

The Divine Plan For A Successful Christian Life

Introduction

- A. God has designed the Christian life so His people may succeed.
- B. Success, however, is not automatic. We must learn the truth and then consistently put it into practice,
- C. If you are going to fail as a Christian than you must live out of the will of God! Many Christian have never been taught how to live in His will.

I. The All-Inclusive Project of God: To Glorify Jesus Christ.

- A. The Statement of the Father, Col. 1:18.

And He is the Head of the Body, the Church, Who is the beginning, the Firstborn from the deed, that in all things He might have the preeminence.

- B. The Affirmation of the Son, Luke 11:52.

Woe unto you, lawyers, for ye have taken away the key of knowledge, ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

- C. The Goal of the Holy Spirit, John 16:14.

He shall glorify Me, for Kc shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

II. The All-Important Purpose in our Creation and Redemption: To Glorify Jesus Christ.

- A. God Created Us in His Image, Genesis 1:26,27.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness . . . So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him, male and female created He.

- 1. He created us as persons, Isaiah 43:1.
- 2. He addresses us as persons, Genesis 15:1.
- 3. He seeks to fulfill us as persons, Isaiah 43:1-21.
- 4. He holds us responsible as persons, Romans 14: 10-13.

- Observations:
- a. We are primarily spiritual persons, Isaiah **43:7**
 - b. We have been created to walk and talk with God in daily life and service, Genesis 3:8-10.
 - c. God created us for Himself, Isaiah 43:21.
 - d. This relationship was almost totally destroyed in the Fall, Ephesians 2:1-3,12.

B. God, in Redemption, has Restored Us to a Renewed Image-Relationship with Himself.

1. We are complete in Christ – in salvation, Col. 2:10.

And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power.

2. We may be transformed, in Christ – in sanctification, Romans 12:1,2.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice ... be not conformed ... but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind

3. We may be anointed in Christ in fruitbearing, Ephesians 5:18.

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit.

III. The All-Decisive Preference for True Spirituality: To Glorify Jesus Christ.

A. The Choice is the Key to the Will of God, Matthew 22:28,29.

Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me

B. The Choice **is** the **Key to Spiritual Progress**, John 7:37-39.

*In the last day, that **great day of the feast**, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, **let him come** unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, **as the Scripture hath said**, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. **But this spake** He of the Spirit*

C. The Choice is the Key to **Effective Fruitbearing**, John 15:5.

*I am the vine, ye are the **branches**, he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth **forth much fruit**, for without Me ye can do nothing.*

Conclusion

A. Now we must ask ourselves the question: Have we chosen to surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ and to seek to glorify Him?

B. This most-important choice **must be made daily and** applied in all the practical facets of daily life.

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