

# Living The Christ-life

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Proverbs 3:1-12

## The Human Life

Why Do Some People Wander Around All The Days Of Their Lives?

1. False Information – Wrong decisions
2. Wrong Motivations – Hostile relationships
3. Inadequate Power – Small accomplishments
4. False Goals – Bad destinations
5. Poor Investments – Cheap dividends
6. False Philosophies – Life built on sand

### 1 - Life Guidelines – Who's Running Your Life?

Prov 3:1-2 (NIV) My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.

Knowledge: WHAT to do.

Understanding: WHY to do it.

Wisdom: HOW to do it.

Power: LIVING it through the life of Jesus.

### 2 - Life Motivations – Why Do You Want What You Want?

Prov 3:3-4 (NIV) Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Psa 119:11 (NIV) I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against You.

### 3 - Life Source – What Power Are You Using?

Prov 3:5-6 (NIV) Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Mat 28:18-20 (NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "ALL authority in heaven and on earth HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. THEREFORE (since that is true) GO and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. And surely I am with you ALWAYS, to the very end of the age."

Rom 15:13 (NIV) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **4 - Life Activities – Who Set Your Goals?**

Prov 3:7-8 (NIV) Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Phil 3:14 (NIV) I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward IN CHRIST JESUS.

## **5 - Life Resources – Where Do You Make Your Investments?**

Prov 3:9-10 (NIV) Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Luke 6:38 (NIV) Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

## **6 - Life Challenges – How Do You Handle Your Problems?**

Prov 3:11-12 (NIV) My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline and do not resent His rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those He loves, as a father the son he delights in.

Heb 12:6-7 (NIV) Because the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone He accepts as a son. Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?

## **Three Steps To Successful Living**

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## **How To Take Those Three Steps – Turning Your Life Over To Jesus**

GOAL: 2 Cor 10:5 (NKJV) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought TO THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST.

PRAYER: Phil 4:8 (NIV) Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS.