some days on Psalm 23 to know The Shepherd, then you will want that Shepherd to minister to you through His own human representation called a pastor.

(e) By attending a fellowship group or church, you will be much more fully covered by the prayer of others.

There are some situations you will find yourselves in that it will take God getting a man to stand in the gap for you to escape. Some believers have lost their lives and properties because they walked alone. When the enemy came no one was spiritually close to them for the Holy Spirit to use as intercessor. Don’t fall into such tragic danger.

You will never regret true spiritual fellowship.

If this book has been of help to you let me know. I want to rejoice with you and help you further. This book is our contribution to evangelism worldwide and the edification of the Body of Christ. It is made available to you free of charge. It comes to you with the love and prayers of the congregation here at ‘The Dream Centre Of The Life Oasis International Church, Osogbo, Nigeria.

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