

If you've given your life to Christ and invited Him into your heart, then you are a Christian. Jesus called this being "born again." John 3:3 says, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the 'kingdom of God', unless he is born again. Paul said that becoming a Christian is like starting a whole new life. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

[2 Corinthians 5:17]



1

Read the Bible everyday. The Bible is God's word - He is the author. It is the primary way God communicates with us. By reading the Bible, you will learn more about Him, what He has done for you and His plan for your life. You will also find comfort during difficult times and answers for your problems.

We need to read the Bible everyday in order to live and grow as Christians. A good place to start reading is the biographies of Jesus, called "the gospels." They are the first four books of the 'New Testament.' Translations of the Bible such as 'the Message' or 'the New Living Translation' are recommended for an easier understanding.

'Man cannot live on bread alone, but needs every word that God speaks.'
[Matt 4:4 TEV]

2

Spend time praying everyday. Prayer is just talking to God. A simple formula to follow when praying is "A.C.T.S." - adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication. When praying, make sure to praise God for who He is, to honestly confess your sins to Him, to thank Him for what He's done

for you and to ask Him for what you need. Be open during prayer for God to speak to you about what He may want you to be doing or changing in your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide, help and strengthen you in all you are doing, and becoming.

You do not have, because you do not ask God.
[James 4:2 NIV]

I love the Lord because he hears my prayers and answers them. Because he bends down and listens, I will pray as long as I breathe!
[Ps 116:1-2TLB]

3

Stay in fellowship. This means to maintain close relationships with other Christians. Believers can stay in fellowship by attending weekly worship services, small groups, Bible studies and by fellowshiping with other believers. It is vital to your Christian walk to participate in these various opportunities that will help develop your Christian walk in your new relationship with God and in fellowship with other believers. This will help you develop as a new believer, to become a vital part of the 'Body of Christ.

They joined with other believers in regular attendance at the apostles' teaching, and prayer meetings. And believers met together constantly and shared with each other, they worshiped together regularly at the temple, they met in small groups in homes, and shared meals with great joy and thankfulness, praising God. The whole city was favorable to them, and each day God added to them all who were being saved. [Acts 2:42-47]

4

Share Jesus with others. As a Christian you are called to be a witness for Christ. This means you are to tell others what the Lord has done for you. It is not necessary to be a bible-scholar or to have all the answers. Sharing your "testimony" (the story of your journey toward Christ) is one of the most effective ways of helping others find Him. There are benefits in it for you as well. Sharing your faith helps you discover what you really believe and why, and it enables you to participate with the Lord in His plan for the world.

I pray that as you share your faith with others it will grip their lives too, as they see the wealth of good things in you that come from Christ Jesus. [Philem 6 TLB]