ACCELERATING YOUR WALK WITH GOD

Hello! Thanks for reading this introduction.

Our goal in this series is to help kids understand the basics of following Jesus. Many people say they want more of what God offers, but they don't take the basics He has given us in the Bible seriously. With the goal of growing and going further with God, it's important to master these basics.

We'll cover five key points about being a Christian. These aren't everything, but they're a great way to BOOST and maintain your relationship with God.

One: The Word of God

The Word of God is the foundation for our lives. Everything that we do must be centered on what God has said.

Two: Prayer

Communication is key to any healthy relationship. Communicating with God is no different. Knowing God through prayer is our lifeline in this world.

Three: Worship

Worship can take on many forms outside of singing a song. Our goal is not just to sing a song but to live a life of worship.

Four: Church Community

As we are in the Word, Prayer, and Worship The Lord will reveal things to us that are to be shared with others. Being involved with other believers is a crucial part of our walk with Christ.

Five: Outreach

"Freely you have received, freely give"

God has blessed you so much that you have to share it!



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Two: Prayer

Prayer in its most basic form is communication with God. A conversation where two individuals are exchanging information. You are sharing your thoughts, feelings, needs, wants, desires, and much more. God will respond in love towards these things.

Prayer is our life line from heaven to earth. Much like an breathing-tube going from a boat to a scuba diver. The scuba diver has to stay connected to the air otherwise they would drown. It is the same for us as Christians in this world. We need the constant supply that comes from our loving Heavenly Father to stay alive on this earth.

When we talk to God, He promises He will hear us.

1 Peter NKJV 3:12a

The eyes of the LORD watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers.

God is paying attention when you pray; He hears what you say. Even better,

He promised that He will respond.

Jeremiah 33:3 NKJV

Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.

There are many things that we don't know but need to know. God has what we need and says He WILL answer you when you ask. We know that what He has for us is good.



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The key here is that we have to ask. If we stay silent and don't ask, He still has good things for us, but He cannot share them because you are not asking. He is faithful to do what He said. You have to do the asking part first.

1 Corinthians 9:10 ISV

9 But as it is written, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things that God has prepared for those who love him." 10 But God has revealed those things to us by his Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the deep things of God.

God has amazing things prepared for us, things we couldn't even think up on our own. He doesn't want to keep these things hidden; He wants to show them to us. He reveals them to us by His Holy Spirit as we spend time talking to Him.

By spending time in prayer, God will reveal His plan and instructions for your life. With the goal of going further and faster with God, prayer is a must. It doesn't matter how fast you are going if you are going in the wrong direction. God is the one who will show you which way to go. You will never please God without knowing what He wants you to do, and you will never fully know His plan for you without spending time talking to Him.

So here is the big question...

How do I use this to BOOST my relationship with God?

It is very simple. Talk to God. Talk to Him when you are feeling sad, happy, angry, lonely, lost, excited, hopeful, tired, or energetic. Share life together with Him. He is always willing to hear and answer you in every situation.

Psalm 46:1 EHV

God is our refuge and strength, a helper who can always be found in times of trouble.

