

Practicing The Fundamentals

We live in a world that is hostile to God's family...

- We are just passing through as aliens, visitors. [I Peter 1:1; 2:11](#)
- We are in a dark sinful world. [Philippians 2:14-15](#)
- We are being preyed on by Satan. [I Peter 5:8-9](#)

Christ followers, members of God's forever family...

- Have been born into that family by the Word of God. [I Peter 1:23-24](#)
- Are a special group of people! [I Peter 2:9](#)
 - We are chosen!
 - We are royal family members.
 - We are priests, serving God, with direct access to Him.
 - We are a unique, separate "nation", the church that He is using.
 - We are God's own!

God wants us to grow in our spiritual life. [I Peter 2:2; II Peter 3:18](#)

- To grow we must "lay aside", renounce sins in our lives. [I Peter 2:1](#)
- To grow we must practice the fundamentals until we get to Heaven!

Every Christ follower should continually practice these four fundamentals...

Catching The Word of God. [I Peter 2:2-3](#)

- The Word of God is adequate for our growth. [II Timothy 3:14-17](#)
- The Word of God is to be desired, pursued, taken in, obeyed. [Psalm 119:9-16](#)

Throwing ourselves on God in Prayer. [I Peter 2:4](#)

- Jesus modeled prayer. [Luke 5:16](#)
- We are told to pray. [I Thessalonians 5:17](#)
- Prayer produces God's results. [Matthew 7:7-11](#)

Running with the right crowd, the Church. [I Peter 2:5-8](#)

- One clear statement says it all! [Hebrews 10:24-25](#)

Hitting the streets with the Gospel. [I Peter 2:9-10](#)

- Our purpose on this earth is to share the Gospel!
- We are to be ready, even in difficult circumstances, to share. [I Peter 3:15](#)