

A C R O S T I C S

Of

Christian Discipleship

“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”

Luke 9:23



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“Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD...”

Hosea 6:3

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R.E.A.D. the Bible

The Bible is the **word of God** and the **wisdom of God**, and knowing the holy scriptures makes you know the true God (2 Timothy 3:15) and know true wisdom (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

R - Read in your Bible

(Proverbs 8:32-33)

Read the **whole Bible** like you would read other books; read every **word**, every **verse**, every **chapter**, and every **book, cover-to-cover**. Don't merely memorize or study the Bible, but read it by passing through the whole Bible intelligently.

Deuteronomy 17:19 "*And it shall be with him, and **he shall read therein** all the days of his life ...*"

E - Early in your Day

(Proverbs 8:17)

Read the Bible **early in the morning**, as soon as you wake up. Begin your day with heavenly **truth**, not with any worldly **things**.

Psalms 63:1 "*O God, thou art my God; **early will I seek thee**: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is*"

A - Aloud in your Voice

(Proverbs 8:6-8)

Read the Bible **out loud** whenever possible, reading **with your voice** instead of just **in your head**. This will intensify your *attention*, improve your *pronunciation*, and increase your *retention* of the Bible.

Psalms 119:13 "***With my lips** have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.*"

D - Daily in your Life

(Proverbs 8:34)

Read the Bible **every day** without fail; never let a day go by in which you have not read the word of God, it is the one needful thing to do on a daily basis (Luke 10:38-42).

Acts 17:11 "*they ... searched the scriptures **daily**, whether those things were so.*"

The Manna and the Word

The Bible is your **daily bread** in the wilderness of this world, just as the **manna** was the daily bread of the Israelites in the wilderness.

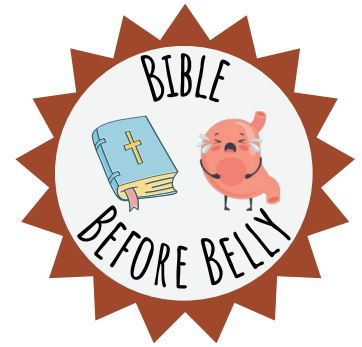
Deuteronomy 8:3 *"And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and **fed thee with manna**, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that **man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD** doth man live."*



1

Read God's word as a **Daily Priority**

Manna was **given** by God to the Israelites **in the morning**, before anything else (Exodus 16:8, 12), just as we should read the word of God first, before doing anything else. When the Israelites did not get the manna early, it **melted** (Exodus 16:21).



2

Read God's word as a **Daily Plan**

The manna was **gathered** by the Israelites **by a certain rate** per person (Exodus 16:16), just as we should determine a certain minimum number of pages of the word of God every time we read. When the Israelites did not eat all of the manna they gathered, it **rotted** (Exodus 16:19-20).



3

Read God's word as a **Daily Practice**

Manna was **gotten** by the Israelites **to be eaten every day** (Exodus 16:4), just as we should read the word of God every day. Bible reading should not be missed any day. When the Israelites did not eat the manna, they **hungered** (Exodus 16:27).



Manna



M.A.R.K. Your Bible

When you read the Bible, the Bible reads you (Hebrews 4:12). You should read the Bible *carefully*, *considerately*, and *critically*. Don't read it **to** understand, **read and understand** (Matthew 24:15)

Psalm 119:18 "Open thou mine eyes, that I may **behold wondrous things out of thy law.**"

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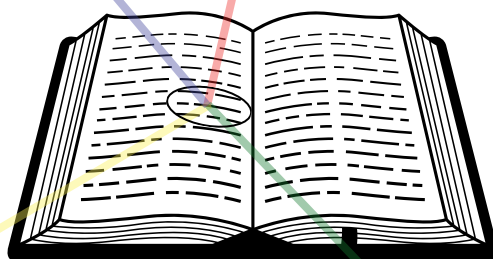
M - Mark

of what you *noticed*

Observation: Underline/Highlight/Circle

Indicate with a mark interesting phrases, verses, or passages which are illuminated to you (Psalm 119:130).

Jeremiah 23:18 "For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? **who hath marked his word**, and heard it?"



make a

R - Record

of what you *learned*

Reflection: Note and Explain

Inscribe in a notebook or device the biblical insights you have received and questions you have (Luke 10:26).

Habakkuk 2:2 "...**Write the vision**, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it."

make an

A - Application

of what you *read*

Application: Pray and Obey

Implement with a prayer and a life-change that which you have learned (2 Kings 23:2-3; Nehemiah 8:13-16).

James 1:25 "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and **continueth therein**, he being **not a forgetful hearer**, but a **doer of the work**, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

make

K - Known

what you *received*

Propagation - Share/Teach

Impart to others the Bible truths you have received (1 Peter 4:10-11).

Matthew 10:27 "What I tell you in darkness, that **speak ye in light**: and what ye hear in the ear, that **preach ye upon the housetops.**"



Books of the Bible



Old Testament Books

1500BC - 400BC

Law

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Wisdom

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon

Prophets

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai

OT History

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
Kings
Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

Major
Prophets

Minor
Prophets

New Testament Books

35AD - 100AD

NT History

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
Acts

General Letters

Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude
Revelation

Paul's Letters

Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus

Letters to
Churches

Letters to
Friends

Attend the **H.O.U.S.E.** of God

Continue steadfastly in the **Christian church-life** (Acts 2:42), not only visiting church for a single service, but dwelling there for life (Psalm 23:6; 84:4, 10): don't be a church **visitor**, be a church **dweller**!



- Hear God's Word



Come to church **happily** and **ready to learn** (Psalm 122:1), **listening attentively** to the preaching of the Bible (Nehemiah 8:3).

Revelation 3:22 *"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."*



- Offer God's Sacrifices



Participate in every aspect of the church services (Romans 12:1), offering to God the spiritual sacrifices of your **praise, prayer, and presents** (Psalm 100:2, 4).

Hebrews 13:15-16 *"15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. 16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."*



- Unite with God's People



Fellowship **before** and **after** the church services with the members (Psalm 16:3), making friends of God's children (Proverbs 13:20; 27:17).

Psalm 119:63 *"I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts."*



- Serve in God's Ministry



Get **involved** in the work of the ministry (1 Corinthians 12:27), **volunteering** to do needed work for the Lord.

Ephesians 4:16 *"From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."*



- Enact God's Truth



Change your **beliefs** and your **behaviour** in accordance with the truth that is taught (Luke 8:18), applying everything you hear to yourself (Lamentations 3:40).

James 1:22 *"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."*

Criteria of a Good Church

A church is a **gathering of believers in Jesus Christ to fulfill the Great Commission** (Matthew 28:18-20). The *precepts, principles, and practices* of the Bible is the foundation of the church (1 Timothy 3:15; Ephesians 2:20).

A true believer will not be a member of a false church (1 John 4:1-6; see also John 10:1-5).
Only go to a church which meets these **three biblical requirements**:

The Right **Way** to God

A good church will preach the **biblical gospel**

Church is for the **saved of God**, so the church must hold to and defend God's gospel (Philippians 1:7; Jude 3). Go to a church which believes and teaches the true gospel (Galatians 1:6-9).

Romans 16:17 *"Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them** which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and **avoid them.**"*

The Right **Word** of God

A good church will teach **biblical doctrine**

Church is for the **worshippers of God**, so the church must hold forth and expound God's word (2 Timothy 4:2; Titus 1:9). Go to a church which uses and rightly teaches the true Bible (2 Corinthians 2:17; 4:2).

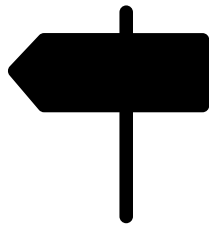
Titus 1:9 *"Holding fast **the faithful word** as he hath been taught, that he may be able by **sound doctrine** both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers."*

The Right **Works** of God

A good church will have a **biblical ministry**

Church is for the **servants of God**, so the church must hold up and assist God's people (Ephesians 4:11-15). Go to a church which serves and edifies the people (Acts 20:20; Revelation 2:4-5).

Acts 5:42 *"And daily in the **temple**, and in **every house**, they ceased not to **teach and preach Jesus Christ.**"*



Hebrews 10:25 *"**Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."*

Take **N.O.T.E.S.** in Church

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Isaiah 30:8 “Now go, **write it** before them in a table, and **note it in a book**, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever”

Every time you are being taught in church, you should **take notes**, and show yourself to be approved to God (2 Timothy 2:15); if you do not take notes, the knowledge you seem to have will be **taken away from you** (Luke 8:18).

NOTES

N

- **Name** of the Message



Title & Text

O

- **Outline** of the Message



Main Points & Subpoints

T

- **Truths** of the Message



Quotations & Conceptions

E

- **Explanations** of the Message



Notions & Elaborations

S

- **Scriptures** of the Message



Citations & Interpretations

Hebrews 2:1 “Therefore we ought to give **the more earnest heed** to the things **which we have heard**, lest at any time we should let them slip.”

Never Be Ashamed of Jesus

2 Timothy 1:7-9

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• The reason why we do not preach Christ to others is because we are ashamed of Jesus

★ "Christ despised the shame! But you despise the Christ!"

Fear to witness does not come from God, but from the devil. 2 Timothy 1:7

I. Don't be ashamed of the Testimony of Jesus (1:8a) - the Announcement of Christ

II. Don't be ashamed of the Testifier of Jesus (1:8b) - the Ambassador of Christ

III. Don't be ashamed of the Testing of Jesus (1:8c) - the Afflictions of Christ

(I.) We must preach the gospel in some way to everyone we meet.
Paul preached to everyone 2 Tim. 2:12; Rom. 1:15-16

The gospel is nothing to be ashamed of...

A. It is the gospel of your salvation

B. It is the gospel of your transformation

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God has every reason to be ashamed of you, but you have no reason to be ashamed of him.

Heb. 2:11; 11:16

(II.) When we despise the preacher of the gospel, we despise Christ.

Jonathan was not ashamed of David, because he knew he would reign one day with him--So us with Christ.

Matthew 26:69-74

Peter denied association with Jesus, just like new believers deny association with soul-winners

Let the world be ashamed of their wicked lives, but I should never be ashamed of Jesus Christ and my righteous life:

• Long hair on men

• Drunkenness

• Fornication

• Idleness

(III.) If we tell others about Jesus, Jesus will tell others about us.

→ Mark 8:38



Be on T.I.M.E.

“Early is on time, on time is late, late is unacceptable”

A godly person thinks about time, but a foolish person doesn't regard time at all (Colossians 4:5; Romans 13:11). If you want others and God to be on time for you, then you should **be on time** for them (Matthew 7:12; Psalm 70:5).

Sins of Tardiness

When you are late, you are...

Disorderly

leading an **indecent life**

Those who are never on time do not have an organized life, but are **idle** and **lacking self-control**. God is not on “African Time”, and is not slack as men (2 Peter 3:9); when he sets an appointed time, he keeps it (Exodus 9:5-6; Genesis 21:2).

1 Corinthians 14:33, 40 “33 For God is not the author of **confusion**, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. 40 Let all things be done **decently and in order**.”

Dishonest

leading an **insincere life**

People that cannot keep time are **liars** (Proverbs 12:19-20), which attend their appointments and meetings late when they are expected to be on time. Late people are **unfaithful** and **untrustworthy**.

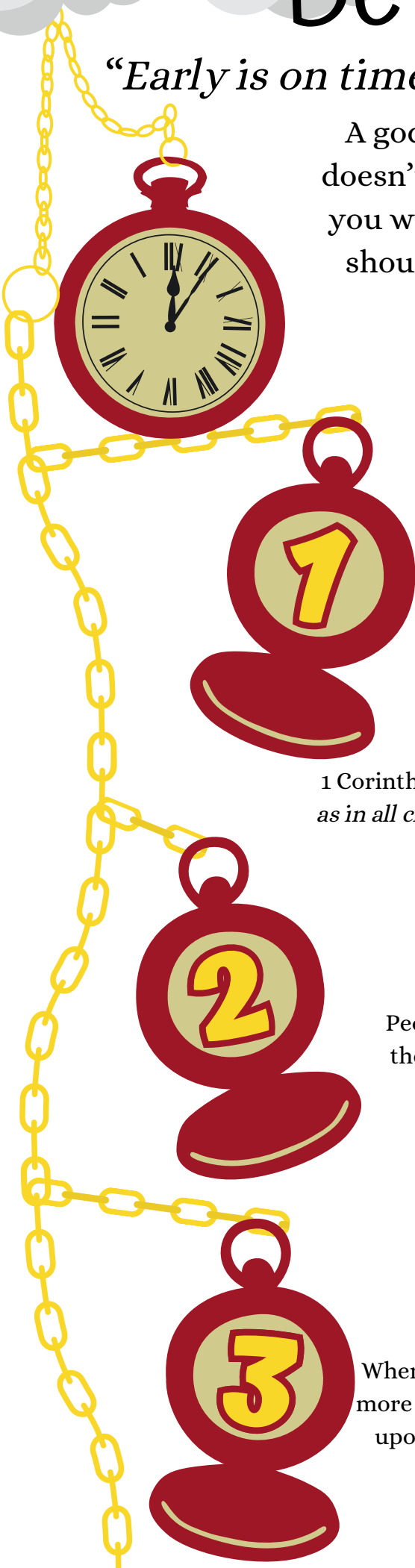
Colossians 3:9 “**Lie not one to another**, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds”

Disrespectful

leading an **inconsiderate life**

When you are always running late, you are basically saying that your time is more important than the time of others, as a lord whom everyone has to wait upon (Mark 10:42). You cannot respect someone but disrespect their time.

Philippians 2:3-4 “...in lowliness of mind let each **esteem other better than themselves**. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also **on the things of others**.”



Tips for Being on Time

Bad things happen in your life when you tarry longer than the set time appointed (2 Samuel 20:4-5). There are four things you can do in order to always be on T.I.M.E.

Tailor

Your schedule to be on time

Do as much as you can **in advance** of scheduled times. Have as many things prepared (Exodus 16:23), and **be ready long before you have to be ready** (Exodus 12:11), putting all your things in the same place: keys, bags, tools, clothing/shoes, etc.

Ignore

distractions from time

Leave alone the **non-essential things** that threaten to make you late for appointments: chores, unfinished business, etc. Make reasons why you should be on time, not excuses for being late.

be

Mindful

of the time

Have a **watch/time keeper with you** at all times. Know the time, checking periodically; plan your time, apportioning it appropriately.

be

Early

every time

Be **early for everything** you do. Have an aim to be present at least **5-15 minutes before** the appointed time. If you are not early, you are late.

Dress M.O.D.E.S.T.

The essence of modesty is that one **does not draw attention to themselves**.

1 Timothy 2:9 *"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array"*



M - Masking Nakedness

"adorn themselves in modest apparel"

A Christian's clothing should cover their nakedness

Modest clothing **covers the body**. Mankind's "naked" region spans "from the loins even unto the thighs" (Exodus 28:40-43; see also Isaiah 47:1-3). Our clothing must fully cover this area of our body for us to not be considered by God to be naked, because nakedness is shamefulness (Revelation 3:18; 16:15).



Short shorts



Short skirts



Short swimwear



O - Oriented to Gender

"that men ... In like manner also, that women"

A Christian's clothing should display a gender-difference

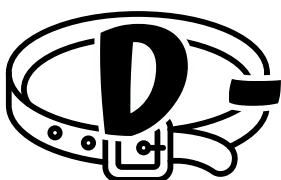
Modest clothing has **an observable difference between men and women**, because cross-dressing is an abomination to God (Deuteronomy 22:5). Historically, as well as in Biblical times, Men have always worn trousers and shorts ("breeches": Exodus 28:42; "hosen": Daniel 3:21), and women have always worn dresses and skirts (Nahum 3:5; Jeremiah 13:26).



Masculine Clothing



Feminine Clothing



D - Dignified in Appearance

"with shamefacedness"

A Christian's clothing should be decent and unrevealing

Modest clothing is **shamefaced**, not vain or revealing clothing which shows the body or suggests the body to potential observers (Proverbs 7:10). Our clothing should not be a temptation to others (Romans 14:13, 21).



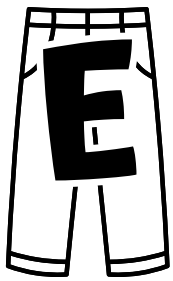
Exposing Chest/Back



Exposing Form



Exposing Belly/Waist



- Efficient in Design

“and sobriety”

A Christian's clothing should be **practical** and **functional**

Modest clothing is **serious**, not men-pleasing or trendy. We should wear clothing which has a functional purpose (Isaiah 23:17-18). We should also avoid clothing that brands and associates us with the world (Romans 12:1-2).



Tight Clothing



Impractical Shoes



Wicked Brands



- Simple in Style

“not with broided hair”

A Christian's clothing should be **uncomplicated** and **basic**

Modest clothing is **simple**, not complicated, or showy. Our clothing can be stylish, but it should not be showy (Ezekiel 16:10). Makeup is generally unnatural and whorish (2 Kings 9:30; Jeremiah 4:30; see also Proverbs 6:25).



Unnatural Cosmetics



Excessive Jewellery



Flamboyant Colours



- Thrifty in Price

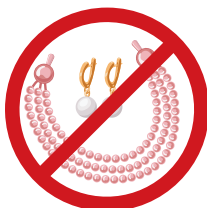
“or gold, or pearls, or costly array”

A Christian's clothing should be **cost-efficient** and **affordable**

Modest clothing is **sensible**, not expensive or costly. An immodest person dresses in a covetous manner (Acts 20:33; see also Luke 12:15; Hebrews 13:5; 1 Timothy 6:10), wearing unnecessarily expensive things.



Pricey Clothing



Expensive Accoutrements



Luxury Items

Dress **S.M.A.R.T.** for Church



Whenever we come to church, we should normally **dress our best**, with the cleanest and most formal clothing we have, in a S.M.A.R.T. way.



2 Chronicles 9:3-4 “And when the queen of Sheba had seen **the wisdom** of Solomon ... 4 ... and the attendance of his ministers, and **their apparel**; his cupbearers also, and **their apparel**; and his ascent by which he went up into **the house of the LORD**; there was no more spirit in her.”



S - Sober in Life

Church is a **serious event**, at which we ought to be dressed in a fashion that shows we are serious about it (Titus 2:2,4,6).

(M) - Modest in Appearance

Church is a **holy place**, which requires that we be well-dressed and not drawing attention to ourselves by our poor choice of poor clothes.



A - Appropriate to Occasion

Church is a **great occasion**, where we should dress as if it were more important than any other meeting (Ephesians 3:21), including weddings and other formal gatherings.



R - Reverential to God

Church is a **solemn gathering**, where we should show our respect for the house of the Lord (Leviticus 19:30).



T - Testimony to Others

Church is a **public activity**, in which we can be a good testimony for Christ by the way we dress (2 Corinthians 3:2).

How to Dress Your Best

Formal Clothing



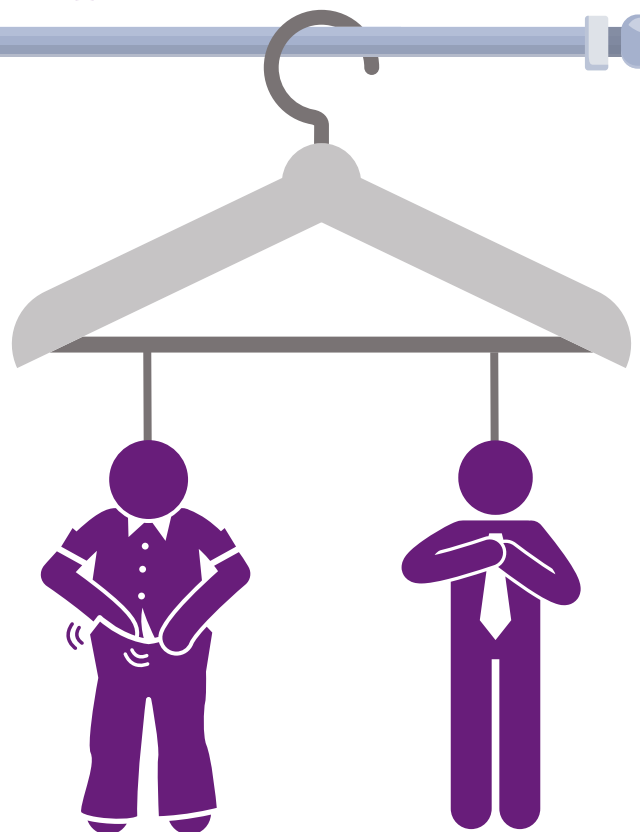
Clean Clothing



Ironed Clothing



Respectable Clothing



Tuck In

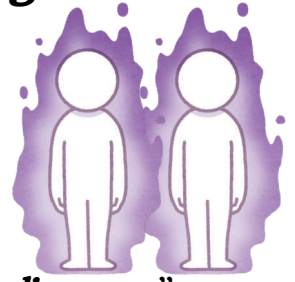
Observe
Custom

Make Good **F.R.I.E.N.D.S**

Amos 3:3 "Can **two** walk together, except they be **agreed**?"

F - Faith-Filled A good friend is a **believing** person

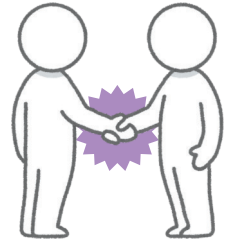
Befriend those who are the **children of God** (John 1:12), who have faith in the Lord.



2 Corinthians 6:14 "Be ye not **unequally yoked together with unbelievers**..."

R - Righteous A good friend is a **holy** person

Befriend those who are **friends of God** (Psalm 119:63), who are not of this world (James 4:4).



Psalm 1:1 "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the **counsel of the ungodly**, nor standeth in the **way of sinners**, nor sitteth in the **seat of the scornful**."

I - Intelligent A good friend is a **wise** person

Befriend those who are **teachable** and **knowledgeable**, who are not fools (Proverbs 9:6).



Proverbs 13:20 "He that **walketh with wise men** shall be wise: but a **companion of fools** shall be destroyed."

E - Edifying A good friend is an **instructive** person

Befriend those who are able to **counsel**, **admonish** and **exhort** you (Proverbs 27:9) and who **rebuke** you when you are wrong (Proverbs 27:6).



Proverbs 27:17 "Iron sharpeneth iron; so **a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend**."

N - Neighbourly A good friend is a **helpful** person

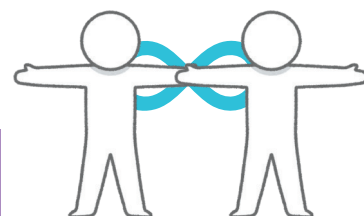
Befriend those who will **love** (Proverbs 17:9), **help**, and **comfort** you (Acts 27:3).



Proverbs 27:10 "Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, **forsake not**; ... better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off."

D - Dedicated A good friend is a **consistent** person

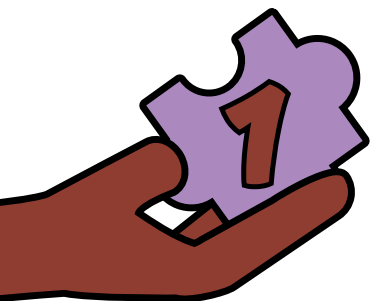
Befriend those who will be dedicated to you **at all times, for all time** (Proverbs 18:24).



Proverbs 17:17 "A friend **loveth at all times**, and a brother is born for adversity."

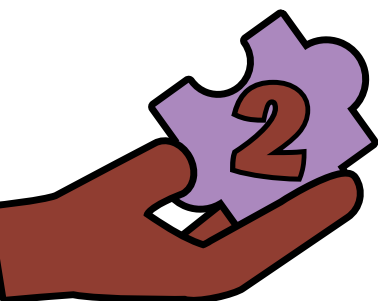
How to Make Friends

You must be **the friend you want** in order to have **the friend you need**; the only way to have a friend is to be one. Befriend others by being a good F.R.I.E.N.D. to others.



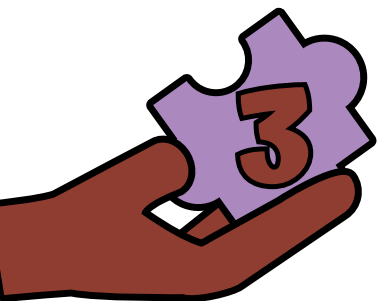
Be Soul-Conscious

The only real friend is one that you can go to heaven with, so always guarantee that **anyone who associates with you knows or learns who the Lord is**; view people spiritually (2 Corinthians 5:13-17).



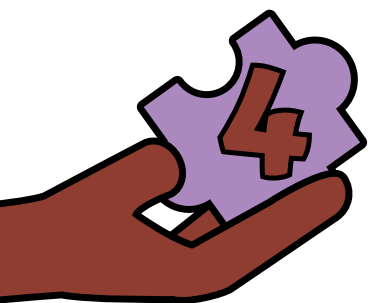
Be Much-Involved

Friendships are forged by fellowships, around common interests and activities (1 John 1:3), so **join in church activities and evangelism** (Psalm 55:14; Philippians 4:3).



Be Extra-Friendly

“A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly” (Proverbs 18:24), so **be a sociable individual** who is **socially active in every way**.



Be Christ-Like

Jesus is the ultimate friend, who laid down his life for us, his friends (John 15:13-15); **become like Jesus**, and you will find good people to unite in friendship with.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-11 “9 **Two are better than one**; because they have a good reward for their labour. 10 For if they fall, **the one will lift up his fellow**: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. 11 Again, **if two lie together, then they have heat**: but how can one be warm alone?”

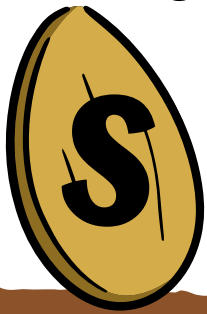
S.O.W. the Word



Every Christian should be a **24/7 witness** for **Jesus Christ**, and preach the word everywhere they go in some way or another, no matter where they are (Acts 8:4).



Mark 4:14 *"The sower **soweth the word**"*



Share a tract about the gospel with the lost

PASS OUT A Gospel Tract to Everyone You Encounter

Psalm 126:6 *"He that goeth forth and weepeth, **bearing precious seed**, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."*

Carry gospel tracts with you everywhere you go, and **hand them out to as many people as you meet with** when you are not able to preach.

Pass out gospel tracts...

Wise



with an interesting word and presentation

Confident



with a strong tone and demeanor

Kind

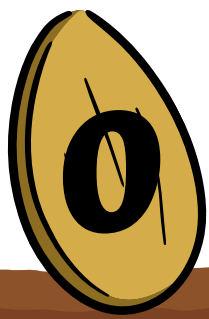


with a good word and look



Mark 16:15 *"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and **preach the gospel to every creature.**"*





- **Open your mouth** with the gospel for the lost

PLANT A Gospel Seed in Everyone You Meet

Matthew 10:7 “And **as ye go, preach**, saying, *The kingdom of heaven is at hand.*”

Be ready to share the truth of the gospel to everyone, and **always say something beneficial** to anyone you come across.

Transactions



Workers &
Customers

Transportation



Passengers &
Drivers

Education



Students &
Teachers

Recreation



Spectators &
Performers

Conventions



Attendees &
Officers



- **Witness** a gospel presentation to the lost

PREACH A Gospel Message to Everyone You Know

Luke 8:39 “...And he went his way, and **published throughout the whole city** how great things Jesus had done unto him.”

Fully make known the gospel to everyone you know, and **manifest the whole plan of salvation** to all of them.

Friend Evangelism



Companions & Acquaintances
(Matthew 11:19; Mark 2:15-17)

Family Evangelism



Immediate & Extended
Relatives (Mark 6:5-6; John 7:5).

Field Evangelism



Individuals & Groups
(John 4:7-26; 9:35-38)

- 1 Bring Your Bible** with You Everywhere You Go (2 Chronicles 17:7-9)
- 2 Whenever You Can, Ask Gospel Questions** to Others (Acts 26:27)
- 3 Pray for Opportunities** to Preach the Gospel (Colossians 4:3-4)

Pray the A.C.T.S. Prayer

Praying is **asking** (Matthew 7:7). The A.C.T.S. Prayer formula is an effective way of speaking to God in prayer. Schedule regular prayer times every day where you pray to God in secret (Matthew 6:6-7).

Adoration

- **Unchanging** (Malachi 3:6)
- **All-powerful** (Luke 1:37)
- **All-present** (Psalm 139:7-9)
- **All-knowing** (1 John 3:20)
- **Merciful** (Lamentations 3:22)
- **Longsuffering** (2 Peter 3:9)
- **Good** (Psalm 100:5)
- **Holy** (1 Peter 1:16)
- **Faithful** (1 Corinthians 1:9)
- **Love** (1 John 4:8)

I can praise
God for
being...

Confession

- **Anger** (James 1:20)
- **Greed** (1 Timothy 6:10)
- **Excess** (Proverbs 23:20-21)
- **Lust** (1 Thessalonians 4:3)
- **Laziness** (Romans 12:11)
- **Anxiety** (Philippians 4:6)
- **Deceit** (Colossians 3:9)
- **Foolishness** (Proverbs 1:22)
- **Sacrilege** (Exodus 20:7)
- **Pride** (Philippians 2:3-4)

I can admit
to God my...

Psalm 95:6 “O come, let us **worship** and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.”

Psalm 32:5 “I **acknowledged** my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, **I will confess my transgressions** unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.”

Thanksgiving

- **Salvation** (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- **Grace** (2 Corinthians 9:8)
- **Things of God** (1 Corinthians 2:9-10)
- **People of God** (Ephesians 1:16)
- **Wisdom/Knowledge** (Daniel 2:20-23)
- **Relationships** (Psalm 133:1)
- **Provision** (1 Timothy 4:4)
- **Protection** (2 Samuel 22:2-3)
- **Guidance** (Psalm 23:3-4)
- **Answered prayers** (Psalm 116:1)

I can thank
God for...

Supplication

- **Wisdom** (James 1:5)
- **The Holy Spirit** (Luke 11:13)
- **Faith** (Luke 17:5)
- **Spiritual growth** (Colossians 1:9-10)
- **Boldness** (Ephesians 6:19)
- **Salvation of others** (Romans 10:1)
- **Preachers** (2 Thessalonians 3:1-2)
- **Missionaries** (Luke 10:2)
- **Enemies** (Matthew 5:44)
- **Unity** (John 17:21)

I can ask
God for...

Colossians 4:2 “Continue in prayer, and **watch in the same with thanksgiving**”

John 16:24 “...**ask**, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”

The Lord's Prayer Model

Matthew 6:9-13 “After **this manner** therefore pray ye...”

In his sample prayer, Jesus gave his disciples a model for how we should be regularly praying to our heavenly Father, in the name of the Son, through the power of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:18). The Lord's Prayer is a **model** to be patterned after, not a **chant** to be repeated.

1

The Father's Praise

“Hallowed be thy name”

Give to God honour and thanks

2

The Father's Purposes

“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven”

Ask that God would accomplish his purposes in you and for you

3

The Father's Provision

“Give us this day our daily bread”

Ask that God would provide for you and supply you

4

The Father's Pardon

“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors”

Ask that God would forgive you and cleanse you

5

The Father's Protection

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”

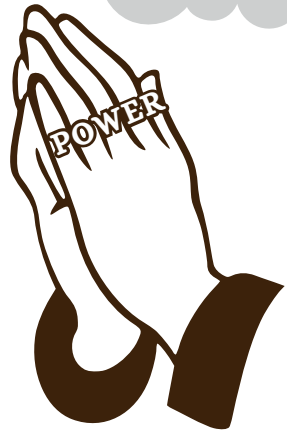
Ask that God would guide and protect you

“For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”

Pray with P.O.W.E.R.

In order for God to be more likely to hear us and answer our requests, there are several things we can do to **strengthen our prayers** to God.

There will be **power in our prayer** if we pray a **prayer of P.O.W.E.R.**



P - Persuasion

Ask God for things with **convincing reasons**, **believing** that God will hear you

Matthew 21:22 *"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, **believing**, ye shall receive."*

O - Out Loud

Ask God for things speaking your requests out loud and **using your voice**

Psalms 142:1 *"I cried unto the LORD **with my voice**; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication."*

W - Will of God

Ask God for things that **he wants you to have** and that **he desires to happen**, according to his word

1 John 5:14 *"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask **any thing according to his will**, he heareth us"*

E - Emotion

Ask God for things **earnestly** and **zealously**, with all of your heart

James 5:16 *"...The **effectual fervent prayer** of a righteous man availeth much."*

R - Righteousness

Ask God for things while living a **God-fearing** and **God-pleasing** life

1 John 3:22 *"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because **we keep his commandments**, and **do those things that are pleasing in his sight**."*



Helps for Prayer



Have a Planned Prayer Program

Schedule at least one suitable time per day to meet with God for prayer

Morning



Afternoon



Evening



Psalm 55:17 “**Evening**, and **morning**, and at **noon**, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.”

Have a Proper Prayer Posture



Standing

(Luke 18:13)



Sitting

(2 Samuel 7:18)



Kneeling

(Daniel 6:10)



Bowing

(Matthew 26:39)

Psalm 95:6 “O come, let us worship and **bow down**: let us **kneel** before the LORD our maker.”

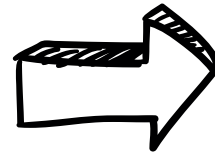
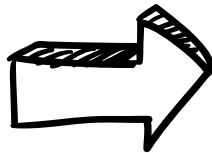
Have a Prepared Prayer Passage

Consider praying through a book of the Bible, reading a passage and praying about whatever occurs to you with the words of the scripture.

Read a Verse



Apply the Verse



Pray the Verse



Psalm 119:49 “Remember **the word** unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.”

Have a Penned Prayer Journal



Write Your Requests



Write God's Answers

Psalm 77:11 “I will **remember the works of the LORD**: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.”

Pray in P.U.B.L.I.C.

Isaiah 56:7 “*Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my **house of prayer**: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called **an house of prayer for all people.**”*

Pray regularly with the people of God in public in these 3 ways:

Prayer Groups



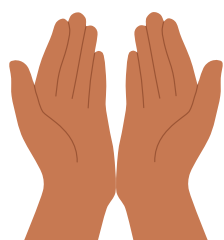
Join a regular **prayer meeting** weekly, where you can pray as a congregation (Acts 3:1).

Prayer Partners

Meet for **daily prayer** with others without ceasing, where you can pray as companions (Acts 2:42).



Prayer Teams



Schedule seasonal **prayer teams**, where you can pray as a community (Acts 12:5).

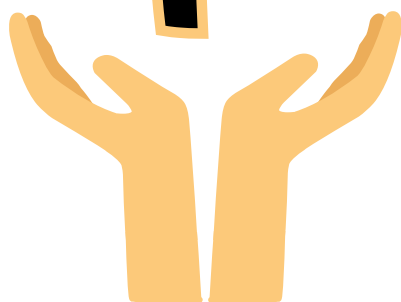


P - Planned

All praying
for a **theme**

People in a prayer meeting must have a theme that they are praying for.

Matthew 18:19 “*Again I say unto you, That if **two of you shall agree** on earth **as touching any thing that they shall ask**, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.*”





U - Unified

All praying about the same thing

People in a prayer meeting must all be of one accord and listening to one another.

Acts 1:14 *"These all continued **with one accord in prayer and supplication...**"*



B - Brief

All praying short prayers

People in a prayer meeting must each individually pray for a concise time frame.

Luke 20:47 *"Which devour widows' houses, and **for a shew make long prayers:** the same shall receive greater damnation."*

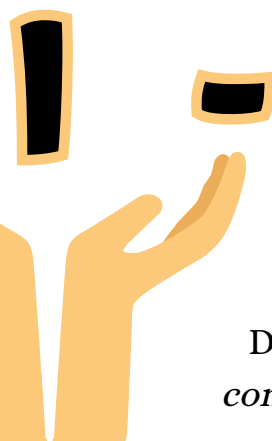


L - Loud

All praying loud enough

People in a prayer meeting must lift up their voices for the benefit of others present.

Acts 4:24 *"And when they heard that, they **lifted up their voice to God** with one accord ..."*



I - Intercessory

All praying for others

People in a prayer meeting must typically pray for things and people other than just themselves.

Daniel 2:18 *"That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that **Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men** of Babylon."*



C - Concentrated

All praying without being distracted

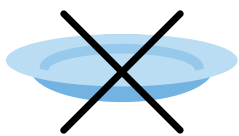
People in a prayer meeting must be focused the whole time.

2 Chronicles 7:14 *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall **humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face,** and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*

F.A.S.T. to the Lord

Fasting is **not eating** for the purpose of **requesting something** from God.

Joel 2:12 *“Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and **with fasting**, and with weeping, and with mourning”*



F - Fixation

Select a petition you desire from God, and **Sanctify** a timeframe in which to fast

We fast to **receive something from God**, not just for the sake of fasting (Matthew 17:21). In the Bible, God's people fasted for at least one full day (Judges 20:26; 2 Samuel 1:12), but many sometimes fasted for 3 days or more.

A - Abstention

Stop eating any kind of food during your fast

Eat no food, but only drink water (Matthew 4:2). If the fast is intended for a dramatic need, consider abstaining from water for a short period (Esther 4:16; Jonah 3:7; Acts 9:9).

S - Substitution

Substitute the eating time with prayer time

Spend the time you would have been eating to **instead pray for what you are requesting** God for (1 Corinthians 7:5).

T - Transmission

Sacrifice the money you saved for the Lord

Give the money you would have spent on the food during your fast for a godly cause (Isaiah 58:6-7).



Fast Secretly

On a **private** basis, to be seen of God and not man (Matthew 6:16-18).



Fast Regularly

On a **weekly** basis, for whatever you have need of (Matthew 9:15; Luke 2:37; Luke 18:12).



Fast Seasonally

On a **special** basis, for whenever you have a unique need (Acts 13:2-3).

Things to fast for



Holiness – to leave something *sinful*
(Nehemiah 9:1-2)



Wisdom – to learn something *useful*
(Acts 9:9; Exodus 34:28)



Mercy – to be spared from something *harmful* (2 Samuel 12:16; Esther 4:16)



Direction – to be led in something *fruitful* (Acts 13:3; Ezra 8:21-23)



Blessing – to receive something *helpful* (1 Samuel 1:8, 11, 18)

Pray in Your H.E.A.R.T.

Philippians 4:6 *“Be careful for nothing; but **in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**”*



In everything you do, you should be **praying in your heart**. Let all of your cares be turned into prayers (1 Peter 5:7), and let God be in all your thoughts (Psalm 10:4). If anything is good to desire, then it is good to pray for, and should be prayed for. Throughout the day, prayerful Christians pray **thousands of times** to God.

Pray in your heart while you are...

1

In the Way



Eleazar:
Genesis 24:42-45



2

At Work



Israelites:
Exodus 2:23

3

In A Meeting



Nehemiah
Nehemiah 2:4

H - Hopes: All of Your *Desires*
the things you are **wishing** about



James 4:2 “Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet **ye have not, because ye ask not.**”

E - Endeavors: All of your *Actions*
the things you are **busy** about



1 Chronicles 5:20 “...for they **cried to God in the battle**, and he was intreated of them; because they put their trust in him.”

A - Anxieties: All of Your *Cares*
the things you are **worrying** about



Psalms 56:3 “**What time** I am afraid, **I will trust** in thee.”

R - Reflections: All of Your *Thoughts*
the things you are **thinking** about



Lamentations 3:40-41 “40 Let us search and try our ways, and **turn again to the LORD**. 41 Let us **lift up our heart with our hands unto God** in the heavens.”

T - Thanks: All of Your *Gratitude*
the things you are **thankful** about



Colossians 4:2 “Continue in **prayer**, and **watch in the same with thanksgiving**”

M.E.M. orize the Bible

Psalm 119:97 “MEM. O how love I thy law! it is *my meditation all the day.*”

You should memorize the Bible **every day, all day** (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:2).



Time you are performing **MENTAL** tasks, and cannot do or think about anything else

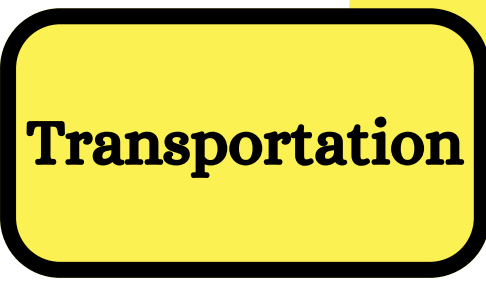


Time you are performing **MENIAL** tasks, and can think about anything else



Time you are performing **OPTIONAL** tasks, and can do anything else

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 “6 And these words, which I command thee this day, **shall be in thine heart:** 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them **when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.**”



by foot, by car,
by bike



cleaning, cooking, eating,
washing, preparing, organizing



idle jobs, idle tasks,
idle waiting

Spend all of your idle time laying up God’s words inside of you (Deuteronomy 11:18).

How to Memorize the Bible

Use the **rote-repetition method** for memorizing the Bible
(see 1 Timothy 4:15)



M - Mutter

the parts of the verse(s) *silently*

Mentally **break up the verse(s)** you will memorize into **quotable chunks**, and then repeat each word cluster for about 100 times, and then move on to the next word cluster.

For God so loved the world,	that he gave his only begotten Son,
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that whosoever believeth in him	should not perish,	but have everlasting life.
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John 3:16



E - Entwine

the parts of the verse(s) *jointly*

After every new word cluster, **connect** all of the memorized word clusters **together 3 times** before moving on. Once you finish an entire verse, then repeat the entire verse **altogether 3 times**.

A: For the wages of sin is death;
B: but the gift of God is eternal life
C: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23

A	B	AB	C	ABC
A	B	AB	C	ABC
A	B	AB	C	ABC
1	2	3	4	5



M - Meditate

on the parts of the verse(s) *deeply*

Think about the **meaning of the words** and of the verse(s), **asking questions** to yourself and **praying about** the truth you learn.

1 Preparation

(Ready the scripture)

Write your to-be-memorized verses on **index cards**, one verse per card.

2 Repetition

(Repeat the scripture)

Carry the cards with you wherever you go, and **use all your idle time** to memorize them.

3 Retention

(Review the scripture)

Quote what you memorize once a day for a week, and then once a week for a month, and then once a month for a year.

“Redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:16)

Don't **W.A.S.T.E.** Your Time

1 Corinthians 7:29 “*But this I say, brethren, **the time is short***”

Time is the **most valuable resource** we have, and yet it is also our most easily wasted resource. The time of your life is like water spilled on the ground, that cannot be gathered up again (2 Samuel 14:14), so **never W.A.S.T.E. a single moment** of your time!

A Vanishing Vapour

(James 4:14)

A Told Tale
(Psalm 90:9)

A Swift Ship
(Job 9:25-26)

The Shortness of Time

A Shifting Shadow
(1 Chronicles 29:15)

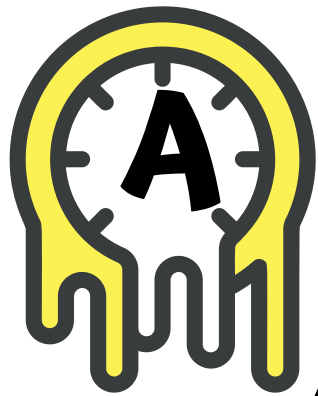
A Wafting Wind
(Psalm 78:39)

A Fading Flower
(Psalm 103:15-16)

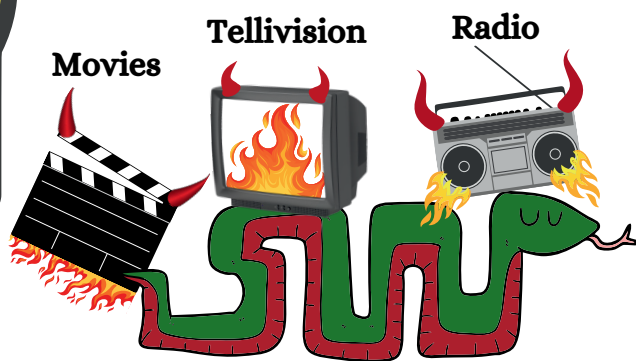


Spending time simply waiting around is time wastage because it is **idleness**. Instead of merely waiting for something or someone, we should apply our hearts to wisdom (Psalm 90:12), and be busy learning or labouring while we wait (Luke 12:35-36).

Isaiah 26:8 “*Yea, **in the way of thy judgments**, O LORD, have we **waited for thee**; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to **the remembrance** of thee.*”



- Audio-Visual Media



Watching/listening to most audio-visual media is time wastage because it is **sinfulness**. In contrast to the Bible (Romans 12:2), audio-visual media is filled with worldly programming: e.g., immorality, blasphemy, nudity, vulgarity, and cruelty (Isaiah 33:15-17).

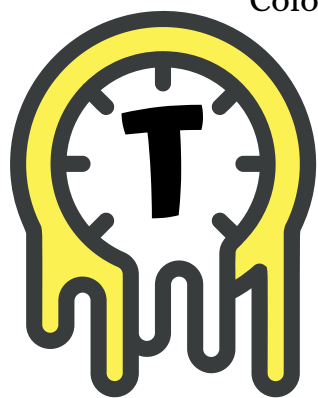
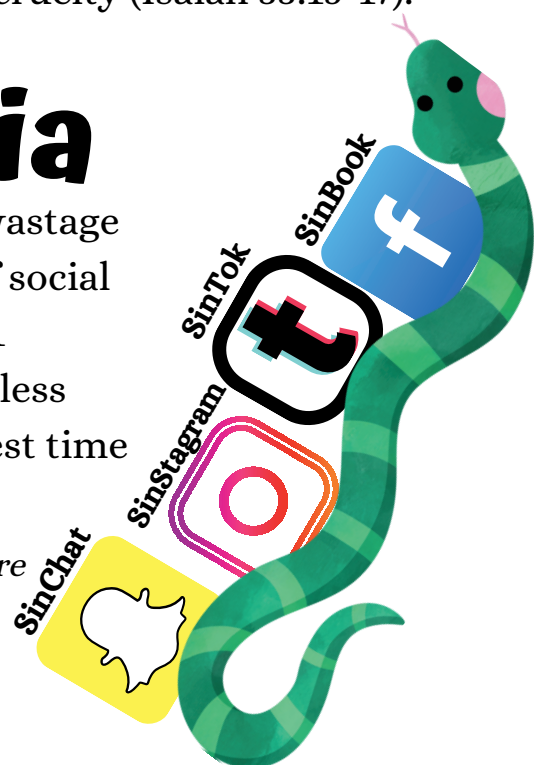
Psalm 101:3 *"I will **set no wicked thing before mine eyes**: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me."*



- Social Media

Improperly using social media is time wastage because it is **unprofitable**. Most users of social media inevitably become abusers of it (1 Corinthians 7:31). Purposeless and mindless scrolling and viewing is one of the biggest time drains in the modern world.

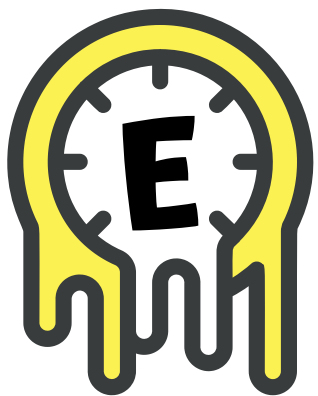
Colossians 4:5 *"Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, **redeeming the time**."*



- Talking

Unwisely having lengthy talks with others is time wastage because it is **vain**. Avoid having unplanned discourses and discussions with many idle words (Ecclesiastes 10:12-14). Talk is cheap, but teaching is priceless (Proverbs 10:19-21).

Proverbs 14:23 *"In all **labour** there is **profit**: but the **talk of the lips** tendeth only to **penury**."*



- Entertainment

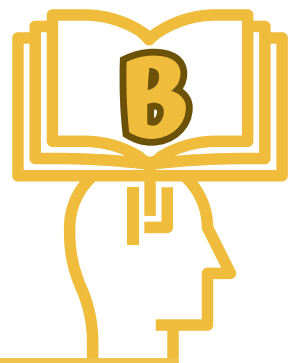
Immoderately engaging in most forms of entertainment is time wastage because it is **unedifying**. Because there is no eternal impact of recreation (see 1 Corinthians 9:25), the majority of our time should be taken up in exercising ourselves unto godliness (1 Timothy 4:7-8).



1 Peter 1:17 *"...**pass the time** of your sojourning here **in fear**"*

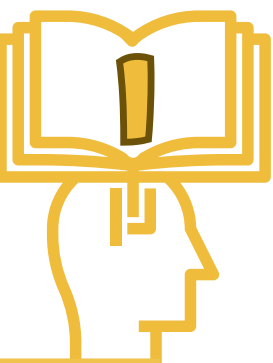
Memorize **B.I.B.L.E.** Chapters

If you memorize **1 Bible verse per day**, and maintain it, you can **memorize the whole Bible** in a lifetime!



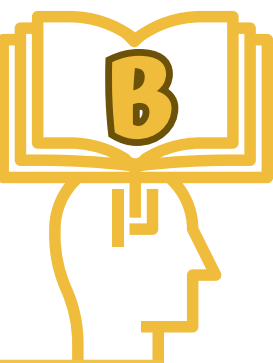
- Book Selection

Select a book of the Bible to memorize, beginning with **easier books first**.



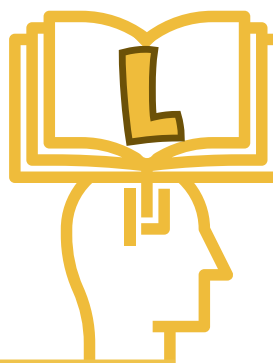
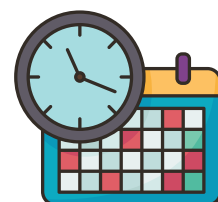
- Index Cards

Write out the verses of the chapter you are memorizing **on index cards** for easy idle-time memorization.



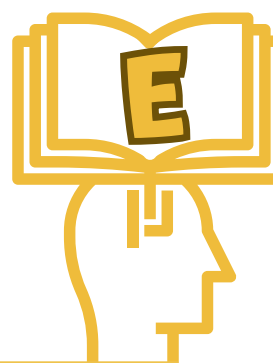
- Blocking Out Time

Organize your free time every day and allot **at least 15-30 minutes daily** for free-time memorization.



- Listening to the Audio Bible

Listen to the **audio Bible** of the chapter(s) you are memorizing multiple times, and **echo the words** of the audio reader after them.



- Engraving on the Heart

Keep the chapters you have memorized, quoting newly memorized chapters every **day** for a **week**, every **week** for a **month**, and every **month** for a **year**.



Memory Difficulty Level of Bible Books

Easy

Galatians Titus
Ephesians Philemon
Philippians James
Colossians 1 & 2 Peter
1 & 2 Thessalonians 1, 2, & 3 John
1 & 2 Timothy Jude

Intermediate

Ruth Hosea Zephaniah
Esther Joel Haggai
Job Amos Zechariah
Psalms Obadiah Malachi
Proverbs Jonah Romans
Ecclesiastes Micah 1 & 2 Corinthians
Song of Solomon Nahum Hebrews
Lamentations Habakkuk Revelation

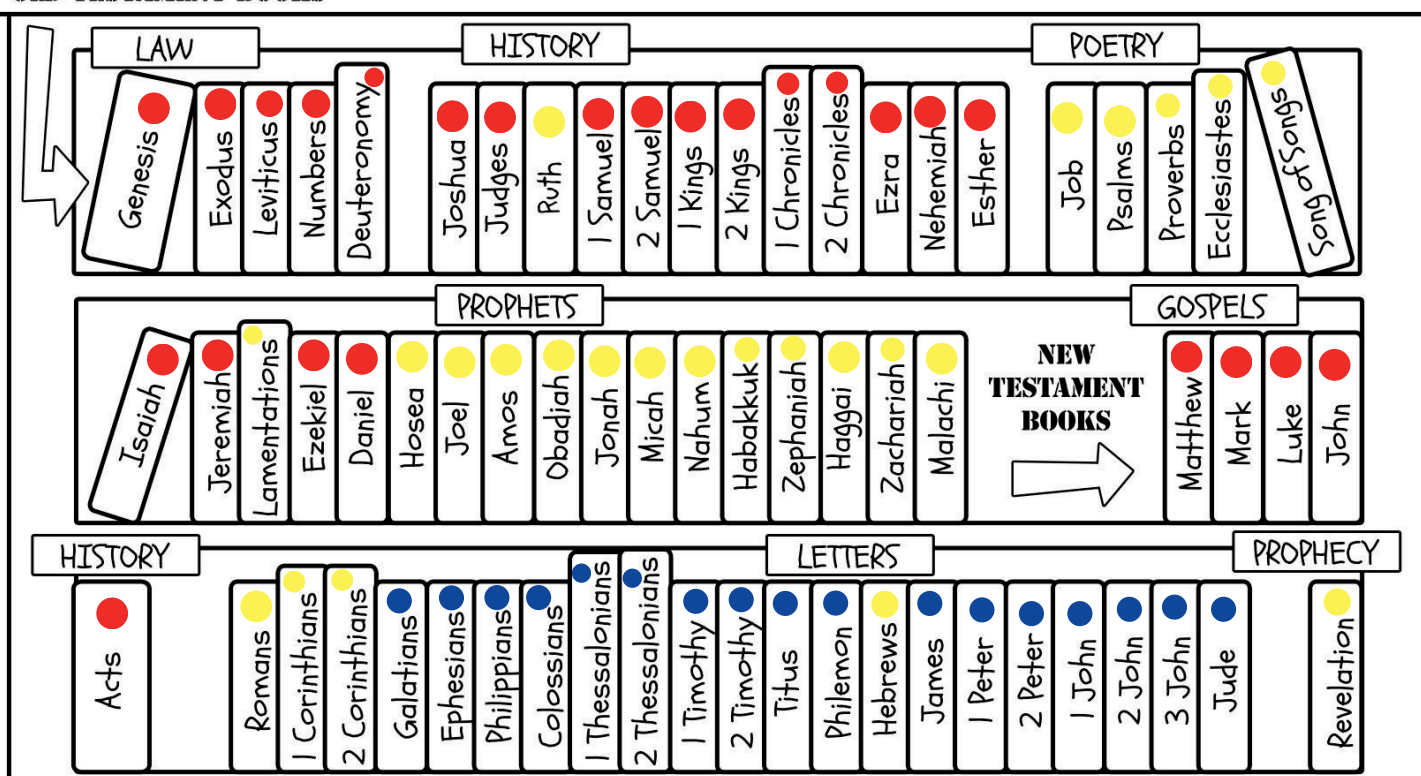
Hard

Genesis Nehemiah
Exodus Isaiah
Leviticus Jeremiah
Numbers Ezekiel
Deuteronomy Daniel
Joshua Matthew
Judges Mark
1 & 2 Samuel Luke
1 & 2 Kings John
1 & 2 Chronicles Ezra Acts

- (1) **Familiarity:** NT books (e.g., 1 Corinthians) are easier to memorize than OT books (e.g., Hosea).
- (2) **Simplicity:** doctrinal/didactic parts of the Bible (e.g., Ecclesiastes or 1 Timothy) are easier to memorize than narrative (e.g., 1 Samuel or Acts).
- (3) **Brevity:** shorter books (e.g., Colossians) are easier to memorize than longer books (e.g., Matthew).

Books of the Bible

OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS



S.I.N.G. to the Lord

Psalm 40:3 "And he hath put **a new song in my mouth**, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD."

In order to be a **true worshipper** of God, you must sing and listen exclusively to the "**songs of the Lord**" (1 Chronicles 25:7; 7:6). The music of the Lord which you should

S.I.N.G. has four characteristics.

S - Spiritual (Hallowed Music)

Sing music which stirs your spirit

Galatians 5:16 "This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

Music of the Lord is not carnal, because it **activates the mind** instead of the body.

There are two aspects of music (Ephesians 5:19): **lyrical** ("singing") and **musical** ("making melody"). How music is played, and the instruments which are involved must be God-honoring (See Psalm 150). Worldly music attracts the unclean spirits of the world just as godly music drives them away (1 Samuel 16:14-23).

The Beat



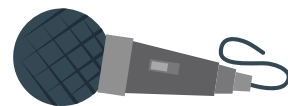
No **backbeat**,
but a **frontbeat**

The Instruments



Not merely **amplified**,
but **acoustic**

The Singing



Not **whispery** or
breathy, but **strong**
and **sound**

I - Instructive (Helpful Lyrics)

Sing music which edifies your soul

Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly **in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing** one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

Music of the Lord is not foolish or vain, but is **biblical** and **edifying**. As in the book of Psalms, our songs should be **doctrinal** (Psalm 49:3-4). God's music has educational value to it (1 Samuel 18:10; 2 Kings 3:15; 1 Chronicles 25:1). Worldly music is shallow and uneducational (Ecclesiastes 7:5). Sing God's words (Psalm 119:54).

Scripture-Word

Song lyrics which are
quoting from the Bible

Scripture-Like

Song lyrics which are
based on the Bible

Scripture-True

Song lyrics which are
agreeing with the Bible

N - Nonsecular (Holy Genre)

Sing music which sanctifies your life

Ephesians 5:19 *"Speaking to yourselves in **psalms and hymns and spiritual songs**, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord"*

Music of the Lord is not **patterned after the world**, but is its own unique genre. Peculiar people should have **peculiar** music (Deuteronomy 14:2). Worldly music is of the world's genres (e.g., "Rock," "Pop," "Rap," "Country," "Jazz," "Gospel," etc.), and not of the Father (1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4).

Psalm

A song of
the **Scripture**
(James 5:13)



Hymn

A song of
the **Sacred**
(Matthew 26:30)



Spiritual Song

A song of
the **Spirit**
(John 4:23-24)



G

Godly

(Heavenly Meaning)

Sing music which edifies your soul

Psalm 29:2 *"**Give unto the LORD** the glory due unto his name; **worship the LORD** in the **beauty of holiness**."*

Music of the Lord is not wicked and earthly, but **righteous** and **heavenly**. We should sing doxological songs which are **about God** and **bring glory unto God**, not ourselves or the flesh. The most frequent command in the Bible is to "praise the Lord" (Psalm 150:6). Worldly music causes the participant to sin (Daniel 3:4-6; Isaiah 23:16).

Earthly

Worldly Music is
materialistic
"the lust of the eyes"



Sensual

Worldly Music is
carnal
"the lust of the flesh"



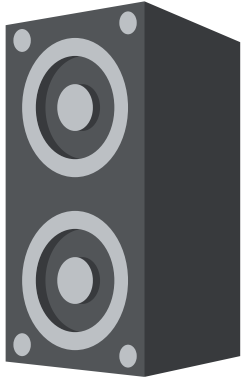
Devilish

Worldly Music is
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"the pride of life"

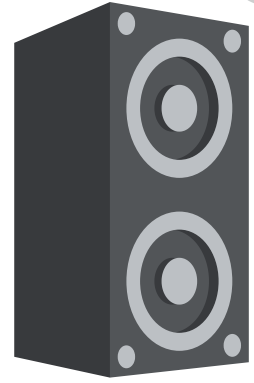


James 3:15

Sing **L.O.U.D.** to the Lord



Sing to God with **all of your being** whenever you sing, so that you “make the voice of his praise to be heard” (Psalm 66:8). When you are truly praising the Lord, you must **shout to him** (Ezra 3:11), and sing L.O.U.D.



Psalm 81:1 “**Sing aloud** unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.”

Lungfully

Use your **full and strong** voice to sing to God; sing from your **chest**, not merely from your **throat**.



Openly

Use your **whole voice** and **open mouth** to sing to God; employ all your vocal strength.



Uprightly

Improve your posture to sing to God; Do not **slouch** or **bend**, but stand/sit **straight**.



Delightfully

Involve **your emotions** when you sing to God; Be **joyous** if the music is uplifting, be **somber** if the music is melancholic, etc.



Psalm 98:4 “Make a **joyful noise unto the LORD**, all the earth: make a **loud noise**, and rejoice, and sing praise.”

Practice Loud Singing

Amazing Grace

(1) Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

(2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

(3) Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

(4) Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

(5) When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

Jesus Paid It All

(1) I hear the Saviour say,
"Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

Chorus

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

(2) For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

(3) Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots,
And melt the heart of stone.

(4) And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

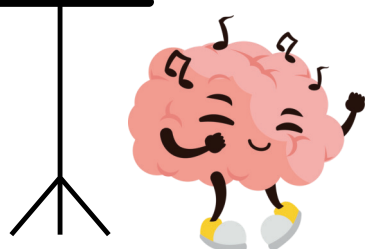
Sing with your **M.I.N.D.** to the Lord

Psalm 47:7 *"For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises **with understanding**"*



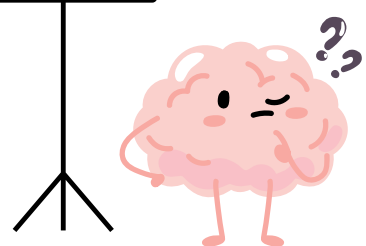
Sing to God with **all of your mind**, glorifying God with **one mind** and one mouth (Romans 15:6), singing "with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16). Understand **what you are singing** (1 Corinthians 14:15), whenever you sing, and always sing with your M.I.N.D.

M - **Meditate** upon the song lyric's meaning



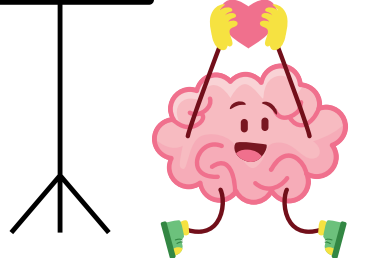
Think about what the lyrics mean in light of **scripture**, and in light of your **experience**.

I - **Investigate** the song lyric's meaning



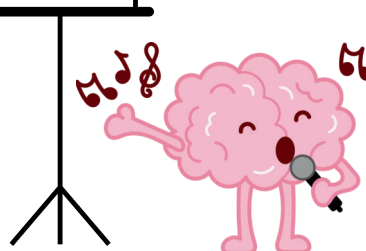
Research and **learn the meaning** of the lyrics you don't understand, and of the song's theme or concepts that you don't grasp.

N - **Note** the song lyric's meaning



Write the meaning of the lyrics you learned **in your heart**; remember it, and do not forget it.

D - **Declare** the song lyric's meaning



Tell others what the song means to you by either **teaching others** about it, or simply by **singing it more** in your life.

Psalm 96:2-3 *"2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; **shew forth his salvation** from day to day. 3 **Declare his glory** among the heathen, his wonders among all people."*

Practice Mindful Singing

1 - Isaiah 26:4

Rock of Ages

Cleft: Split, divided, or broken.

(1) Rock of Ages (1), **cleft** for me (2),

2 - 1 Corinthians 11:24

Let me hide myself in Thee;

Let the water and the blood (3),

From Thy wounded side which flowed,

Be of sin the double cure,

Save from wrath and make me pure (4).*

4 - Titus 2:14

(2) Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands (5);

5 - Romans 3:20

Could my zeal no **respite** know,

Could my tears forever flow,

These for sin could not atone,

Thou must save, and thou alone.*

Respite: A short period of rest.

(3) Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace:

Foul: Offensive to the senses; disgusting.

Foul, I to the fountain fly (6),
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

6 - Zechariah 13:1

(4) While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

* Jesus is the eternal and unchangeable Rock, and was broken at the cross; his "blood" saves us from God's wrath, and the "water" saves us from our sinfulness.

* None of my efforts or tears could save me from my sin, Jesus alone is the only one who can bring salvation.

Sing with Your **S.K.I.L.L.** to the Lord

Psalm 33:3 “Sing unto him a new song; play **skilfully** with a loud noise.”

Sing with all of your **ability**, singing before God with all of your **might** (1 Chronicles 13:8; Ecclesiastes 9:10). Become **better and better** at singing for the Lord, and sing with S.K.I.L.L.



Sing the Hymns **Methodically**

Sing **every day** (Psalm 145:2), at **all times** in the day (Psalm 34:1; 119:164), all the day (Psalm 35:28; 44:8).



Know the Hymns by **Memory**

Sing from memory, and commit the songs you sing **to memory**.



Interpret the Hymn's **Meaning**

Sing according to **the mood** of the songs.



Listen to the Hymn **Media**

Sing **along** to congregational, choral, and professional versions of songs.



Learn to Read the Hymn **Music**

Sing with an understanding of **music theory**, according to **sheet music**.











It Is Well With My Soul

1. When peace, like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, Let this blest as -
 3. My sin - O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, My sin - not in
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled

sea - bil-lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is
 sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - state, And hath
 part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the
 back as a scroll, The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven

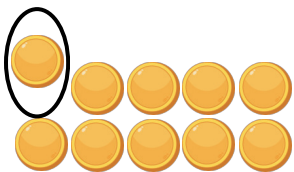
well, it is well with my soul."
 shed His own blood for my soul. It is well with my
 Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
 so" - It is well with my soul.

soul, with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

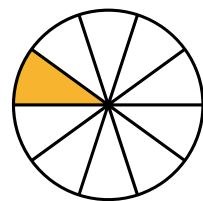
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Give Your T.I.T.H.E.

Tithing is the **giving of 10% of what you receive to the Lord.**

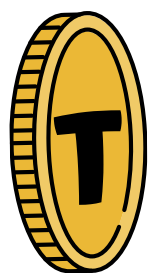


10%



1/10th of your income is not your money, but God's (Leviticus 27:30). People who do not pay tithes are **robbers of God**; those who fail to tithe will be cursed, but those who T.I.T.H.E. will be blessed (Malachi 3:8-10).

Deuteronomy 14:22-23, 25 “**22 Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. 23 And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always. 25 ... and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose**”

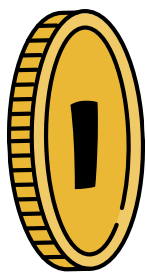


- Tenth

at least 10%



Tithe **faithfully**, on all that you get, or the “increase” (Deuteronomy 14:22, 28; 26:12). The tithe is “the tenth” of what you get, 10% of everything you receive (Numbers 18:21); it is God's tax on all that you receive of monetary value (Genesis 28:22; Luke 18:12), including gifts.

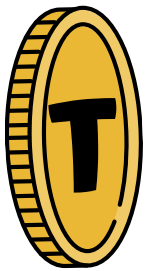


- Immediately

as a first
priority

*“that the field bringeth forth year by year”;
“the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks”*

Tithe **immediately**, as your “firstfruits” (Exodus 23:19; Proverbs 3:9), which is given immediately when you are compensated or gifted with some amount.



- Truly

gross income
and gifts

“Thou shalt truly tithe”

Tithe **genuinely**, taking the total income, before taxes, and before debts or payments.



- Holy

through a local
church or ministry

*“and shalt go unto the place which
the LORD thy God shall choose”*

Tithe **devotionally**, giving to the work of the Lord.



- Excessively

more than the
minimum

*“thou wilt also do more
than I say” (Philemon 21)*

Tithe **generously**, not merely giving precisely 10%, but even more (Matthew 5:41). You can be cursed for giving less than 10%, but you can only be blessed if you give more (2 Corinthians 9:6).

Give Your A.L.M.s

Righteous people **consider and seek out the poor** (Deuteronomy 15:7-11; Luke 12:33), and God has a blessing for them who give to poor people continually (Proverbs 28:27), and a curse for those who do not (Proverbs 21:13). Give your A.L.M.s to the true “poor”

Proverbs 29:7 “*The righteous **considereth the cause of the poor**: but the wicked regardeth not to know it.*”

When we give money to the poor, we should give our alms *privately*, so that our good deed is not done for show (Matthew 6:1-4).



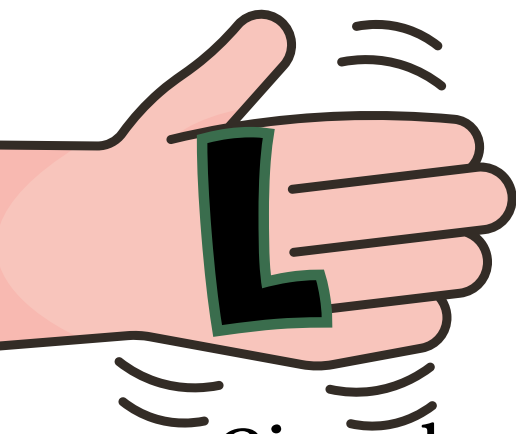
- Afflicted of the Earth

Give alms to a poor **Needy** Person

Our alms should go to those who are in **actual need**, and are truly poor and destitute (James 2:15), not liars, or people who could do well without it.



Deuteronomy 15:7-8 “7 If there be among you a **poor man** of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from **thy poor brother**: 8 But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him **sufficient for his need**, in that which he wanteth.”



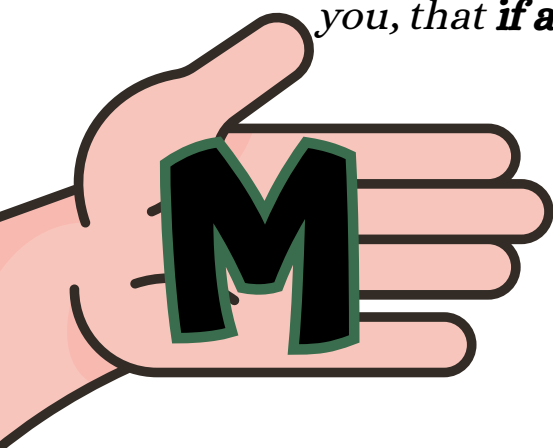
- Labourers in the World

Give alms to a poor **Working** Person

Our alms should go to those who are **busy** and **hard-working** people. Never support the lazy who refuse to work (Psalm 37:25; Proverbs 20:4; 21:25). If we give to a slothful person, we are simply supporting their wicked lifestyle, and God will not respect this as alms.



2 Thessalonians 3:10 *"For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that **if any would not work, neither should he eat.**"*



- Members of the Church

Give alms to a poor **Believing** Person

Our alms should most often go to the **"brethren"** (1 John 3:17; James 2:15-16), not for unbelievers. Alms should be collected/laid out for **faithful church members** (Matthew 25:40), and not those who forsake the assembly (1 Corinthians 16:1). Most of our giving should be through the local church.



Galatians 6:10 *"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, **especially unto them who are of the household of faith.**"*

Steward Your M.O.N.I.E.S.

Deuteronomy 8:18 *"But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for **it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth...**"*



Because everything you have comes from God (1 Chronicles 29:12), you are the **steward of all the things you possess**; handle your M.O.N.I.E.S. wisely (Luke 16:10-12).

M Manage

Pray & Budget

First, pray about how God would have you use it, and make a financial budget

1 Corinthians 4:2 *"Moreover it is required in stewards, that **a man be found faithful.**"*

O Offerings

Tithes & Alms

Second, set apart money for the Lord, and for others

Galatians 6:6 *"Let him that is taught in the word **communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.**"*

N Necessities

Living & Housing

Third, apportion the necessary money for your living and housing expenses

1 Timothy 5:8 *"But if any provide not for **his own**, and specially for **those of his own house**, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."*

I Investings

Ministries & Missions

Fourth, invest a certain sum of money into kingdom purposes

Matthew 6:20 *"But **lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal"*

E Encumbrances

Expenses & Debts

Fifth, cover your unexpected expenses and incurred debts

Romans 13:8 *"**Owe no man any thing**, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law."*

S Savings

Future Fund & Emergency Fund

Sixth, save up a certain fixed amount for a 3-to-6 month emergency fund (Proverbs 15:6; Psalm 112:3), and also save an amount for known future purchases or events.



Biblical Budgeting

Draft a budget to determine how you will use all of the money which you receive

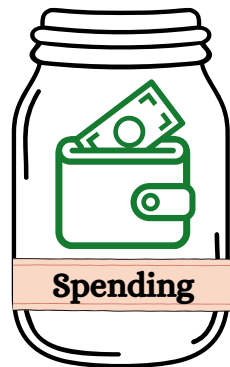
Proverbs 27:23-24 “23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds. 24 For riches are not for ever: and doth the crown endure to every generation?”



Jar #1



Jar #2



Jar #3



Giving

Saving

Spending



Money Flow

All money devoted to **spending** can go into **saving** or into **giving**, but **giving** money cannot be used for **saving**, and **saving** money cannot be used for **spending**.

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W.O.R.K. to the Lord

Every job you do can be spiritual if you do it in a spiritual way. Do all of your W.O.R.K. with all of your power (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

Romans 12:11 “*Not **slothful in business**; fervent in spirit; **serving the Lord***”

W - Willingly (with Heart)



Be **totally concentrating** on what you are doing (Ephesians 6:5; Colossians 3:22). A single-hearted person's mind is not somewhere else when they work.



Give your **best effort** in what you do (Ephesians 6:6; Colossians 3:23). A whole-hearted person wholly and solely exerts themselves for a given job (Psalm 119:2, 10, 34, 58, 69, 145).



Work with **desire and passion** for what you are doing (Good: Nehemiah 4:6; Bad: Nehemiah 3:5). A right-hearted person is afraid to do a bad job, labouring “with fear and trembling” (Ephesians 6:7; Colossians 3:24-25).



O - Obediently (with Righteousness)



Work in an **accountable** way toward others (Titus 2:10). Don't steal from others (Leviticus 19:11), nor lie to them (Amos 8:4-6; Micah 6:10-12), including your bosses.



Work in a **respectful** way toward your superiors (Ephesians 6:5; 1 Peter 2:18). Honour your masters and customers (1 Timothy 6:1-5) and seek to please them well in all things (Titus 2:9).



Work in an **independent** way toward your work (Ephesians 6:6). Labour without needing supervision, working mostly without the need of constant direction-giving (Proverbs 6:6-8). Do not be a men-pleaser who does the minimum or only what people can see (Proverbs 20:7).



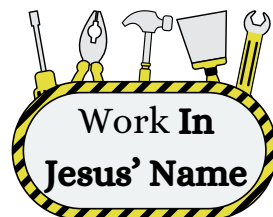
R - Religiously (with Devotion)



Do what you do for others **as if they were Jesus** (Colossians 3:23). Serve in all your service like you were serving Christ (Colossians 3:24; Ephesians 6:6).



Do what you do **as a representative of Jesus** (Colossians 3:17). Labour as Jesus would labour in whatever capacity you are functioning.



Do what you do **so that God gets the most glory from it** (1 Corinthians 10:31; Matthew 5:16). We can do the best when we do the best we can.



K - Knowledgeably (with Wisdom)



Find **solutions**, not problems (Proverbs 15:19). Never make any excuses (Proverbs 26:16), whether of *danger* (Proverbs 22:13), of *difficulty* (Numbers 13:32-33), or of *distress* (Proverbs 20:4; 6:9; 19:15; 26:14).



Work **industriously**, not idly (Proverbs 10:4). Never be reluctant to get to work (Joshua 18:3), nor afraid to do so (Proverbs 19:24; 26:15).



Work **until the end**, not just at the beginning (Ecclesiastes 7:8). Show care in your duties by being diligent unto the end (Proverbs 12:24; 22:29), and never fail to complete your work (Proverbs 10:26; 26:6 Ecclesiastes 10:15).

