How to Enjoy Being a Christian





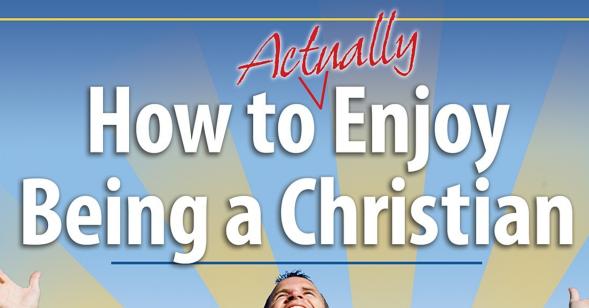
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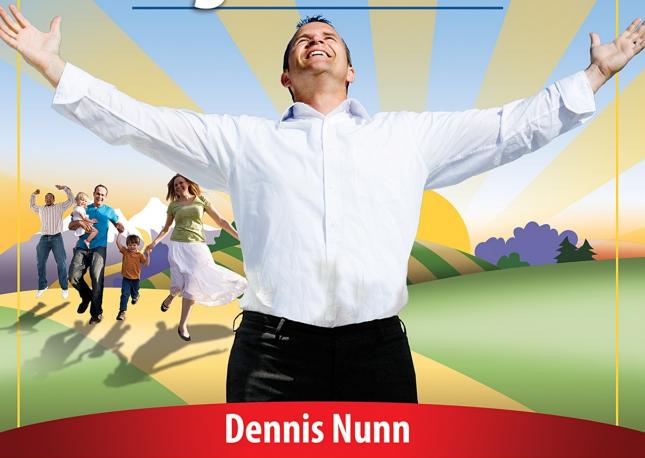
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Spend time talking with God each day.

Bible study= God talks to us

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Prayer=we talk to God

"One day Jesus was praying ina certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Teach us how to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father'"...

Luke 11:1-2



Some basic principles on prayer:

-It is directed to the Father, Luke 11:2

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-It is directed to the Father, Luke 11:2 -It is offered in the name of Jesus, John 16:23-24

"In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name."

John 16:23

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Luke 11:2

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-it is done in the power of the Holy Spirit, Ephesians 6:18

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers..."

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HOW to start a daily prayer time

1. After you read your Bible in the morning.

"In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation."

Psalm 5:3

"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."

Mark 1:35

2. <u>Alone</u>.

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father..."

Matthew 6:6

"But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."

Mark 1:35

3. Aloud.

"In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation."

Psalm 5:3

"So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing."

Matthew 26:44

"When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God."

Acts 4:24

4. Always

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

Ephesians 6:18

"The king said to me, 'What is it you want?' Then I prayed to the God of heaven and I answered the king..."

Nehemiah 2:4-5

"Then Jesus told his disciples a parables to show them they ought always to pray and not give up."

Luke 18:1

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"...pray continually..."

1 Thessalonians 5:17

5. <u>A list</u>.

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A-C-T-S

A - Adoration

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C- Confession

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- T Thanksgiving

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- T Thanksgiving
- S Supplication

Your walk with God

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- Your family

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- Anything else you need (James 4:2)

"You do not have, because you do not ask God."

James 4:2

Some personal illustrations

Will God Answer YOUR Prayers?

"You do not have, because you do not ask God."

James 4:2



"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

James 5:16

"Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain..."

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1. "Stay close and clean!"

"If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."

Psalm 66:18

There are 2 conditions on our part to see our prayers answered:

- 1. "Stay close and clean"
- 2. Faith



"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Matthew 21:22

"Without faith, it is impossible to please God."

Hebrews 11:6

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