

GO TO CHURCH!

Another very important part of our training is attending church regularly. Church is where we come together with other Christians to worship the Lord. It is a place where we hear the Word of God, which helps us to learn and to grow spiritually. Church is a place where we can be prayed for by people who care about us. It is also a place where we can fellowship with other members of God's family and find new relationships.

Going to church is something that should not be replaced by your favorite television program or skipped simply because you don't feel like going, but it should be something that takes priority in your life. At church we come together to worship the Lord. We sing, we clap and we lift our hands, the musicians play their instruments. We have a great time praising the Lord for His goodness!

PRAISE THE LORD!

Praise and worship is part of your training as well. We worship at church together, but you can praise and worship the Lord anywhere. At home, in your car, at the lake, in your fishing boat, anywhere you want! The Bible says in Psalms 149:150 "Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the saints. Praise the Lord. Praise God in the sanctuary."

These are very important aspects of your training. They are vital to your existence as a Christian. They help us build our spiritual muscles. What an exciting life you are beginning!

THE BENEFITS OF SERVING GOD

There are so many benefits in serving God that there is no way they could all be listed here. One of those is the Holy Spirit. The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit is a comforter. Jesus said in John 14:16 "And I will pray to the Father, and He shall give you another

comforter, that He may abide with you forever" He also gives us the power to become good witnesses to other people concern – Jesus and salvation. In Acts 1:8 it says "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses . . ." His presence is evidenced by speaking with other tongues and a great example of this is found in the book of Acts, chapter 2. We encourage you to ask God to fill you with His Spirit so you can experience this mighty gift of God.

Another incredible benefit in serving the Lord is healing. God does not want His children to be sick. The Bible says in 3 John 2 "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in good health, even as thy soul prospers." Jesus died so not only could we be saved, but He took the beating so we could be healed! Isaiah 54:5 says "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, . . . and by His stripes we were healed."

If you are suffering from an illness we encourage you to ask the Lord to heal you or if you would like special prayer, the elder of the church would love to pray for you.

There are so many great discoveries ahead of you! Every day can be a new experience with Jesus. Remember, you are just starting and you will have many questions. Solid Rock Church wants to help you in any way we can. Please feel free to ask us about anything and we'll answer to the best of our abilities. Our offices are open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm., Monday through Friday.



Don't forget to train daily to be a good soldier in the army of the Lord! It's a daily battle and it's up to you to **DECIDE TO WIN & REFUSE TO LOSE!** You must have your mind made up that you are never going to go back to where you were before. No excuses! Be a success and serve Jesus!

Remember, we're here to help in any way we can. Just let us know.

God bless you!

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Now that you have decided
to follow Jesus...

*How do you
become a
Success in Life?*



CONGRATULATIONS

We are rejoicing with you because of your recent decision to follow Jesus Christ! Not only do we rejoice, but the Bible says that ***“there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.”*** (Luke 15:10) We believe that the One doing the most rejoicing right now in the presence of those angels is the Lamb that was slain – the Lord Jesus Christ! He is so excited because He loves you and me so much and now, because we have given our hearts to Him – He didn’t die in vain!

There are some vitally important steps that you must take now to grow in your new-found faith. You are very much like a newborn, and without proper nourishment and care, you will die spiritually. Infant mortality, sad to say, is a realistic problem because many people become like the seed which Jesus talked about in Mark 4:5,6 ***“and some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no root, it withered away.”*** Let us encourage you not to be like the many who wither away and die – only because of a lack of discipline in these areas of their new lives.

In order to help you understand how to be a success in life, we’ve attempted to answer some of the questions you might have about your new relationship with God. Please take a few

moments to read through this pamphlet to help you discover how to be a success in life.

WHAT COMES NEXT?

Being a true success is living a daily committed life to Jesus. We must always strive to do the best we can. The Bible calls us soldiers. You have become a soldier in the army of the Lord. The Apostle Paul said in 2nd Timothy 2: ***“Thou therefore endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”***

We are also compared to an athlete in the Olympic games. First Corinthians 9:25 says: ***“To win the contest you must deny yourselves many things that would keep you from doing your best.”***

The next thing you need to do is to follow the example of Jesus and be water baptized. Water baptism does not wash your sins away, that’s already been done, but it is a testimony, an outward proclamation to the world that you are not ashamed to be a Christian. It represents your old life being left under the water and a brand new you rising up! Our church conducts water baptism on the first Sunday evening service of each month. We would love to help you to get baptized. Just call the church office @ 513-423-7040 and they will give you all the information you

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need.

Another practice to get in the habit of is the giving of tithes and offerings to your local church. Malachi 3:10 instructs us to ***“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse.”*** Jesus commands us to give a tithe which is 10 percent of our income. The ‘storehouse’ is the local church you attend on a regular basis. Offerings are any amount you give above your tithe, whether it be to missions or a guest speaker or another area in which God directs you to give. When we give, God says He will ‘open the window of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.’

Just like a soldier has to be trained to fight the battle, you too have to be trained to fight battles you will face. Being a Christian is not for wimps or quitters. There will be some tough times, but if you’ve been training properly, you’ll be able to overcome them.

What type of training do I need?

We’re glad you asked that question!

PRAYER!

Prayer is essential in the life of a Christian. We’re not talking about praying every once in a while, but we’re talking about a DAILY prayer life! It is vital for you to spend time every day talking

with Jesus. That is how we get to know Him better. It is how we find out what He wants us to do with our lives. It is our daily time to thank Him for being so good to us and it is the time when we share our needs with Him. David said in Psalms 55:17, ***“Evening and morning and at noon, will I pray and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice.”*** Proverbs 3:6 says: ***“in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.”*** Prayer is part of our training.

Just a reminder and a caution – don’t look for fireworks to go off every time you read and pray. At times there will be, but mostly, through your day to day living, it will involve strict discipline to read and pray. Believe this when I tell you that there are times in life when I feel like my prayers are bouncing off the wall and going no further. There are also times that the things I read I do not readily understand. But I discipline myself to work that much harder and this is where the growth really occurs! It is then, and only then, that things really get accomplished! God is faithful to those who are faithful to Him.



READ THE BIBLE!

Reading the Word of God everyday is part of our training. The Bible is referred to as the sword of the Spirit. It is a powerful weapon in our hands. Hebrews 4:12 says, ***“For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword. It penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”*** In John 5:39 Jesus said, “You search the scriptures, for you believe they give you eternal life.” And the scriptures point to us! ***“Study to show thyself approved unto God . . .”*** is what 2 Timothy 2:15 says. That means, in plain language, read the Bible!

