

Journey Steps



On the journey to strengthen our faith and walk as God desires in this **relationship** with Him, there are certain guidelines to help us along.

Acts 2:36-47

1- **Clarity** on what I believe.

On the foundation of my belief in Jesus (That He is God and His death on the cross for me) we need to remember:

- It is **relationship** based
- I have **forgiveness** for my sin
- I get **eternity** with God and am saved from God's wrath

2- There are certain things to incorporate into our lives and make part of our lives, there are also certain things to avoid and throw out from our lives.

Ephesians 4:20-5:4

Put Off	Put On
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Falsehood/lying - Not sinning in anger - Not stealing/ no dishonest gain - No corrupt talk <p>(worthless/rotten talk- talk that breaks ppl down)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grieving the Holy Spirit <p>(not listening to God and what He says, saddens the Spirit)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bitterness and Wrath - Anger and Clamour (loud moaning) - Slander <p>(slow to acknowledge good is good) (slow to identify bad as bad)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Malice/Spite (wicked intentions) - Sexual immorality, impurity and Covetousness (wanting more & more) - Filthy and foolish talk, crude jokes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Truth - Be angry- deal with it well and properly - Work hard and true (mind on others) - Let your talk be for building up - Listen to God - Kind (serviceable good- taking action and being kind in deed) - Tenderhearted (sympathy) - Forgiving - Be sexually pure - Love - Thanksgiving

3- **Obedience** to what God says

- Not just hearing what God says, but **doing it**.

4- Receiving the **Holy Spirit** (John 14-16)

- He lives **in** you, and will walk this journey **with** you.

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| - guide | - convict |
| - comfort | - counsel and remind |
| - reveal truth | - give |

5- Things to **devote** yourself to

Devote: **To commit to no matter what our feeling is. To persist or persevere in.**

- 1) **God's Word** – through your own reading of the word and though teachings in bible studies and/or in church
- 2) **Fellowship**- meeting with other Christians, staying connected and in the influence of others who have the same belief.
- 3) **Remembering Christ**- To remember Who Jesus is and what He has done for us to keep us focused- this is what communion does for us as well.
- 4) **Prayer**- To be in conversation with God, talking to Him about life, our problems, our concerns, our thanks, confessing our sins, giving Him praise for who He is and what He does. A segment of time can help in these, but also constant small prayers are key to the relationship
- 5) **Serving**- Helping others and getting involved in doing tasks to help others where we can.
- 6) **Worship**- Giving God glory and praise through song. This also filters through into giving Him worship with our lives (Romans 12:1-2).