

Growing as a Christian!

Day 4

How do you live your life victoriously and be successful as you grow as a Christian? Many of you have made decisions to accept or renew your relationship with Jesus, but do you think He wants to leave it there? So what do you do now with your journey? We want you to be successful on your journey, but more than we do, God wants you to be successful on that journey. So, to see what He says is successful, let's look at what He says in the Bible. Jesus answered his friends that the two greatest commandments were to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and the second is love your neighbor as yourself. So, how do you love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength? You have to get to know him. The best way to do that is through prayer and reading his word.

Prayer:

Prayer's like a phone call to God. It's letting Him know what's going on in your life. It's like when your family asks you how your day was at school. He knows, but he wants to hear from you.

Phillipians 4:6-7

Insert prayer testimony here

Reading God's Word:

Another great way to get to know about Jesus is to read and hear his word. How many of you have a Bible? Do you read your bible?

2Timothy 3:16

Insert Bible reading testimony (on devotions/quiet time)

Fellowship with fellow believers:

It's also very important to meet regularly with other Christian friends to grow in your relationship with God. You can meet at church or with a group of Christian friends and talk about what God is doing in your life and how to grow in the Lord. Who here would like to be a part of a group that studies God's Word?

Insert, if you would like, a short skit on a group of youth meeting to study God's word!

Christian values:

So the last thing to get you growing on your journey is to learn how to live what you believe. How do you treat others? What kind of decisions do you make? Are you controlling your mind? Are you trying to stay pure for your spouse?

Ephesians 5:15-17

Insert Values testimony—purity, thought life, behavior towards others

The Armor of God:

The Armor of God is a good word picture from the Bible to remind you how to dress yourself spiritually for the day.

So let's take a look at it.

Ephesians 6: 13-18

Someone comes forward in armor of God to demonstrate while you read the verses

Belt of truth-wrap yourself in the word

Breastplate of righteousness-protecting your soul/Christian living

Shoes of peace-walk the walk, not just talk the talk

Shield of faith-your belief that Jesus is who he says he is

Helmet of salvation-protects your thoughts, hopes, your dreams

Sword of the spirit-The Bible—God's word

Matt 28:20

Alter Call:

You may close with an altar call to commit your life to God and grow as a Christian.

Closing Remarks:

- Introduce the pastor who will be leading in follow up discipleship!
- If possible announce the day and time this group will begin meeting