

INTRODUCTION

1. We are currently in a series on “The Uniqueness of the Bible.”
 - a. We have already seen:
 - b. The Bible is God’s Word
 - c. The Bible is Can Be Trusted
 - d. The Bible Tells Us About the Existence of the Triune God
 - e. The Bible Tells Us About Jesus
 - f. The Bible Tells Us About Sin
 - g. The Bible Tells Us How to Be Saved
2. And now we’re seeing tonight, “The Bible Tells Us How to Live As Christians.”
3. As we have been learning from our recent study in Titus, we are to live a certain way as believers.
4. We are no longer our own. We have a new master and His name is Jesus.
5. And now as a Christian and follower of Jesus Christ, my life is to reflect this transformation.
6. Instead of giving myself to sin, I’m to give myself to His righteousness.
7. And to do that, I must be obedient to what the Bible teaches.
8. The Bible tells us many things but one important truth is how we are to live as Christians.
9. Tonight I want to give 6 things we are to do as Christians.

LESSON

I. **Grow in Your Love for God**

- Jude 1:21 (NKJV) keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

“Keep” is a command

It establishes the believer’s responsibility to be obedient and faithful by living out his salvation (cf. [Phil. 2:12](#)), while God works out His will (cf. [Phil. 2:13](#)).

It means to remain in the place of obedience where God’s love is poured out on His children, as opposed to being disobedient and incurring His chastening (cf. [1 Cor. 11:27–31](#); [Heb. 12:5–11](#)).

This refers to the perseverance of the saints.

“Keeping yourself in the love of God” is accomplished by: 1) building one’s self up in the Word of God (v. [20](#)); 2) praying in the Holy Spirit (v. [20](#)); and 3) looking for the finalization of eternal life (v. [21](#)).

- John 15:9-10 (NKJV) ⁹ “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.
- 1 John 2:12-14 is a passage that indicates spiritual growth

II. **Make Disciples**

- Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV) Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.
- The command is to “make disciples.” “going, baptizing, and teaching” are how you make disciples
- Mark 16:15 (NKJV) And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

III. Pray

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ pray without ceasing
- The reference to prayer here is encompassing “all the aspects of prayer: submission, confession, petition, intercession, praise, and thanksgiving” (John MacArthur, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, p.186).
- Our prayers “should be continual, not sporadic; a habit, not an isolated act” (MacDonald, W., & Farstad, A. (1997, c1995). Believer's Bible Commentary).
- Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV) praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—
- Philippians 4:6 (NKJV) ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
- Charles Spurgeon said, “Nothing hinders prayer like iniquity harbored in the breast; as with Cain, so with us – sin lieth at the door, and blocks the passage. If thou listen to the devil, God will not listen to thee. If thou refuseth to hear God’s commands, He will surely refuse to hear thy prayers. An imperfect petition God will hear for Christ’s sake, but no one which is willfully miswritten by a traitor’s hand. For God to accept our devotions while we are delighting in sin would be to make Himself the God of hypocrites, which is a fitter name for Satan than for the Holy One of Israel” (Charles Spurgeon, Spurgeon on the Psalms, p.287).

IV. Read God’s Word

- Revelation 1:3 (NKJV) Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.
- Read Thoughtfully

Apply the same mental discipline that you would to any subject in which you take vital interest.

- Read Repeatedly
- Read entire books in one sitting
- Start at the beginning of a book
- Read in different translations

- Listen to the Bible read (CD, mp3)
 - Read out loud
 - Set up a reading schedule
 - Read Patiently - Work with one book for a month.
 - Read Selectively
 - Ask questions (who, what, where, when, why)
 - Read Prayerfully
 - Turn Scripture into prayer.
 - Read Imaginatively
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- Put yourself in the text. Imagine you're there like when you watch a movie.
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- Read Meditatively

“You are not what you think you are. What you think, you are.”

Joshua 1:8 (NKJV) This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

V. Attend Church Regularly

- Hebrews 10:24-25 (NKJV) ²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.
- Acts 2:40-42 (NKJV) ⁴⁰ And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” ⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

VI. Use Your Spiritual Gift

- Romans 12:3-8 (NKJV) For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. ⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if

prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;⁷ or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

- 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (NKJV)⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

CONCLUSION

- Grow in your love for God
- Make disciples
- Pray
- Read God's Word
- Attend church regularly
- Use your spiritual gift
- Our lives are not the same.
- Let's pray.