



In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:10

We rejoice with you and the angels in heaven in your decision to trust and follow Christ! God has a good plan for your life, one with eternal significance. However, you have an important part to play in your life journey. You are responsible for cooperating with God. He wants willing soldiers in His kingdom.

Plan to cooperate with God so that you will grow in your faith. The Bible tells us that new Christians are like newborns. We need to have certain essentials to develop and mature in our relationship with God.

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. 1 Peter 2:2-3

10 ways to cooperate with God and prosper on your Christian journey:

1. Pray (talk and listen to God) each day (Matthew 6:9-13).
2. Read God's Word (Bible) often (Acts 17:11). Read at least a few lines every day. Start with the Gospel of John. Ask God to help you find a Bible Study and prayer group. Even meeting with one other Christian is helpful. We also recommend that you enroll in the CLI Bible study. An application is enclosed.
3. Obey God moment by moment (John 14:21).
4. Attend church or chapel (Hebrews 10:25). Ask God to help you find a Bible-based church or group of believers where you can worship Him and have Christian fellowship.
5. Be baptized (Acts 2:41). If immersion is not possible, a cup of water done in the right spirit is acceptable. A born again believer may baptize another when a pastor is not available.
6. Ask the Holy Spirit to control and empower your life daily (Galatians 5:16-17).
7. Tell others about Jesus (witness) (Acts 1:8).



8. Memorize scripture verses (Psalm 119:11).

9. Read Christian books. Listen to Christian programming and CDs (Acts 2:42).

10. Make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20).

Note: Be encouraged. The Holy Spirit will help you with your first steps. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and look up each Bible verse listed above in the 10 ways to grow in Christ. Read and think about the meaning for you.

Caution:

The Bible tells us Satan is real. If trouble or problems arise, call on the name of Jesus to keep the devil out of your life.

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 1 Peter 5:8-10

Jesus promises us an abundant life here on earth and in heaven. Trust the promise and the joy! Stand firm in Jesus and in God!

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

In Christ,



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