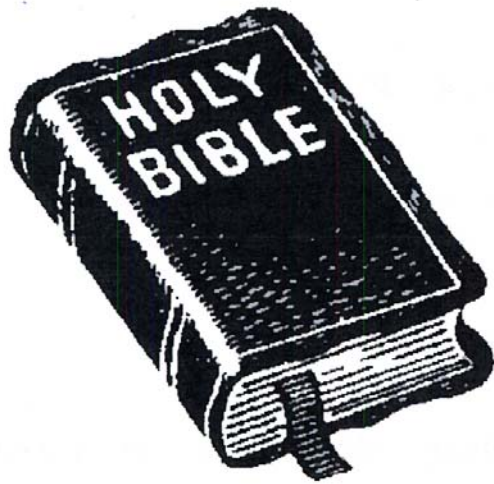


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### **I. Most Important**

#### **A. Accepting Christ—Isa 53:6, “All we like sheep...”**

1. Nature of the sheep – We need to be found  
Gen.6: 5; Eccl. 7:20
2. All Have Sinned—Rom. 3:23, Isa.53:6
3. Sin’s Penalty—Rom 6:23
4. Christ Paid Penalty—Rom. 5:8
5. Not by Works—Eph. 2:8, 9
6. Must Receive Christ—John 1:12
7. Assurance of Salvation—I John 5:13

### **II. GROWTH in Christ I Peter 2:2**

**A. Human and Animal** – special food – several days

**B. Follow-up Now Priority** - Heb. 5:12-14

1. Read Bible—start in the New Testament
2. Fellowship—peer groups—church

3. Bible Study—group, church, 1-on-1—II Tim. 2:15  
Study to show yourself approved...

This is how we can obey and mature

III. **Walk in Christ** Col. 2:6 “As you have received...”

**A. Me** (no formal training)

1. II Cor. 5:17—New Creation in Christ
2. Col. 3:23—heartily, as to the Lord...
3. II Tim. 2:1,2—man-to-man, minister informally

**B. Choose mate**

1. Prov. 18:22 “He who finds a wife...”
2. I Sam 16:7, “look not at countenance  
  
not outward – inward matters
3. take advantage of marriage counseling – Navs,  
Campus Crusade, marriage conferences

### **C. Handle our money**

1. Prov. 20:4, “sluggard does not plow by reason of cold...  
Prov. 6:6-8 prepare for future  
Old age, sickness is coming. 2003 Bypass  
\$70,000
  
2. Giving – Prov. 11:24, 25, “one who scatters yet increases...
  - a. Friend supporting me since Jan 1958 (\$25 a month) - \$77,000 steady giving investment.

### **D. Buying house**

1. How: Prov. 24:27—get counsel, prepare yourself, career, job (before I lived in a house)
  
2. Have a good down payment ... afterwards buy your house

### **E. Maintenance – Good Health**

1. Discipline—“I keep under my body...” I Cor. 9:27
2. 6 weeks—lost 18#s
3. Make decision – get some help
4. Diet / but not 4 – way bypass