

The Divine Procedure For A Successful Christian Life

Introduction

- A. Success in the Christian life is not automatic. It is necessary for us to learn the truth and then to put the truth into practice. John 8:32
- B. In the Scripture we are not only told of God's plan to glorify Jesus Christ and of His provision for us – we are told how to respond to God so that we may cooperate with Him successfully.

I. **The Biblical Response To God as a Person.**

- A. The Nature of This Response: A Personal Surrender To God.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- B. The Explanation of This Response: Practical Application.

- 1. A Biblical confession of sin: not covering our sin but living with a clear conscience.

Acts 24:16

Romans 9:1

- 2. A Biblical attitude toward God and life: not coveting but responding to God in truth.

Exodus 20:17

Luke 12:13-31

- 3. A Biblical goal for daily life: not demanding our own way but choosing the will of God.

Mark 8:34-38

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

- 4. A Biblical activity in daily life: not neglecting our response to God but doing the will of God from the heart.

I Corinthians 1:9

Ephesians 6:6

II. The Biblical Response To The Work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- A. A daily, practical decision of faith to put off the works of the Old Man (the Flesh) – claiming the cleansing God has provided through the Crucifixion. (Ephesians 4:22; Romans 6:6-13)
- B. A daily, practical decision of faith to put on the works of the New Man -- claiming the enablement God has provided through the Resurrection. (Ephesians 4:24; Romans 6:4-13)
- C. A daily, practical decision of faith to resist the Devil – claiming the deliverance God has provided through the Ascension and covering oneself with the armor. (Ephesians 4:27; I Peter 5:8,9; Ephesians 1:18-23; 2:5,6; Colossians 3:1-10; Ephesians 6:10-18)
- D. A daily, practical decision of faith to be filled with the Holy Spirit – claiming the anointing God has provided through the Day of Pentecost. (Ephesians 5:18; Acts 2:33)

III. The Biblical Response To The Word of God.

- A. We must accept the Word of God in submission, I Thessalonians 2:13.

For this cause thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the Word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

- B. We must seek the Word of God with hunger, I Peter 2:2.

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby.

- C. We must mix the Word of God with faith, Hebrews 4:1,2.

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the Gospel preached, as well as unto them; but the Word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

- D. We must obey the Word of God in love, I John 5:3.

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not grievous.

Conclusion

- A. God created us and then redeemed us so that we could walk and talk with Him. We must make this the first in the priority of our daily life.
- B. God, in love and grace, has come to us. It is vitally important that we choose to respond to Him in faith, love and hope.

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