



Walking With Jesus Christ

**NOW THAT YOU ARE BORN
AGAIN, WHAT NEXT?**

Congratulations! Well done for taking the first bold step of giving your life to Jesus Christ, and becoming a Born Again Christian! I promise you that this is a decision you will never regret.

Now Christ has begun the process of healing your spirit and making your person whole. Your life journey in fellowship with Christ has begun. You need to talk to someone to describe what you are going so that you will have the right encouragement and guidance as you begin this beautiful and life fulfilling walk with God.

In Order to deepen and grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ it is imperative that you do the following:

Join a church of Bible believing Christians.

In Hebrews 10:25, the bible encourages believers to meet together, regularly. There are many Bible believing Christians all over the world, but not all churches believe in the entirety of the Bible or that it is inspired by God and therefore the supernatural word of God. Therefore, the teachings might not be based entirely on the Bible. It is important that any church you are part of believes that the Bible is the word of God and inspired through the Holy Spirit.

To decide which church to attend, pray about it and ask the Holy Spirit to guide and direct you on which church to be part of. This is extremely important as the teachings and relationships you will build there will help you to build up your faith further.

However, here are a few things to look out for:

- ♥ Understand where the church stands with regards to the Bible:
- ♥ The supernatural inspiration of the bible
- ♥ Believe in the Trinity- God the Father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit
- ♥ Believe in the existence of satan
- ♥ Believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ
- ♥ Believe in the Existence of Heaven and Hell
- ♥ Believe that we are all required to become born again to receive Jesus Christ
- ♥ Believe in the believers' baptism in water and of the Holy Spirit
- ♥ Believe in the second coming of Jesus Christ

Apart from the above, you will also want to make sure that the church is friendly and welcoming, and provides good bible based teachings and prayers, has more than one leader and is clear and open about all its financial matters.

On the flip side, it is pertinent to avoid churches that:

- ♥ Does not believe in the absolute authority of the Bible
- ♥ Teaches on tradition rather than what the bible says
- ♥ Has leaders who control all aspects of the lives of the individuals within the church
- ♥ Unfriendly and unaccountable

READ THE BIBLE EVERY DAY

Reading or listening to the Bible is one of the way God speaks to us. He is eager to have conversations with us about every aspects of our lives and on a daily basis too. Reading the Bible:

- ♥ Teaches us God's character. In the past, God spoke to people through the prophets in many ways, but in these days he has and continues to speak to us His Son Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit and Bible.
- ♥ Teaches us how to imitate God. Ephesians 5:1 encourages us to "follow God's example, therefore as dearly loved Children"
- ♥ Guides us in discovering our next steps in life. The bible is full of guidance and instructions that helps us through each day and decisions we have to make – both big and small. Psalm 119:105 says "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path"
- ♥ Keeps us from returning to our old ways; falling back into sin. Reading the bible encourages us to stay on the right path and with the decision that we have made to follow Jesus. When we read the bible, the words become part of us and the Holy Spirit brings this to our remembrance when we are in danger of straying. Psalm 119:11 tells us the importance of reading the Bible. It says "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you"
- ♥ Helps us to renew our minds so that we know and understand God's will for our lives.
- ♥ Gives us the final authority and view over every situation. When we are in need of making the right decision, the question we should ask is "what does the Bible say?"
- ♥ Learn about the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR CONSCIENCE

Your conscience is the inner sense of what is right or wrong in one's conduct or motives, impelling one towards right action. We all want to have a conscience that is sensitive, functioning and doing its job properly. In today's society, a sensitive conscience is frowned upon, but God has given this to you for very good reasons. He knows you will need it as you navigate your way in a fallen and chaotic world.

Your conscience is faculty within us that testifies to you concerning the standards of God. It is an independent witness within you and an invaluable gift from God.

Through your conscience, God bears witness to Himself from within you. He uses your conscience to guide you in every aspect of your life. Think about your conscience as your own personal Navigation System as we walk with Jesus. It tells you where to go, which streets to turn into and which roads to avoid.

Your conscience is not a loud voice, but a very gently and quite voice. This is why it is important to spend time quietly every day to get to decipher its voice. If you have questions or need answers about any life situation, it is most likely your conscience will prompt you, in such instances, don't ignore it, pay attention and listen to it. God will use your conscience to guide you through the right path,

PRAY REGULARLY - CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

Prayer is an opportunity to spend time with God, to have personal conversations with Him. To really understand the heart of God, you need to pray. Praying to God is like having a conversation with a friend, you tell him or her about your day and all it entails and listen to his or response to this.

Proverbs 3:6-7 encourages us "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil". Also in John 15:15, Jesus says He no longer calls us his servants, but calls us His friends. Talking with God develops a deeper relationship with Him.

BIBLE TEACHING

Listening to regular Bible teach is very important. You can find some useful articles on our website. However, attending a Bible believing church or Christian fellowships where the true word of God is shared will help you grow in your understanding of the Bible and walk with God.

AVOID FALLING BACK INTO SIN

Sin is always tempting but you can fight it. Our old life is always tempting, especially when we see our old friends really thriving in the world. As tempting as it is to go back to sin, we must do our best to keep on the path with God. A few things you can do now that will help you focus on your new life with Jesus Christ are:

- ♥ Listen to older and wiser Christians. Proverbs 19:20 encourages us to "Listen to counsel and accept discipline, that you may be wise the rest of your days".
- ♥ Pray for God's leading and strength to keep Him first. Maintain a consistent prayer life and surround yourself with like-minded people. Ask God to guide you and help you make good choices. Hand over all

your worries, concerns and fears to Him. He is willing and ready to help you live and experience a successful and beautiful life in Him

- ♥ Watch over your heart, it will influence your attitude. Proverbs 4:23 advises us to "Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life". We are further advised in Mark 7:21-22 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness".

Finally, simply keep the connection lines between you and God open. He is interested in every single part of your life; from the moment you wake up till when you go to sleep. He wants to help you live a life that expresses the beauty and uniqueness of who you are, for His glory. He wants to show the world that if we live our lives according to God's will, we will be formidable, successful, be at peace and be happy; something the world cannot give us, no matter how much it tries.

Congratulations again on become a Born Again Christian, a believer in Jesus Christ. Welcome to the family of God.

We pray that as you start this journey, the Holy Spirit will engulf you in His love, wisdom, assurance and peace and He will direct your path, today and always. Amen!

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Isaiah 30:21

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