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Matthew 6:33 states, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." If you are to seek something as your *first* goal and focus in life, you must know exactly what it is! This is the essence this teaching.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God made His mission on earth clear. He had ONE BUSINESS to do in the world. John 10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

### INTRODUCTION

This teaching is for those who intend to grow in their knowledge about God and to grow strong in Christ. It is important to note that nobody can grow up until he/she is born.

Being Born Again is Man to receive the nature/ life of God. It is a gift of God, a miracle from God. It is the only way a man will be saved and the first step to come to God (John 3:3 MSG, Romance 10:9-10). Our complete salvation will not be received until Jesus returns and we will be caught up to meet Jesus Christ and our bodies are changed (**1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 15:50-53**). In the meantime we must "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (**Philippians 2:12**), and this bible study shows seven simple but sure knowledge that a born again Christians should know when he/she comes to Jesus Christ, in order to enjoy victorious life here on earth and to receive the final salvation when Jesus returns.

#### >1: KNOW THAT YOUR NEW NATURE (PERSON).

It may surprise you as it surprised me to know that the expressions "in Christ," "in whom," and "in Him" occur more than 130 times in the New Testament. This is the heart of the Revelation of Redemption given to Paul. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 clearly state that if you are in Christ, you have been recreated into a new person. And your new nature (person) came directly from God. Your physical appearance looks the same, your characters may not change immediately but your spirit has changed from Evil spirit to God's own spirit.

**Note:** You Now Have Eternal Life, not will have Eternal Life. 1 John 5:11-13, John 3:16, John 5:24

#### >2: KNOW THAT YOUR SINS HAS BEEN FORGIVEN

Ignorance of God's Word has made many to think that when they received Jesus as their Lord and Savior, their old sins are still there to pray for forgiveness.

2 Cor. 5:17-18 "Therefore **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation**. The **old has passed away**. Behold, the new has come! 18 **All this is from God**, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:"

Born Again is Man accepting the Life (gift) of God. 1 John 5:11-13 "...God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life, ... These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God. **Ephesians 2: 8-9** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this is not from

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yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. NIV. It is not what you did or will do that made God to forgive you, it is a covenant God made with Jesus.

Read: Galatians 2:21, Acts 13:9, Galatians 5:4, Romans 3:20-30, Romans 4:1-7, Romans 9:31-32

### >3: STUDY THE WORD OF GOD

The Word of God is JESUS and the Spoken Word of God (John 1:1-3). It is important to note here that our Greatness and your Failure in life lies on HOW MUCH you KNOW and ACT on the WORD of God.

The Authorized King James Version of 1611 and the New King James Version is recommended. You need to consciously spend time to study your Bible, no short cut for your greatness than the Word. You are study and to meditate on the Word (**Joshua 1:8; Psalms 1:1-3; 1 Timothy 4:15**), and put them into practice in your life (**Joshua 1:7-8; Hebrews 5:9; James 1:22**)

Below are some the benefits of studying and doing the word of God which is Bible:

- (1) The word of God is God (**John 1:1**). Reading it is God talking to you (**Hebrews 1.1-2**)
- (2) It is the only source of faith in God. (**Romans 10:17**)
- (3) It guides us, and shows us the right way to go (**Psalms 119:105; Proverbs 6:20-23**)
- (4) It makes our way prosperous and successful (**Joshua 1:8; Psalms 1:1-3**)
- (5) It enables us to know Dos and Don'ts (**Galatians 5:16-25**)
- (6) It is the only way to know God (**Proverbs 2:1-5**)
- (7) The word of God corrects, perfects, and prepares us to do good works (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**)

### >4: PRAY TO GOD

Answered prayer is very reassuring of the presence and reality of God in our lives. All our prayers are to be directed to God through Jesus Christ (John 14:13, 16:23-24). We can pray for our own needs, the needs of other Christians, and the salvation of others. There are five points to make on prayer:

- (1) We should pray to God the Father (**Matthew 6:9; Luke 11:2; John 15:16; 16:23; Ephesians 3:14**).
- (2) We should pray in Jesus' name (**John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23-24**).
- (3) Pray in faith, believing God hears and answers our prayers (**Matthew 7:7-11; 21:21-22; Mark 11:22-24; James 1:6-7**).
- (4) We should make prayer a continual part of our life (**Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; 1 Peter 4:7**).

### >5: ATTEND CHURCH REGULARLY

A good church will believe, teach, and practice the true teachings of the bible, and will provide help for a new Christian, just as a mother provides help for a new born baby. Church attendance will enable us to be one with other Christians (**Proverbs 13:20; John 17:11; 17:20-23; Ephesians 4:11-14**), to help one another when in need (**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Galatians 6:2**), to exhort one another (**Hebrews 10:24-25**), to restore one another when in error (**Galatians 6:1**), and enable us to be part of the "one fold" (**John 10:3-5, 10:11; 10:14; 10:16**). Ask God to guide you to remain in a church where he wants you to be at this present time.

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### >6: BE BAPTIZED IN WATER

This was always done as soon as possible in the New Testament (**Acts 8:36-38; 10:47; 19:1-5**). The correct method is by immersion, typifying us following Jesus into:

- (1) His death (going down into the water) (**Romans 6:3; 6:4**),
- (2) His burial (going under the water) (**Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12**), and
- (3) His resurrection (rising from the water) (**Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21**).

### >7: BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

This can sometimes happen immediately one accepted Jesus or after one start to grow in the knowledge of God. Note that our hunger for God has a big role to play when it comes to baptism of Holy Spirit. Cornelius and his household for example (**Acts 10:44-46**), but in the vast majority of cases this is an experience which follows sometime after being born again (**Acts 8:5-17; 19:1-6**). It is an experience which all Christians need in order to be successful in their Christian walk, because it provides the supernatural power that we need to live spiritual lives, and be witnesses for Christ (**Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8**).

It is important to note that you **MUST** be BAPTIZE (not optional) in the SPIRIT if you want to MAKE A DIFFERENCE in your Christian life. **Born Again** is Life of God in man while **Baptism of the Spirit** is the Energizing the Life of God in Man. Speaking in tongues is one of the physical evidences but necessary the determinant (**Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6**). You or your pastor can pray for you to receive baptism of the Spirit if you believe and hunger for it.

### >8: PAY TITHES

A tithe is one tenth of a person's gross income, or increase. Tithing is part of God's financial plan to bless us and it has been since the days of Abraham (**Genesis 14:18-20; Hebrews 7:1-4**) and Jesus confirmed it.

When we pay our tithes, it is our acknowledgement that God is the source of our income and we are in a CONVENANT with God. The tithe belonged to God (**Leviticus 27:30-34**), but was used for the service of the Levites (**Numbers 18:21-29; Deuteronomy 26:12**). Tithing is act of faith, because God has promised a blessing if we do it, and a curse if we don't (Malachi 3:8-11). Because the tithe belongs to God (**Leviticus 27:30-34**), he considers not paying it as robbing him (**Malachi 3:8**).

### Jesus Christ endorsed paying tithes.

(Matthew 23:23) "You pay tithes of mint, and anise, and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice, and mercy, and faith. These it was necessary to do, and not to leave the others undone."

May the Almighty God uphold you to the end in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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