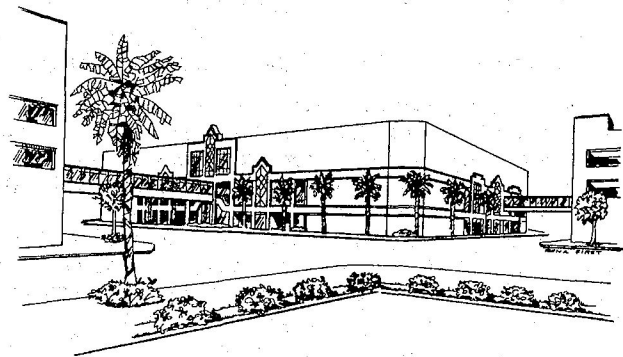


HOW TO LIVE A SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIAN LIFE

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Sunday School 9:00 AM
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GOD CAN SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS

THE ANSWER TO PRESSURE IS PRAYER

Among the many businessmen, homemakers and college youth with whom I have counseled, there seems to be a genuine desire to plan a pattern of life along Christian principles. I have found however that not many spiritual leaders get down to business to talk "shoe-leather" Christianity. I propose to do exactly that and have found it actually works. Mark 1:35 says, *Rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.* Christ began each day with prayer. "Your life must not be haphazard subsequent to the miracle of spiritual rebirth." It must be methodically ordered day by day with a foundation of real prayer and Bible study.

Block off each day and put it with all its pressure in the pattern of your prayer.

THE ANSWER TO FEAR IS FAITH

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27

Faith actually cancels fear.

The recent revelation that America's largest city could be devastated by a hydrogen bomb has brought many thinking leaders to the shocking realization that we have placed too much emphasis on materialism and too much of our security in the hands of failing men. Our serenity and security must have their bedrock in the Living God through His Son Jesus Christ.

THE ANSWER TO WORRY IS GOD'S WORD

The fortress against worry is the Word of the Living God. Years ago I had a professor who taught me that each day should have in it two great circles, one titled "worry" and the other titled "prayer." Said he, "If you pack your 'prayer' circle full and bank on the promises of the Word of God, your 'worry' circle will be empty."

Is it possible that God the Holy Ghost can so indwell us that we are abandoned to His Word—His plan—His purpose—His peace? There is a serenity and placidity of life which I have seen among the silverheads of the old world that our young nation might well emulate.

THE ANSWER TO GUILT IS GRACE

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Romans 8:1
Bank on the Bible! I have knelt with governors, millionaires, parliamentarians, and even rugged broken men and boys in the rescue missions of our nation. Each one found forgiveness and freedom from guilt in the face of our blessed Savior.

These are not pretty platitudes but workable and vital principles of living. God's answer to pressure is prayer; to fear, faith; to worry, God's Word; and to guilt, His amazing Grace.

FOUR POINT PLAN FOR SUCCESS IN YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE

If I could "Chat with You" ... I would like to suggest an unfailing "Way of Life" for you.

1. PRAYER IS THE CHRISTIAN'S LIFELINE!

PRAY MUCH...Just talk to God (without fancy phrases) about everything—your troubles, trials, worries, fears, phobias, sorrows, sins, mistakes and tragedies. Be sure to **THANK HIM** for all the blessings, joys, victories and benefits daily.

The Bible says: *BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God...shall keep your hearts and minds....*(Philippians 4:6-7).

LET NOTHING DISCOURAGE YOU! Expect a battle with sin and Satan. Expect temptations and testings. Expect persecutions and misunderstandings. Even Christian friends may disappoint you... **BUT GOD WILL NEVER FAIL YOU** (Romans 8:35-39). The Bible says: *Yea, and all who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution* (II Timothy 3:12).

PRAY IN THE MORNING. I don't know why most people pray at night and never before. They are not going to get in much trouble while they are sleeping. Why don't we begin each day with God, asking for power and strength to live the day—just one day at a time knowing that God can keep us through the day? Then at night we can pause to thank Him for a successful day instead of apologizing for the failures and blunders of the last sixteen hours.

I would like to urge you to do as the Bible says: Pray without ceasing and particularly just previous to any special need.

Bathe your daily affairs in prayer. I often urge young people to pray together as they start out on an evening "date." I urge businessmen to pray before they sign a contract or join a partnership. I ask mothers to pray at the pressure hours of the day. There may be a particularly weak moment each day in your life. Premeditate that moment and prepare yourself with prayer. God will amaze you with His protection and astound you with power and strength to actually live the life of Christ (I Corinthians 10-12-13).

2. JOIN A BIBLE TEACHING CHURCH IMMEDIATELY

Don't be a "drifter." You'll never find a "perfect" church but carefully choose the one with the warmest prayer service, the vital Sunday School, the soul-winning services and the godly pastor who can shepherd your family. The Bible says, *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together....* (Hebrews 10:25). Cooperate with your pastor. God has called him, and you should give him due reverence and assist him as he leads your church for Christ. Never criticize him. Pray for him.

SHUN EVIL COMPANIONS LIKE THE PLAGUE! "Avoid bad people, bad books, bad thoughts," Psalm 1. You cannot win the wicked by associating with them in their sin. A compromising Christian immediately loses the respect of his former friends (II Corinthians 6:14-17). Certainly never marry an unbeliever.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS A VITAL PART OF THE CHURCH. Someone has said, "The greatest path in the world is the one which leads from the threshold of your home to the Sunday School and Church."

Every person, no matter what age, ought to study the Bible every Sunday morning in fellowship with the finest people in your community. The church is the most worthwhile institution in your community. You owe it to yourself and to your family to be a part of the church and its Bible school.

J. Edgar Hoover, former director of the F.B.I., said, "If we are to make progress in the fight against crime, make certain the children of the nation attend Sunday School. It is difficult to understand why many mothers and fathers refuse to afford their children the wholesome, healthful, character-building environment of the Sunday School. A child who has been taught to respect the laws of God will have little difficulty respecting the laws of man. The hope of the world lies in the return to the faith of our fathers."

God has no "probation period." Immediately join the church and get into its Bible school. Talk to your COUNSELOR OR PASTOR IMMEDIATELY ABOUT IT.

3. WIN SOMEONE TO CHRIST IMMEDIATELY

IT IS SO SIMPLE AND SUCH A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE.

Just tell him what Christ did in your own life. Don't "preach"... just be a good "witness." If you can't clinch the transaction, take your prospect to the best Christian worker you know. Work for Christ. Win your friends. Warn your friends. Witness to them all **SOON!**

The Bible says: *He that winneth souls is wise* (Proverbs 11:30). *When I say unto the wicked, thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning...to save his life...the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.* (Ezekiel 3:18).

In order to help you in winning your friends to Jesus Christ, ask YOUR PASTOR or BIBLE BOOKSTORE for a guide to winning people to Christ.

I am very anxious for you to **IMMEDIATELY MULTIPLY YOURSELF** because the Bible specifically teaches that Christianity shall grow, according to II Timothy 2:2...*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same COMMIT THOU TO FAITHFUL MEN who shall be able to TEACH OTHERS ALSO.*

Because someone led YOU, would YOU immediately lead SOMEONE ELSE and TEACH HIM HOW to lead ANOTHER to the Lord Jesus Christ? This is the miracle of multiplication. **ONLY THIS WAY CAN WE WIN THE WORLD IN OUR GENERATION.**



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4. GET A STUDY BIBLE WITH LARGE CLEAR PRINT

One you'll enjoy reading often...one with a concordance and helps for difficult verses...one in which you can mark notes...some Bible teachers prefer the simplicity of a reference Bible. (Any Bible Bookstore)

First, read John straight through (to get the story in sequence).

Second, read Acts (to see what happened to men who believed the story).

Third, read Romans carefully to get the matchless logic of the whole plan of salvation. Then read your entire Bible through. Ask your pastor for the yearly "through the Bible" plan.

Title each chapter with the main idea. Memorize the verses that "hit your heart." Don't miss a day with your Bible. Don't read it like a bit of poetry... devour it like a novel.

NOW THAT YOU ARE SAVED...life is just beginning for you. Desire all that God has for you. Get into a Bible class...or even a Bible school. Learn the tremendous **PRINCIPLES** of life.

Talk to your pastor about Bible study help books. May I personally recommend that you get a good concordance which helps you find the verses in the Bible under subjects?

For the children in the family I recommend a good Bible story book by Egermeier, or Vos, or Hurlbut. These books are most interesting, even for the grown-ups of the family.

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