

What Must I Do...



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1. Do what the very first Christians did—join together with other Christians in a local church and continue “steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers”—and in all the other activities specified in the New Testament (Acts 2:42; 11:26; 20:7).

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2. Do **not** forsake the assemblies of this local church. Your primary purpose will be to worship God, but everything you do, together with the other saints, will result in your edification (Heb. 10:24–25; 1 Cor. 14:25–26).
3. Now that you have “**turned** to the Lord” (Acts 11:21), you must “with purpose of heart...**continue** with the Lord” (Acts 11:23).

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4. Do not live for yourself any longer; live for Jesus, who loved you and gave Himself for you (2 Cor. 5:14–15; Gal. 2:20).
5. Put Christ and His word **first**—before yourself, before your friends, before husband, wife, father, mother, son or daughter, before anyone or anything (Matt. 10:34–39; 6:33).

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6. Be willing to surrender **all** to Jesus—talents, money, time, even your own life. Give Jesus all you've got, because that's exactly what He has done for you (Rom. 8:31–32).
7. Don't let peer pressure keep you from standing for Jesus (Jn. 9:20–22; 12:42–43; Mk. 8:38; 1 Cor. 16:13). “Tho’ none go with me, I still will follow.”

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8. Don't keep living the way you did (Eph. 4:17);
"walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:4).
9. Regard yourself as "**dead** to sin, but **alive** to God" (Rom. 6:11)—and then live that way.
10. Be a "slave of righteousness" (Rom. 6:18); do whatever it demands of you.

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11. Change your priorities. Seek the things above (Col. 3:1)—things like kindness, humility, meekness, forgiveness, love, peace, etc. (Col. 3:12–17). Have zero interest in being like the world (Gal. 6:14). Conforming to the image of Christ is now your main focus (Col. 3:9–10).

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12. Do not “look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Cor. 4:18). Focus on that “which endures to everlasting life” (John 6:27).

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13. Love the way Jesus loves you (Jn. 13:34–35).
Look out for others' interests, not just your own (Phil. 2:3–4). Sacrifice for them, just as Jesus did for you (1 Jn. 3:16–18).

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14. Spend considerable time in the word of God, so you can grow spiritually (1 Pet. 2:1–3). God's word provides food for the soul; you simply cannot live without it (1 Tim. 4:6; Matt. 4:4).

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15. Spend much time in prayer (1 Thess. 5:17), which will enable you to “obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16). Do not try to make it on your own; you will need His help, and you will need it every day.

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16. Show your appreciation for what God has done for you—do as much for Him as you possibly can (1 Cor. 15:10, 58). You can start by teaching (or getting someone to teach) your family, friends, and neighbors the gospel of Christ (Mark 5:19; Luke 8:39; Acts 8:4).