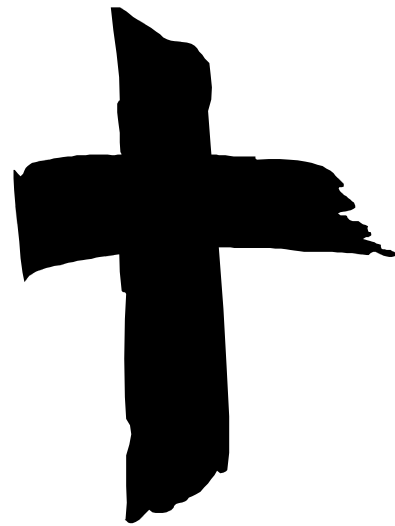


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WORDS OF
ENCOURAGEMENT
FOR NEW
CHRISTIANS



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Put Christ At The Center Of It All!

You are apart of the Family that has been born again!

Welcome to the family of God. Upon your baptism in Christ you became a child of God and a family member of the greatest family on earth. Your fellow brothers and sisters want to see you grow and become stronger in your new faith. To do this they want to share some words of encouragement with you that has helped them in their Christian walk. We pray this will be of great encouragement to you.

- ✚ Develop a daily Bible Reading and prayer habit.-**A Christian of 35 years**
- ✚ Pray daily and keep an open mind to others views, but know the way so you can get others from their way to The Way. Keep your eyes on the prize, times may get tough but Christ can get you through anything. He's been there. Also don't judge others.-**A Christian of 19 years.**
- ✚ My advice to a new Christian is to become involved in church activities. Attend Bible class go to Wednesday evening lessons, attend functions such as fellowship meals, ballgames/skating events, etc. This will enable you to feel more connected to the church and allow you to enjoy activi-

ties with others who worship as you do. It is a much easier path to travel when you travel the same road with others, rather than traveling alone.-**From a Christian of 18 years.**

- ✚ Develop Christian relationships of the same sex for strong friendships by attending ladies functions and classes for women and men's functions for men. Take 20 minutes every evening for family Bible Reading, reflection and prayer. It will draw your whole family closer to God and each other. Set family and individual goals for Christianity. Where do your children see God in their lives in a few years?- Where do you see your relationship with God in a few years? Set them up yearly-revisit them and update or readjust them often.-**a Christian of 25 years.**
- ✚ Pray everyday, all the time. Develop one to one relationship with God.-**A 32 year Christian.**
- ✚ Associate with Christians as often as possible. Try to read the Bible for an hour every day if possible.
- ✚ Make sure you make friends with

several Christians at the church. Invite and accept invitations of several Christians to do and try different things with those you have more things in common or you like best and become best friends. It is most important to know more about Jesus and His Church. You do this by attending all church services and reading and studying the Bible everyday, some days will be more busy than others, and you might not be able to study, but you still have time to read the Bible and think on what you read. Prayer is very important for all Christians, make sure you pray several times a day, before you get out of bed, at breakfast, going to work, thankful when you get there during the day for health, safety, so many things to pray for and it isn't even lunch time yet. Be very prayerful and thankful for all things. Let God know how much you care for Him, Jesus, Church, Bible, salvation, family, job, money, health, friend, house, cars all blessings. **-A Christian for 27 years.**

✝ Find a friend that is a Christian and make that person your best friend.**-A Christian for 10 years.**

✝ Don't get discouraged, some days we're tempted but keep your eyes on the goal. Be patient with yourself, it is not always going to be easy but it will be the most rewarding way to live-a way to find true happiness.**-A Christian for 30 + years.**

✝ Just remember even though you're a Christian doesn't mean you are "perfect." Try to make your "best" friends Christians.**-A Christian for 33+ years.**

✝ The new Christian needs to be faithful in attending worship services and Bible study seeking fellowship with those of the like faith; talk often with God in prayer, humbly through Jesus. From one who has been a Christian for over 43 years, but a faithful Christian for only 14 years. The quickest way to fall away is to forsake assembly, church.**-A 43 year Christian.**

✝ Attend church services with your fellow Christians.**-From a Christian of 54 years.**

✝ Study the Bible on all questions about salvation: Who made the world and all that is in it?; Who has the right to make rules on who enters heaven?; Are there certain groups specifically mentioned who will not enter heaven? New Christians should try to remove themselves from old habits and cultivate new

friends and study to help understand the Bible. **From a Christian of 50 years.**

✝ You have a family that cares for you when you are in need of help in any way. You are not along anymore. You can have wonderful fun with new friends, good clean Christian fun. You can have eternal life. You can pray for help to feel better when you are depressed and sad, sick or in trouble. **From a Christian of 67 years.**

✝ Attend service every time the door is open. Read your Bible daily. Do not dwell on the past, whether it was good or bad. Your life will become new from the time of your contact with the blood of Jesus Christ.

✝ Pray daily. Read at least one chapter in the Bible daily. Ask questions about things you do not understand. **From a Christian of 64 years.**

✝ Daily Bible Reading. Attend worship and Bible studies, this is very basic but of great importance for faithfulness.

✝ Get in a quiet place, sincerely pray to God; always end your prayers in Jesus name. Make your friends Christian friends. Participate in a Bible Study and stick with it. Read your Bible daily or as often as you can. Get a study Bible, they have wonderful footnotes that truly help you to understand difficult verses. Attend every church service.

Talk to God throughout the day so that you develop an inseparable relationship with him and the Holy Spirit will help you avoid sin. Take a daily inventory of your wrongs and promptly make amends and/or apologies and long with asking God's forgiveness. Thank God nightly for your day and spiritual guidance.

✝ Read your Bible daily; prayer is essential. Prepare for Bible classes before church time. Make Christian friends that you feel comfortable with and keep in touch with them, use your church directory. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Live one day at a time in Christ; be patient with self and others. Don't be upset with yourself when you do wrong, repent and move forward. Join in church activities and use your talents to the glory of God. **-A Christian for 37 years.**

✝ Remember to always put Jesus Christ at the center of your life. Each day you have to know God a little more and love Jesus a little more is a great day. Keep the faith. **From a Christian of 16 years.**