

# *The Road to Success in Christian Living*

Living the Christian life is not easy. If you are looking for the easy way, don't try living the Christian life. Success in Christian living requires consistent effort. It is just like anything else that is valuable in this world. One must give all that he or she has to grow up as a child of God.

Football players must work out consistently. If they take it easy in the off season, they get out of shape. And when spring training begins, they suffer for it. Teachers must consistently study, even when they have taught the subject many times, so that they can have a fresh appreciation for and new approaches to the information they teach.

"The Road to Success in Christian Living" curriculum is for Christians only. It begins with a life committed to Jesus as Savior and Lord. Should the person reading this not have entered that life, the steps to becoming a Christian, to accepting Jesus, the Messiah, as Savior and Lord are found in the first lesson, "The Road to Emmaus."

There are some basic things that a Christian can do to "stay in shape" and keep up with the revealed plan of God for Christian living. A list of steps to success in Christian living would include:

1. Living in the certainty that you are a child of God – Assurance of salvation
2. Praying regularly
3. Reading and studying the Bible, and meditating on the things of God
4. Knowing God's will
5. Understanding submission to the will of God
6. Participating in a church
7. Exhibiting the "Fruit of the Spirit"
8. Understanding and using God's "Spiritual Gifts"
9. Recognizing Satan as a Christian's worst enemy
10. Giving testimony
11. Ministering in Jesus' name
12. Looking toward home, Heaven
13. Living the empowered Christian life

Each of the items on this list is a must for success in Christian living. That is why we say that living the Christian life is not easy. It is not necessary for one to become perfect in, or an expert on, all the steps to success. However, to be a disciple (learner), one must make consistent effort, and thus progress, in every area.

Some of the steps are more complex than others. For instance, finding assurance of our salvation is less demanding than ministering in Jesus name. A prayer life can be an almost automatic thing. Many of us pray, even when we don't give much thought beforehand. Sometimes it is a grasp for help when something bad happens. But, hardly any of us gives our testimony without some thought and even preparation.

As you enter this study, you are urged to make the following vow to God and to someone who is a trusted Christian friend.

# *Road to Success in Christian Living Commitment*

**I believe:**

**>that God the eternal Father, creator of all things, loved me so much that Jesus came to earth to be my Savior.**

**>that Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died to pay for my sins, was buried, rose again on the third day, appeared to many people, ascended into Heaven where He sits at the right hand of God, and will one day return to earth taking all believers of all ages to be with Him in Heaven forever.**

**>that when I made declaration of this, my belief, to God, I became His adopted child and His Holy Spirit came to be with my spirit forever.**

**>that my relationship with God is in His hands and that He will never let me go.**

**I commit myself to:**

**Pray regularly,**

**Read and study Scripture regularly,**

**Submit myself to the will of God,**

**Participate in a local church,**

**Seek consistently to know God's will for my life,**

**Exhibit the 'Fruit of the Spirit,'**

**Use the 'Spiritual Gifts' God has given me,**

**Resist Satan,**

**Give verbal witness to God's love at every opportunity God gives me,**

**Involve myself in ministry every day,**

**Expectantly anticipate going home to Heaven,**

**Live in the power of God's Holy Spirit.**

**I promise I will, with God's help, finish this study: "The Road to Success in Christian Living."**