

Advice to New Christians

To all new Christians, or to all who need a “refresher”:

I. Coming through the gate (laying the foundation)

Confess/repent sins, receive Christ, get water baptized, receive baptism in Holy Spirit

II. Basic Christian life

a. Read/study/memorize Scriptures

b. Pray (in English and in the Spirit)

c. Fellowship with other believers

- i. Attend regularly
- ii. Worship/praise
- iii. Pray (together in the church)
- iv. Pay attention to the messages, put them into practice
- v. Give
- vi. Identify your own function and gifts in the church and begin moving in them

III. Specific Advice

a. Attitudes

- i. Resist pride – 1 P. 5:6
- ii. Be joyful, cheerful – Neh. 8:10, Rom. 14:17, Gal. 5:22
- iii. Be zealous, enthusiastic – Dt. 6:5, Col. 3:23
- iv. Be sensitive to personal failings, but don't give in to condemnation or self-pity – 1 Jn. 1:6-9

b. Actions

- i. Seek God, righteousness, and wisdom – Mt. 6:33, Proverbs
- ii. Do not covet – Col. 3:5
- iii. Forgive – Mk. 11:25-26
- iv. Don't let anger fester – Eph. 4:26-27

c. Morality

- i. Avoid bad company – Prov. 1:10
- ii. Flee youthful lusts – 2 Tim. 2:22
- iii. Flee fornication – Eph. 5:1-5
- iv. Find a faithful spouse/Be a faithful spouse – Heb. 13:4