



A closer walk with Jesus

A foundation verse for a closer walk
with Jesus: “Take care what you listen
to. By your standard of measure it shall
be measured to you; and more shall be
given you besides.” Mark 4:24



Would you like the quiet confidence
that comes from knowing you are in
God's will?



Would you like favor with God
and with the people around you?



Do you want to see friends delivered
from the kingdom of darkness and
brought into the kingdom of God's
beloved Son?



Would you like the life of the Holy
Spirit coursing through your being?



Would you like to experience the love
of God, which cannot be contained,
flowing out from you to others?



Would you like to have all this
by the Lord's work within you,
and not by your own efforts?



All this comes through a closer
walk with Jesus...



Jesus said, “The student is not above his teacher, but everyone who has been fully trained will be like their teacher.”

Luke 6:40

Jesus' first recorded teaching in Matthew: Matthew 5:1-8

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

The foundation of growing in
Jesus is “Jesus – I need you!!!”



Blessed are those who mourn,

for they shall be comforted.



Blessed are the gentle
(humble or meek),
for they shall inherit the earth.



Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.



Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.



Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

All these focus on the condition of our
heart.



More than anything else, God's cares
about the condition of our heart.

Some ingredients for a closer walk
with Jesus:

1) Bring God into your everyday
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- 2) Cultivate an attitude of praise and thanksgiving.



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3) Pray for anyone you have issues
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4) Cast off negative thoughts.

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5) Have a daily time with the Lord in His word, and let His word to move you to:

Worship Him...

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and let His word to move you to:

Repentance...

“In repentance and rest you will be
saved, in quietness and trust is your
strength.” Isaiah 30:15

5) Have a daily time with the Lord
and let His word to move you to:

Thanksgiving...

In everything give thanks, for this is
God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

5) Have a daily time with the Lord
and let His word to move you to:

Tears...

Those who sow in tears shall reap
with shouts of joy. Psalm 126:5

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and let His word to move you to:

Obedience...

Blessed are those who hear the word
of God and obey it.” Luke 11:28



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9) Be active in the larger fellowship

10) Reach out to others, reach out in love, be a listener, be a friend.

Jesus, more than anything else, desires to fill you with His love.

Always be ready to give an account for the hope that is in you. 1 Peter 3:15



Walk in servanthood and humility

Philippians 2:1-11

Our church-wide fast this week:
We do not fast and pray to move God
to answer what we ask for.

We fast and pray so that we will be
moved to do what God asks of us.



In summary, by God's grace:
Colossians 3:12-17



Christ in you - the hope of Glory!
Colossians 1:27

Points to bring before the Lord:

- Am I being careful as to what I give my attention to; search me, O God...
- Do I truly hunger and long for my Savior!
- A daily time to be refreshed in your word.
- Am I in a small group? - lead me Lord!
- What are you calling me to surrender, to live in the joy of a surrendered life?