## So Now What?

## What should you be doing now that you're a Christian?

Here are several key things you can do:

1)

Read the Bible every day. The Bible is God's Word - He is the author. It is the primary way God communicates with us. By reading the Bible, you will learn more about Him, what He has done for you and His plan for your life. You will also find comfort during difficult times and answers for your problems. We need to read the Bible every day in order to live and grow as Christians. A good place to start reading is the biographies of Jesus, called the gospels. They are the first four books of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We recommend reading the translation of the Bible that Pastor uses in his sermons, such as the New King James Version (NKJV) or The New Living NLT Version. A good place to start is with the Gospel of John

Jesus answered, "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

2)

**Spend time praying every day.** Prayer is just talking to God. A simple formula to follow when praying is "A.C.T.S." - adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication. When praying, make sure to praise God for who He is, to honestly confess your sins to Him, to thank Him for what He's done for you and to ask Him for what you need. Be open during prayer for God to speak to you about what He may want you to be doing or changing in your life.

"You do not have because you do not ask God." (<u>James 4:2</u>)

3)

**Stay in fellowship.** This means maintaining close relationships with other Christians. At Church of The Living Word, believers stay in fellowship by regularly attending our weekend service and Mid Week Family service.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. . .Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God..." (Acts 2:42-47)

**Share Jesus with others.** As a Christian, you are called to be a witness for Christ. This means you are to tell others what the Lord has done for you. It is not necessary to be a Bible scholar or to have all the answers. Sharing your "testimony" (the story of your journey toward Christ) is one of the most effective ways of helping others find Him. There are benefits in it for you as well. Sharing your faith forces you to discover what you really believe and why, and it enables you to participate with the Lord in His plan for the world.

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15)

"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." (Philemon 1:6)

"We are Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." (2 Corinthians 5:20)

**Lastly You have a Church Family That Cares about you**. Call us if you have a question or want help with your Christian life. We are here to help you succeed in your new walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

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