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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the family of God. Because you have accepted the free gift of righteousness through the Lord Jesus, you have now been born into the family of God. You are a child of God. You are a citizen of the Kingdom of God. You have been given a new identity; a new name. **Your past has forever been removed! You are not even the same person!**

When you accepted Jesus, the Spirit of God actually came inside you to reside in your heart. He wants to teach you about God and give you the power to live a godly life. You will notice changes in your desires. You will find yourself thinking differently. These changes and others that you will experience are because God has actually given you a new spirit and a new heart! For the first time, you have the opportunity to be totally free from the hurts, shame and fear of the past. *2 Corinthians 5:17* says,

“THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION; THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW IS COME!”

The rest of your life will be an adventure. It will be a time of discovering the greatest love one could ever imagine. It will be a time when you actually become the person you have always wanted to be. You can fulfill your dreams. You can stop hurting. Life can be full, peaceful and fun.

In the following pages, some essential steps have been laid out for you to ensure complete success in this glorious journey.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Now that you have received Jesus as your Lord and accepted righteousness as a free gift, you can have the abiding peace that comes from the assurance of your salvation. You can continually experience the peace of God that comes from knowing your sins have been forgiven.

Assurance comes from two sources, trust and a relationship with God. In the beginning you simply take God at His word. He said that if you would believe that He raised Jesus from the dead and confess Him as Lord, you would be saved. Either that is true or it is not true. Trust is the starting place. Choose to take God's word as absolute. From that trust you have the basis of building a meaningful relationship.

As you come to know Him personally, through personal involvement, you will experience His love for you. This will grow in your ability to trust Him. That trust (faith, confidence) will be an anchor to your emotions for as long as you live. Through your relationship with God, you will find a peace and stability that will be completely new to you.

You cannot have a relationship with anyone you fear. Fear of a person makes it impossible to believe that person really loves you. In the Bible, the word for "fear" when it speaks of "the fear of God" means to have an awe and respect for God. This awe and respect leads to worshipful love. It is, therefore, essential that you overcome any fear you have of God. You do not have to be afraid that He will hurt you or do bad things to you. God is for you, not against you. He will only work to bring good things into your life. He is never the source of pain, suffering, or shame. He sent Jesus to deliver you from those things. He gave you the very best when He gave you Jesus. He will not withhold any good thing from you, nor will He do anything to hurt you. *Romans 8:28* says,

“AND WE KNOW THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.”

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This all may be new to you. In your past, you may have believed all sorts of negative things about God. Don't let yourself accept someone else's negative views about God; you will cheat yourself out of the best relationship you could ever have. Now you have the opportunity to know God for yourself, to experience His goodness firsthand. *James 1:13* says,

“LET NO MAN SAY WHEN HE IS TEMPTED, I AM TEMPTED OF GOD: FOR GOD CANNOT BE TEMPTED WITH EVIL, NEITHER TEMPTETH HE ANY MAN.”

The Greek word for “tempt” means to test, try, or scrutinize. God does not give us trials, pain and suffering to test or teach us. He gives us the Holy Spirit and the Bible to be our teacher.

When we make bad decisions we suffer from those decisions. Even then, God is there to deliver us from the consequences and teach us the right way. 2 *Corinthians 1:3-4* identifies God as the *God of comfort* not the God of torment:

“BLESSED BE GOD, EVEN THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE FATHER OF MERCIES, AND THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT; WHO COMFORTETH US IN ALL OUR TRIBULATION, THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO COMFORT THEM WHICH ARE IN ANY TROUBLE, BY THE COMFORT WHEREWITH WE OURSELVES ARE COMFORTED OF GOD.”

God as the source of pain and suffering is probably the most destructive belief a person can have. It makes the possibility of a meaningful relationship impossible. 1 *John 4: 18-19* sums this up beautifully,

“WE NEED HAVE NO FEAR OF SOMEONE WHO LOVES US PERFECTLY; HIS PERFECT LOVE FOR US ELIMINATES ALL DREAD OF WHAT HE MIGHT DO TO US. IF WE ARE AFRAID, IT IS FOR FEAR OF WHAT HE MIGHT DO TO US, AND SHOWS THAT WE ARE NOT FULLY CONVINCED THAT HE REALLY LOVES US. SO YOU SEE, OUR LOVE FOR HIM COMES AS A RESULT OF HIS LOVING US FIRST.”

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BIBLE READING

The Bible is one of the two primary ways we have to know God. After all, it is the record He provided so we could know Him. Yet, many people become confused when they read the Bible. One reason for the confusion may be the translation of the Bible that one reads. For instance, the King James version of the Bible was translated in 1611. Over three hundred and eighty-five years ago, it was considered a modern translation. It was the first translation into English that people could understand in their own language. But today, the old English of the King James version makes it quite difficult to understand some portions of the Bible. This does not have to happen to you!

Purchase a translation of the Bible that you can easily understand. There are many good translations available. One that is highly recommended for a new believer is *The Message Bible*. Regardless of which translation you choose, just be sure that it is easily understandable.

When you read your Bible, always approach it as a personal letter from God to you. He considered His Words to you so important that He had them recorded. We call that record "The Bible"! Do not read out of obligation (we can never repay Him for what He has done). Do not read to earn God's acceptance (you already have it)! Read the Bible to get to know God and His ways.

God made thousands of promises to many people in the Bible. Because you are in Jesus, you are qualified to receive every one of those promises. *2 Corinthians 1:20* says it this way,

"FOR NO MATTER HOW MANY PROMISES GOD HAS MADE, THEY ARE YES IN CHRIST."

In other words, every promise God has ever made to anyone is also made to you, because you are in Jesus. When you find promises that meet needs in your life, accept them as your own.

Always take time to open your heart to the Lord before you begin to read. Each time you read your Bible, pray a prayer like this: *"Father, speak to me as I read"*

your Word. I open my heart to you. You are my teacher. Show me how this can apply to my life." Remember that God has given you a Teacher, the Holy Spirit, Who wants to teach you about God. Be open to Him in your heart.

As you read, you will come to portions of the scripture that speak to you personally. They will catch your attention. When this happens, stop and ponder those passages. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how these can be applied to your life. He will teach you!

As a new believer, I recommend that you begin by reading the Gospel (Good News) of John. Follow that with the Book of Acts. You may want to re-read these two books before going on, then you'll be ready for the remainder of the New Testament. Reading the Old Testament is not recommended right away. Wait until you have a solid foundation in what Jesus did for you at the cross before reading the Old Testament.

As you read the Old Testament, it is essential that you remember that this was a covenant that God made between Himself and the children of Israel. We do not relate to God on the basis of that covenant. He made a New Covenant in Jesus that was superior to the old covenant in every way. They were qualified to receive the promises of their covenant on the basis of their personal performance. We are qualified to receive the promises of our covenant on the personal performance and finished work of Jesus. Never confuse the two covenants!

You will probably come to portions of the Scripture that you do not understand. Simply pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding. It may be immediate or it may take time, but the understanding will come. Don't worry about what you do not understand. Instead, enjoy and benefit from what you do understand. John 16:13 says that the Holy Spirit will lead you into all truth and will speak to you what he hears from the Father.

Above all, believe what you read. Allow yourself to develop new attitudes about life. Allow the wisdom of God's Word to give you a new point of view. You will

only come to understand what you choose to believe. As you gain understanding, you will see how to apply the truth to your life.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayer is simply communicating with God. Like all real communication, it is two-way. It involves speaking to Him from your own heart and learning to listen with your heart. There is no need to use any special tone of voice or religious sounding words. There is no need for special formulas, just TALK to God. Be honest with Him. Tell Him your desires, your fears, and even your temptations. Then learn to listen.

An effective prayer life starts with the confidence of knowing that He hears you when you pray. *1 John 5: 14* says this,

“AND WE ARE SURE OF THIS, THAT HE WILL LISTEN TO US WHENEVER WE ASK HIM FOR ANYTHING IN LINE WITH HIS WILL. AND IF WE REALLY KNOW HE IS LISTENING WHEN WE TALK TO HIM AND MAKE OUR REQUESTS, THEN WE CAN BE SURE THAT HE WILL ANSWER US.”

If it is in the Bible it is the will of God for you. He is willing to do anything for you that He has done for anyone else. Knowing your requests are based on the Bible gives you complete confidence that He hears you. Knowing that you have been made righteous by the free gift of the Lord Jesus gives you the confidence that you are qualified. Knowing that He hears you gives you the confidence that you will receive your request.

You are accepted by God. He wants to listen to you, but more importantly, He wants to help you. *Hebrews 4:16* says,

“LET US THEN APPROACH THE THRONE OF GRACE WITH CONFIDENCE, SO THAT WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY AND FIND GRACE TO HELP US IN OUR TIME OF NEED.”

Wisdom comes from the Lord. Wisdom is God's way to apply the truth to your life. God knows your situation. He knows you. He knows all that is involved in

solving your problems. He will instruct and lead you through the situations in your life. This brings us to the second aspect of prayer, listening.

Many people become very confused about this aspect of prayer. In time, however, you will come to recognize the voice of God. He will speak to you in your heart. There is no way this can be explained. It must be experienced. If you are patient you will come to know His voice. Quietness and peace are the environment wherein one is able to hear the voice of God. When Jesus began teaching about the ministry of the Holy Spirit, He began by saying in *John 14:1*,

“DON’T BE TROUBLED.”

A troubled heart is one that is full of confusion. He continues by saying,

“YOU TRUST GOD, NOW TRUST ME.”(NLT)

Trust for Him, knowing that He is for you and not against you; knowing that He will never hurt you; knowing that He will work with you and in you gives you freedom from a troubled heart.

With that peace and confidence we can “be still” before the Lord and meditate on His word. As we ponder the truth of His word, He can speak to our heart and give us the wisdom; the practical application of the truth in our particular situation. God’s wisdom never fails.

Through the Bible and through your heart, God will teach you and direct you. He will show you how to pass through this life in peace, joy and victory. He wants you to enjoy the best! Jesus says in *John 10:10*,

“MY PURPOSE IS TO GIVE LIFE IN ITS FULLNESS.”

Worship and praise are a natural part of prayer. As you experience God's love and mercy, you will desire to express love and appreciation to Him. The Bible gives ways of expressing love, thankfulness and worship. At first it may be difficult to express intimate appreciation, but as you feel the desire to do so, go for it! When you want to sing about God or to Him, do it!

Psalm 146:2 says,

“WHILE I LIVE WILL I PRAISE THE LORD: I WILL SING PRAISES UNTO MY GOD WHILE I HAVE ANY BEING.”

When you want to lift your hands or bow down, do it.

“I WILL LIFT UP MY HANDS UNTO THY NAME” *Psalm 63:4*

“O COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN: LET US KNEEL BEFORE THE LORD OUR MAKER.”

Psalm 95:6

When you want to rejoice by dancing, clapping or shouting, do it.

“LET THEM PRAISE HIS NAME IN THE DANCE: LET THEM SING PRAISES UNTO HIM WITH THE TIMBREL AND HARP.” *Psalm 149:3*

“PRAISE YE THE LORD: FOR IT IS GOOD TO SING PRAISES UNTO OUR GOD; FOR IT IS PLEASANT; AND PRAISE IS COMELY.” *Psalm 47:1*

In time, you will find many Biblical ways to express your joy and appreciation to God. Thankfulness is a natural part of any good relationship.

CHURCH AND FRIENDS

Now that you are a believer, you are a part of the Body of Christ.

“...WE ARE LIKE THE VARIOUS PARTS OF A HUMAN BODY. EACH PART GETS ITS MEANING FROM THE BODY AS A WHOLE, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND. THE BODY WE’RE TALKING ABOUT IS CHRIST’S BODY OF CHOSEN PEOPLE. EACH OF US FINDS OUR MEANING AND FUNCTION AS A PART OF HIS BODY. BUT AS A CHOPPED-OFF FINGER OR CHOPPED-OFF TOE WE WOULDN’T AMOUNT TO MUCH WOULD WE?” *Romans 12:5 (The Message Bible)*

You are in the family of God. You need that family to help you in your new life. That family will be found in the church. Selecting a church is extremely

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important. The church you select will affect your life as much as anything that happens.

You may have a "religious" background. You may have been raised in a certain denomination or particular kind of church. Your family may attend a certain church regularly. None of these are valid criteria for selecting a church. Look to the Bible to determine what kind of church you should attend. Here are some attributes you should look for in a church:

1. Do they believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God?
2. Do they believe in salvation by faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus?
3. Do they believe that God is still the same today as He was in the Bible?
4. Do they preach a positive, up lifting message?
5. Do they present God's acceptance as a free gift in Jesus?
6. Do you feel good about yourself and God when you leave the service?
7. Do you enjoy the music, preaching and general style of the service?
8. Are the people friendly?

You should enjoy church. While you will often be challenged by the Word of God, it should still be a positive experience. In church, you will make new friends with whom you now share common goals. You will meet people with whom you share common background experiences. These new friends can help you as you travel new ground. Your friends affect your life more than anyone or anything.

Because of the profound effect that our friends have on us, *1 Corinthians 15:33* warns,

“DO NOT BE MISLED, BAD COMPANY CORRUPTS GOOD CHARACTER.”

Therefore, to avoid turning your back on God somewhere in the future, it is extremely important that you have friends who will accept you and encourage you in your walk with God. *Proverbs 13:20* says,

“HE WHO WALKS WITH THE WISE GROWS WISE, BUT A COMPANION OF FOOLS SUFFERS HARM.”

A person's destiny is more dependent on his/her selection of friends than almost anything. In the business world we are told that to make a million dollars, just find someone who has made a million dollars and do what they did. The Bible says it this way,

“BE FOLLOWERS OF THOSE WHO BY FAITH AND PATIENCE INHERIT THE PROMISES.”

Hebrews 6:12

Find those who are living the kind of life you desire to live and learn from their lifestyle.

WATER BAPTISM

There are two important aspects of your Christian life. First of all, you are a believer. You realize that your life is the product of what you believe. You realize that what you believe determines what you will do. Therefore, you choose to believe on Jesus. You choose to believe the Word of God. You choose to believe the truth. You are also called to be a disciple.

A disciple is someone who disciplines his life to follow another. You are not a disciple of the church; you are a disciple of Jesus. As a disciple, you choose to walk in the truth. You want to apply truth to your life. This does not earn you God's acceptance; it gives you victory in this life. This is the way you avoid pain and failure.

Reading the Bible, praying, and attending church are all a part of discipleship. Another important step is water baptism.

Water baptism plays an important role in walking out your faith. It is a place where you exercise faith; faith in the fact that the old you is dead and you are now a new person. It is a place where you give public witness to your acceptance of the Lord Jesus. It is an important step of victory. For more information about water baptism see my booklet: *“Water Baptism: A Resurrection from the Dead.”*

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FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH

There are certain foundational beliefs that are essential to our understanding of the Bible. These foundational beliefs guide our Christian walk. They determine the way we see God. Without a solid foundation, people often become confused about God. Without a proper foundation, people accept unbiblical concepts of God. These unscriptural beliefs limit our ability to believe and experience God's love. It is important that you attend a "Foundations of the Faith" class. Many churches offer such a class for new believers. If no such class is available, contact our ministry for a "*Foundations of the Faith*" workbook and tape series.

SHARE YOUR FAITH

As you have the opportunity, share your new experience with your family and friends. If you are uncomfortable talking about it, be patient. You will grow in your confidence. Remember, you do not have to be a Bible scholar to share with others! Just share what has happened in your own life. *Philemon 6* says,

“I PRAY THAT YOU MAY BE ACTIVE IN SHARING YOUR FAITH, SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF EVERY GOOD THING WE HAVE IN CHRIST.”(NIV)

Several important things happen when you share your faith: First, you grow in your confidence with God. Even if your family and friends do not receive what you say, something happens inside you and your faith becomes stronger. You grow in your boldness and joy.

Second, you give your family and friends the opportunity to experience God for themselves. They need to know the love and acceptance God has for all men and women in Jesus. They may not accept Him immediately, but as they observe your life, they will eventually come to believe. Don't feel responsible to make them change. You have not failed if they do not respond positively. It is only your job to share what has happened to you. God will use your words to speak to their hearts. Besides your words, the best testimony you have is your lifestyle.

Be kind to your friends and family as God is kind to you. Don't criticize them. Love them. This, along with your testimony, will persuade them that God can love them too.

Finally, if someone is antagonistic toward your new faith, your testimony will let them know where you stand. If they see that you are firmly committed to the Lord, they will no longer attempt to draw you back into your old lifestyle. In some cases they may reject you, but when they need help, you will be the one they will seek out.

Don't minimize the value of YOUR personal testimony. Some statistics show that 70- 90% of the people in church today are there because of the influence of a friend or relative. People who know you can truly verify the work that God has done in your life.

When I was first saved, I wanted to share with my friends, but I didn't know what to say to them. I began to invite my friends to my home and share my testimony with them. Then, I would have a man that I trusted to come and share Jesus with them. I would sometimes take my friend with me to visit people. Many of my old friends received the Lord. All of my family was eventually saved. You can reach your friends and family.

SELF-WORTH

Your level of self-worth will affect your life more than anything else. Our self-worth is the product of our self-perception. It is the way we perceive our worth in relation to our environment. That perception becomes the criterion by which we evaluate and interpret everything that happens in our world. Every decision you make is the product of your self-worth. The way you respond to every situation is the product of your self-worth. Your vulnerability to temptation and sin is a direct product of your self-worth.

Our sense of worth is derived by the value or worth that we receive from others. God created us in such a way that we would discover our self-worth outside of

ourselves. This is unbelievably powerful when we look to God as that outside source. This has the potential to be utterly destructive when we look to other people as that outside source. When others think well of us, our sense of worth can soar; when they don't think well of us, we can fall into the depths of despair.

If we look to people for our sense of worth, life will be a rollercoaster ride of codependency. People will virtually control our life and destiny as we attempt to get their approval. The one and only source of a good self-worth is God. It is essential that you accept the love that God has for you.

He demonstrated that love when He sent Jesus to be a man, become your sin, take your punishment, conquer death, and purchase your righteousness. God made the way for you. He loves you so much that He would not run the risk of you trying to do this for yourself. He wanted His promise of eternal life to be for all mankind. When we see the value He has for us, when we understand what we are worth to Him, when we experience His unconditional love, our self-worth will become unwavering. We will no longer be up and down with the fickle whim and manipulation of others.

True self-worth always has its basis in faith righteousness. If we believe that we are righteous because of the finished work of Jesus, we will confidently accept and experience the love of God. If not, we will try to earn that love from God. This becomes a tormenting trip of works righteousness that produces fear, doubt, waiver, and emotional instability.

As you read the Bible, focus in on those places where God demonstrates His love. Refuse to hear a bad report about God. Don't let people persuade you to believe that God is angry. Don't accept a message that says God hurts and destroys. He is not the destroyer; He is the Deliverer!

The only hard words Jesus ever spoke were to those who rejected the truth. Even more so to those who led others astray. For all others he had mercy, love, and acceptance.

OBEDIENCE

Obedience to the Word of God is an important part of your Christian growth process. Obedience does not make God love you more, nor does it make you more righteous. It does, however, affect your heart in a very positive way and determine your ability to have a meaningful relationship with your Father. It affects your ability to experience a life full of prosperity in every area.

Everything in the Bible is given for your good. God wants you to prosper and have an abundant life. He wants you to be healthy and strong. He wants you to have a clear, creative mind. He wants you to have enjoyable, loving relationships. He wants the very best for you in every area of life. This life of prosperity, peace and joy does not happen magically. God doesn't "snap his fingers" and make this happen. Through His Word, He gives us truth and shows us how to succeed. He shows us how to enjoy life. If we trust Him, we will be obedient to the Scriptures.

In the original language of the New Testament the words "believe" and "obey" are synonymous. There is no such thing as believing and not obeying. Any area we have trouble obeying the Word of God, simply reflects an area where we really don't believe what God says, or we are afraid that we cannot do what the Word says. We must believe that God will give us the grace (ability) to do anything we believe in the Bible.

Trust Him! Don't be afraid to do things His way! He will give you the grace (His ability) to walk in obedience to His Word any time that you choose. Every time you see a Scripture that you want to incorporate into your life, He will empower you and make you able to do it. He will give you wisdom to know how to do it. Every time you trust and obey, you will experience how trustworthy God is and your faith will grow!

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SERVE

You are now a son of God. God is your Father and you are His child. You are part of God's family. The inheritance of God is yours. You do not serve in order to earn the inheritance. You serve because it is already yours. A family member is always more diligent than a hired servant. As a family member, you can choose to serve in the "family business."

“YOU MY BROTHERS, WERE CALLED TO BE FREE. BUT DO NOT USE YOUR FREEDOM TO INDULGE THE SINFUL NATURE; RATHER, SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE.” Galatians 5:13

In the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) when Jesus taught about the Kingdom of God, He was talking about the realm we enter when we surrender ourselves to the rule of God. Some believe that the parables about the Kingdom of God are teaching about how to get into heaven, but this is not true. The Kingdom of God is here and now and the parables about it teach us how to manage our life and resources now.

The main theme of the parables is stewardship: how we manage our gifts, finances, skills, and strengths for the Kingdom of God. You may feel a specific call to the ministry of the Word of God or you may not have any specific direction at this time. In either case, you have gifts, skills and talents that can be used for the glory of God.

There are things you can do that no one else can do the way you can. You have skills and abilities that your local church family needs. If you do not use your skills in your local church, other people will lack.

As a church family, we bring our skills and abilities to the table and say, "How can I help?" Together, we raise our children for God. We develop the best children's church programs we can. Together, we minister to the teens and youth. Together, we make our building and grounds a suitable, comfortable place to worship and play. Everyone's part is important. If you do not do your part, someone else will have to carry that load, which means they will probably

"wear out" from doing two jobs. Somewhere the load will become too heavy and they will quit. Then, someone else will have to carry that person's load along with your load and their own. Everyone will become tired and quit if they carry too much of a load.

Because of the few that try to carry the load in a local church, the job is not done as well as it should be. We eventually lose our children to the world. Our facilities are not clean and attractive. Our communities are not won to the Lord. Everyone suffers lack.

Do not minimize your importance to the Kingdom of God and to your local church. Regardless of how small your job seems, take pride in it. Do it unto the Lord. Make it a gift to Him. Do it because you want to help others. If these are your attitudes, you will never grow weary of serving.

STEWARDSHIP

Jesus taught more about stewardship than any other topic. He taught about it more than He did faith, love, heaven, hell, or sin. Because of the importance that He placed on this topic, we should understand its importance.

The word "steward" comes from a word that has to do with managing a household. It is a position of honor. The steward does not own the household, but he is so loved and trusted that he is placed in a position of extreme responsibility.

When we were saved, we were bought. God bought us back from the wages of sin with the life of His son Jesus. Our life is now His. *1 Corinthians 6:19-20* says it this way,

"DON'T YOU KNOW THAT YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHO LIVES IN YOU AND WAS GIVEN TO YOU BY GOD? YOU DO NOT BELONG TO YOURSELF, FOR GOD BOUGHT YOU WITH A HIGH PRICE. SO YOU MUST HONOR GOD WITH YOUR BODY."

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Although God bought you, He now gives you the honored position of managing your new life. Stewardship is the way we manage our life and resources. Manage your life with the realization that your life is no longer your own. Manage your life with the realization that you are extremely valuable to God. Your salvation did not come cheap. It came at the cost of the Son of God. Treat your new life with the honor it deserves. *1 Peter 4:10,*

“AS EVERY MAN HATH RECEIVED THE GIFT, EVEN SO MINISTER THE SAME ONE TO ANOTHER, AS GOOD STEWARDS OF THE MANIFOLD GRACE OF GOD.”

The secret to abundance in this life is giving. Those who live to give find all they could ever desire in this life. There are two areas of giving. First, there is the giving of your life. Second, there is the giving of your resources.

Be faithful to be a financial supporter of the Kingdom of God. Through your giving, there is provision made for those who minister in the things of God. Through your giving, others have the opportunity to hear the gospel. Through your giving, the grace of God works in your heart that makes you able to prosper beyond your own abilities.

Last of all, manage your personal skills and abilities. Identify what you are good at, or what you want to do for God. Learn how to use that skill and ability in a way that benefits people. Let your life be a life of blessing others. Live to give!

There are many other books and tapes available by the author. For a free catalog of information about books and tapes or for information about Impact International School of Ministry call or write Impact Ministries today.

The following list of books are essential reading for every new believer. These books deal with the foundational issues of the Gospel. Without a proper foundation we will always struggle in our Christian walk.

“IF THE FOUNDATIONS BE DESTROYED, WHAT CAN THE RIGHTEOUS DO?” *Psalm 11:3*

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RECOMMENDED READING

[Taking the Limits Off God](#)

[Grace: The Power to Change](#)

[The Gospel of Peace](#)

[Supernatural Ministry](#)

[The Prayer Organizer](#)

[My Church, My Family:](#)

[How to Have a Healthy Relationship with the Church](#)

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