

THE SECRET TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

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How can we live the Christian life?

- Church
- Scripture
- Prayer
- Tithing
- Witnessing
- Praying in tongues

Some more secrets/tools.....

- Serve the Lord
- Do Bible School
- Go to a seminary
- Learn the faith-walk life
- Learn the faith-rest life
- Learn the exchanged life

- Spiritual warfare
- Reclaiming the gifts/wonders and miracles

- Join our group because we *have* “it”

The Christian life belongs to the spiritual realm

- The Christian life is being lived in the spiritual realm.
- The Christian life belongs to the spiritual realm and can only be lived in the spiritual realm

How did Jesus live the Christian life?

- I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.(John 5:30)
- Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and *that* I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. ²⁹ And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.” (John 8:28-9)

We can not live the Christian life

.....for without Me you can do nothing.(John15:5)

Christ lives the Christian life in us

I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears *much fruit*. (John 15:5)

I can do *all things* through Christ^[b] who strengthens me.
(Philippians 4:13)

.....but the people who know their God shall be strong,
and carry out *great exploits*. (Daniel 11:32)

Getting the order right: putting first things first

- Obedience

If you love me, obey me (John 14:15)

- Witnessing

He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of Jonah,^[d] do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?”

And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep. (John 21:17)

- Holiness

Being with Jesus

- When the Council saw the boldness of Peter and John and could see that they were obviously uneducated non-professionals, they were amazed and realized what *being with Jesus* had done for them! (Acts 4:13)

1. Time with the Word

Persecuted from my earliest youth (Israel is speaking), ² and faced with never-ending discrimination—but not destroyed! My enemies have never been able to finish me off!

³⁻⁴ Though my back is cut to ribbons with their whips, the Lord is good. For he has snapped the chains that evil men had bound me with. (Ps 129: 1-4)

2. Practicing the presence of God

- Brother Lawrence/Andrew Murray
- But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.
(2 Corinthians 3: 18)

3. Fellowship

For where two or three are gathered together in My name,
I am there in the midst of them

(Matt 18:20)

Inner sanctuary

- *Look! As the priests are returning from the inner sanctuary, a bright cloud fills the Temple! ¹¹ The priests have to go outside because the glory of the Lord is filling the entire building! (1Kings 8:10 TLB)*