

TEN PRINCIPLES FOR GROWING AS A CHRISTIAN

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I. Read and meditate in _____ daily.

Joshua 1:8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

See also: Psalm 1:3; Psalm 119:97; Psalm 119:165; I Samuel 15:22-23; Leviticus 5:17; Isaiah 66:1-2; Mark 4:19; Colossians 3:16

II. _____ alone daily and with others often.

Matthew 26:40-41 Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing but the body is weak.

See also: Mark 9:29 and 11:24; Luke 18:1 and 21:34-36; I Samuel 12:23; Acts 1:14; Matthew 26:41

III. Be committed to attend _____ weekly.

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

See also: 1 John 2:19; Proverbs 8:34; 1 Corinthians 12:21-22; Matthew 18:19-20; Malachi 3:16-18

IV. Confess your _____ to God and be _____ to others.

Proverbs 28:13 He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

See also: Psalm 32:5-6; 1 John 1:9; Matthew 5:23-24; Matthew 18:15; Matthew 5:9; Romans 12:18

V. _____ from the heart those who have wronged you.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

See also: Matthew 6:14-15; Hebrews 12:14-15; Ephesians 4:30-32; II Timothy 4:16-18

VI. Be unashamed to share your _____ in Christ.

Matthew 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

See also: Acts 1:8 and 4:18-20 and 26:16-18; Luke 21:12-19; Matthew 5:14-16

VII. Depend on the _____ constantly for wisdom and power.

Galatians 5:16 and 25 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature . . . Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

See also: John 14:26 and 16:7-15; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 2:12-14; Romans 8:14; Ephesians 5:18

VIII. _____ generously and regularly to God's work and to those in need.

Malachi 3:10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

See also: Matthew 6:24ff; Proverbs 3:9-10; Proverbs 11:24-25; I Timothy 6:6-12 and 6:17-19; Mark 4:19; II Corinthians 9:6-8; Hebrews 13:5

IX. Be _____ to a mentor and/or a team of committed believers.

Proverb 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

See also: I Samuel 8:6-7; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Acts 13:2-3; I Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:17

X. Always be helping _____ to grow spiritually.

Philippians 2:20-21 I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

See also: Colossians 1:28-29; John 10:11-13; I Thessalonians 2:8-12; Galatians 4:19