

Truth is the beginning point

for every confident stable Christian

Jeremiah 10:23 (NKJV)

23 O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.

▼ 1. This is where every Christian begins to succeed in this present life:

- a. Success is defined by God; not by the good feelings you have towards your accomplishments:

John 8:30-35 (NKJV)

30 As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him.

Who was Jesus talking to? → If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed,

91.1 𐤒𐤓𐤕 (ka):
𐤒𐤓𐤕 is markers of a new sentence, but often best left untranslated or reflected in the use of 'and' or the conjunctive adverb 'then'.
a result of a previous action

32 and you shall know the **truth**, and the **truth** shall make you free."

Hebrews 10:23-25 (NKJV)

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

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 custom of some but exhorting one another; and so much the more as you see the Day approaching

The day of Christ the Rapture

33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.

35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.

Satan is the wolf

John 10:10-11 (NKJV)

10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

Jesus Christ is the good shepherd

I have come

¹ that they may have *life* and

² that they may have it more *abundantly*

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

▼ 2. Free from experiencing death as a Christian:

Through Jesus Christ the Word of Truth we are

Satan is the thief he's that demonic influence in the believers life that results in

- a. 1. Free from **depression**,
2. free from **psychological torment**,
3. free from **bad decisions** that lead to greater depths of death and misery,
4. free from **self deception** that fabricates a temporary false sense of peace and happiness, yet it always leads to more unhappiness and utter failure

There is no half hearted approach for the successful Christian:

The Parable of the 4 Soil's

Matthew 13:1-9 (NKJV)

18 **"Therefore** hear **the parable of the sower**;

19 ¹ When anyone hears **the word of the KINGDOM** and does not understand it, then **the wicked one** comes and snatches away what was **sown** in his **heart**. **This is he who received seed by the wayside**.

20 ² But he who received the seed on **stony places**, **this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy**;

21 **yet he has no root in himself**, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

22 ³ Now he who received seed among the **thorns** is **he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches** choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

23 ⁴ But he who received seed on the **good ground** is **he who hears the word and understands it**, who indeed bears fruit and produces some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

The unbeliever

Didn't regard the word enough for it to take root in their soul

They began to walk in the Spirit but had no confidence

They, with a determined heart exercised endurance to produce according to their ability

These are all believers

This parable describes the 4 basic responses to the gospel, And they are all the result of personal choices

Proverbs 2:1-8 (NKJV)

1 My son, **if** you receive **My words** And treasure **My commands** within you,

2 So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding;

3 Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding;

4 **If you seek her as silver**, And search for her as for hidden treasures;

5 **Then** you will understand the fear of the Lord, And find the knowledge of God.

the result will be

6 **For the Lord gives wisdom**; From His mouth come **knowledge and understanding**;

7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly;

8 He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints.

Promise of God

This is what God has given in His Word

The successful Christian sets his mind to think about scripture and to obey it:

Romans 8:1-8 (NKJV)

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

4 that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

The purpose of Christ Jesus condemning sin in the flesh, was so that we would not have to live under the bondage of sin after we've been justified;

So that we can now live up to his righteous requirement, which is spelled out in the teachings of the New Testament

5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, they choose to have a daily practice of thinking about the things of this world

but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

they choose to have a daily practice of thinking about God's righteous requirements in scripture

6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

One's mind to be occupied with the things of this world results in a death like experience

One's mind to be occupied with the Word of God resulting in add abundant life

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

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