

I'M A CHRISTIAN, NOW WHAT?

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STEPS TO GROWTH



Week 4: Beyond Me

Sharing My New Life With Others



Accepting Christ is the greatest decision anyone can make. I hope that you've begun to see what a *great* gift God gave you when He saved you. I hope that there have already been many changes in your life and many more to come. The final week in this book is dedicated to how you can share this GREAT gift with others. I know you have some family and friends who you want to accept Christ, too. During the first part of this week, we will focus on sharing Christ *by how you live*. The remainder of the week will be devoted to sharing Christ *by what you say*. I trust that God will use you to reach many others for Him.

DAY 1

(Date)

Accepting Christ is like starting your life all over! You are a new person. What does 2 Corinthians 5:14-18 say about this?

How do we grow spiritually and allow these changes to take place? (see 1 Peter 2:2-3 and Psalm 119:9-11)

DAY 2

(Date)

What about sin in our lives? How do we get rid of that? Well... you probably never will, but you can learn not to say "yes" to it. What does 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 and James 1:13-16 say about temptation?

Does God tempt us?

How *are* we tempted? _____

Remember you *can't* just do what you want to, because God owns you! (See Romans 12:1-2). What do you think (considering what Christ did for you) is reasonable?

Don't forget... if you do fall, go to God and confess... just tell

God what you did. (1 John 1:9).

If we really love God, we *must* obey Him (see John 14:21-24). One of things he tells us to do is to love others. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 and list all the characteristics of love that the Bible gives in verses 4-8.

DAY 3

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When God begins His work in you, He changes you. Look at one more list of things God produces in you. Read Galatians 5:22-23 and list the changes:

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Sharing Christ, both by how you live and by what you say, is very important. Read the following verses and record some reasons why it is essential:

Mark 16:15 _____

Acts 1:8 _____

John 3:1-21 _____

Witnessing (that's the word we use for telling others how to accept Christ) shows you are not ashamed of God in your life (see Romans 1:16).

Caring about others is one of the first signs of a life changed by God's salvation. Read John 1:41 and 45. What did Andrew do immediately after he was saved?

What about Philip?

DAY 4

(Date)

You should share your own testimony (that's *your* story of what God did for you and how *you* accepted Him).

Remember, witnessing is a process. What are the steps listed in John 4:35-37?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____

You might wonder to whom you should witness. It would be a good idea for you to use a section of your prayer list (the one we discussed last week) to record the names of friends and family who you think might not know Christ.

Remember, God may send someone else *your* way like He did for Peter in Acts 10:1-6. You just need to be sensitive to those around you that are looking for *the answer* you once looked for. (Just like Philip in Acts 8:30-35)

DAY 5

(Date)

There are a lot of reasons why many Christians don't share with others. List a reason beside each of the verses below and decide not to allow *anything* to stop *you* from witnessing.

Proverbs 29:25 _____

Romans 1:16 _____

Matthew 14:14 _____

1 Peter 3:15-16 _____

What are some of the special benefits of witnessing? Look at these verses:

Psalms 126:6 _____

Proverbs 11:30 _____

Daniel 12:3 _____

1 Corinthians 9:25 _____

What does our witnessing produce in heaven? (See Luke 15:7)

How should we approach witnessing? (See 1 Peter 3:15)

DAY 6

(Date)

Now, as we finish this chapter and this book, take a few minutes and write *your* personal testimony. Write about how you accepted Christ so that you'll be ready to share:

Finally, list the names of 5 people for whom you will begin to pray daily and with whom you will share Christ:

DAY 7

(Date)

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3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Here's the plan I use to share Christ:

(You should underline these verses in your Bible and put the page number of the next one by each).

1. Must believe you're a sinner (Romans 3:23)
Your sin deserves DEATH (Romans 6:23a)
2. Jesus Christ died for you (Romans 6:23b; John 3:16)
3. Must accept that FREE gift (Romans 10:9)
Confess Jesus is Lord
Believe
4. Ask Him to come in—Pray
5. Expect God to change you (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Sharing Christ is a difficult, but a rewarding and necessary job. How will others know if we don't tell them? What would be different in your life if someone hadn't told you? I hope you won't be selfish, but that you'll share this great gift with everybody you meet. **It's the greatest gift you'll ever give.**

Some final thoughts:

Christians are special people! The word *Christian* means *Christ-like*. I hope that will be the standard for the rest of your Christian life. I trust that this book has helped you to begin to grow in your relationship with God. Life is short—live it all for God!

Let me leave you with Paul's words in his last book as he wrote to Timothy (a teenager at the time) in 2 Timothy 3:14: *"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of..."*

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