HOW TO GET JESUS' TRUTHS

Did You Know Study And Prayer Must Work Together?

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Praying Gets Jesus' Truths

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The Truth/Prayer Pages

When Jesus teaches you a truth, you need to let Him lead you into praying for that truth. In the **Books For Successful Living,** each page has power truths and power prayers. If you just read, you will get wonderful truths from Jesus and the Bible. But, if you pray for those truths, you will get a transformed life.

The Purpose Of "Power Truths"

What Is Your Original Purpose?

What kinds of people are you having to deal with every day? Do you find that, as a Christian, it hard to fulfill what Jesus wants your relationships to be? With the kind of people you have to deal with, how does He expect you to treat them with unity, truth, compassion, fairness, and love? How do Biblical things work in business, dating, marriage, a family, or with an enemy or adversary? How do you take what you learn in the Bible and apply it to the way you live life? How do you do it in such a way it actually empowers you to succeed in life in a better way than ever before? You and Jesus will be able to solve these issues together.

Does The Bible Help With Your Life?

Have you ever read a requirement in the Bible, and wondered what would happen if you applied it to your business or a relationship? What would happen to your business or your friends if you went around just telling them the truth? It can look like you would be a lot more successful, if you mainly concentrated on your needs, likes, preferences, and interests. To start loving others and concentrating on their needs, can appear to hurt your goals, plans, and future; but, it actually enhances them. Wisdom from Jesus will make the difference.

What makes you win in life? What causes people to want to be around you? Why would someone want to do business with you, marry you, be your friend, or stop being your enemy? What kind of a person would you need to be to win at life and it make you and those around you happy. What is Jesus, the truths of the Bible, and Christianity offering that would make your life so much better that you wish you had lived that way all of your life?

Did You Know There Are Two *Life*styles?

There are two approaches to life; one involves dishonesty and the other involves honesty. One involves selfishness and the other involves love. One involves goals that end at death and the other wins now and in eternity. One involves loving things and using people and the other involves loving people and using things. One involves following the teachings of the world and the other involves following the teachings of Jesus. The thing about these two lifestyles is, one abuses people and the other blesses, helps, befriends, and cares about you and the people around you.

Would You Like To Grow With Jesus?

What if you are already too busy to add one more thing to your life? What if you already have a full schedule? What if you are already doing as much as possible trying to have a relationship with God? Why would you add something like the **"Starting Your Day With Jesus"** series to your busy schedule?

It's true you can't just stop your life to let Jesus teach you. But, would reading and praying over three pages a day really be that hard? Rather than a simple "thought for the day" or some self-help concept, what if Jesus took you into steady, continued growth in your relationship with Him? What if He took you into incredible principles and taught you how to succeed at *everything* you do? Studying a truth and then praying and asking Jesus to put it in your life is a powerful way of making your life so much better than it has ever been.

How Is The Bible Relevant To Your Every Day Life?

What about your life? Would you like Jesus to teach you how to succeed in a business, a marriage, a family, a career, or your life? Are you willing to let Him help you grow in your relationship with Him? Have you ever considered how wise Jesus is? What would happen if you included Him in all the decisions of your day? What if you let Him help you think of incredible things that will enhance your plans? You can simply read and pray through three pages a day, five days a week and He will help you walk and talk with Him all day long.

What about your happiness? Have you ever thought a certain thing or person would make you happy and it didn't? Have you ever got something that made you happy for a while and then it gradually lost its excitement? How would you like Jesus to guide you into those things that bring true happiness that lasts for a lifetime? How about starting your day *with* happiness?

What Is Your System For Life?

What is life all about? Jesus and the Bible are like turning on the light in a dark room. Most people are trying to "feel" their way through life. They are trying to imagine and guess what life is all about. They find themselves going down dead-end paths, running into obstacles, and falling over things they weren't able to see. Jesus is the light of the world. He illuminates the issues and circumstances you face, so you can see and understand what you are dealing with. This is called *truth*. On each page, you will be letting Jesus teach you a truth and then empower you to pray and invite Him to put it into the attitudes, character, and behavior of your life. That is worth the little time it takes to read and pray each day.

Do You Know What Causes You To Win Or Lose?

What about your success? Did you know there are certain areas of your *attitudes* and *character* that are causing you to win or lose at life? These two things are Jesus' priority. He knows that if you have bad attitudes, you will fail. How is your character? You may feel like your attitudes and character are pretty good. Have you ever dealt with a person who seemed to be unaware of their faults? Their people-skills were poor; but, they didn't seem to know it. It is difficult for us to see our own faults. Jesus will lovingly and gently help you improve.

Who do you like? Do you like those who are trying to use you to get what they want? Do you like those who lie to you, so you will meet their needs? Do you like those who will cheat you, if they think they can get by with it? Do you like those who talk down to you because they think they are superior to you? Improving your attitudes and character are how Jesus helps you treat people the way you like being treated. When they find out you are real and trustworthy, it becomes much easier for them to be around you. Jesus wants to teach you how. Win/win relationships are all about doing to others what you want them doing to you.

Your Team

Jesus' people are praying that you are blessed in a special way. They are praying that you have a close relationship with Jesus.

People Are Praying This Prayer For You:
Eph 1:16-17 (NIV) I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may *give you* <u>the Spirit of wisdom and revelation</u>, *so that* you may know Him better.

Eph 1:18-19a (NIV) I pray also that <u>the eyes of your heart may be enlightened</u> *in order that* you may know *the hope* to which He has called you, *the riches* of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His <u>incomparably *great power*</u> for us who believe.

Eph 1:19b-21 (NIV) *That power* is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

The Purpose Of "Power Prayers"

Living Life For A Purpose

How Do You Turn Information Into A Lifestyle?

If you were a hoarder, you would fill your house with all kinds of things. They may be very useful; but, you would forget why you obtained them. Working on your LIFEstyle is about *using* what you learn, and *living* life, as God gives it to you. Prayer keeps you from just "hoarding" a bunch of information. Wonderful information but just information.

Let's say you got a degree and was licensed as a professional. What if you worked at a fast-food place, getting minimum wages, while getting your education, degree, and license? But, suppose you kept working, as a fast-food worker after you paid the price, learned the information, earned the degree, and were licensed to take advantage of your training. You didn't make the changes in your *LIFE*style. Jesus' methods keep this from happening.

What Makes Jesus' Truths Different?

Have you seen people going on a strict diet, lose a lot of weight, but later gain it all back? They didn't make dieting and exercise a part of their lifestyle. Your *LIFE*style is *permanently* changed by you "doing what it takes" to get where you need to go, so you can continue *living* there. By exposing yourself to Jesus' principles, you develop a *LIFE*style.

How can Jesus take truth/prayer pages and turn those principles into a new *LIFE*style for you? First, He helps you understand His truths. Then He helps you ask Him to put those truths into your life, by providing you relevant prayers based on those truths. Plus, He helps you be thinking about what you studied and prayed about. All during your day, He helps you see how you can use His principles in your daily life.

How Does Jesus' Life Help Your Life?

A baby goes through many stages in becoming an adult; they try to pattern their life after adults. If they saw how much smaller, weaker, and untrained they were, they might get discouraged and not try. You have been born again; this time you were born into the family of God. You started out as a spiritual infant. As a beginner child of God, you are to become a mature, trained, adult child of God. Jesus will help you grow into all these things.

Jesus is your pattern for adulthood; you must see Him as your example. Since Jesus is the Creator of the universe, and since He is God, of course He is able to do what He did. As a spiritual beginner, you may see how small, weak, and untrained you are and not be willing to try. You may not know you are to be a spiritual adult someday by following Jesus' examples and training. Jesus can get you ready to live in God's Kingdom by helping you now.

What Is Jesus Trying To Teach You?
If a baby doesn't innately know *the reason* they have a small version of an adult body, they won't develop properly. They must desire to watch, practice, grow, and gradually learn how to live life as an adult. You are never going to be God; but, you *are* a child of God; you are to watch Jesus, practice, grow, and gradually learn how to live life as a spiritual adult. Jesus *is* God; but, it is *still* His desire to show you *how* to live His adult, Jesus-life *as* a child of God.

You were born as a human; that gave you a body and life to be trained with. It is a limited life; your attitudes and character aren't developed, so you can be trusted with supernatural, God-sized power. Jesus will develop your attitudes and character properly. Then Jesus will *gradually* give you opportunities to work together with Him. He and you will be able to train and help those around you to experience Jesus' power and truths in their life.

Are You Ready To Learn How To Live The Jesus-Life?

Ask Jesus to help you understand vital truth issues. Like in all the things in the **Starting Your Day With Jesus** books, spiritual understanding only comes from Jesus. If you read and understand these things, you can be sure it is because Jesus is empowering you to understand. If you read and don't understand, all you have to do is ask Jesus to help you understand. If you pray and still don't understand, then ask Jesus to help you bring it back up when He is ready to explain it to you. So, what does it take to get Jesus' life into your life?

1. Be Born Into It
John 3:3 (NIV) In reply Jesus declared, "<u>I tell you the truth</u>, no one can see the kingdom of God <u>unless he is born again</u>." You know what a human birth looks like; it's a small version of a human, starting out, for the first time, on this planet. They usually have all their physical equipment, but, don't know how to use it. They have a lot of growing to do physically, mentally, spirituality, and in experiences. They have a long way to go to be an adult human; but, they seem to have the desire, hope, and determination to get the job done.

You were born again; your second birth made you God's child, a member of His family, and a citizen in His Kingdom. Now, allow all of this to become a reality in your heart and mind. You *know* you have been born into it. Now ask Jesus to teach you the other things you need to know. There is no better teacher than Jesus. He will teach you Biblical truths and then you can ask Him to put them into your life; that will grow you into an adult.

2. Know You Are Born Again For Eternity
1 Pet 1:23 (NIV) For you have been born again, <u>not of perishable *seed*, but of imperishable</u>, through the living and enduring word of God. Being born again is different from being born as a human. The human "seed" of your parents produced a life that is **perishable** and heading for death. You do all that growing physically, mentally, and in experiences; but, if you aren't born again, you lose it all at death. Being born again through the "seed" of God is **imperishable;** you live forever. With Jesus, you are working on eternal life. He is training you for living in God's eternal Kingdom.

3. Trade Your Human Life For Jesus' Life

Gal 2:20 (NIV) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me. If you want to, you can spend all your time learning how to succeed, as a human. If you do, you will forfeit your eternal Jesus-training. As an untrained Christian, you will enter into eternity with very little spiritual skills, abilities, experiences, or training. Your opportunities will be extremely limited. However, even if you only give Jesus a few minutes of your time each day, He will use it to help you succeed now and for eternity in many ways.

As a child of God, you have inherited some incredible things. Jesus will teach you what they are, so you can live in the spirit realm where your Father lives. As a born-again *child* of God, you don't know a lot about this new realm. But, Jesus has a training system where He lives through you. He will give you hands-on opportunities to yield to Him, while experiencing what the spirit realm looks and feels like. Let Jesus help you trade your life for His life.

4. Trade One *Life*style For Another

John 14:12 (NIV) I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. What if a young child didn't see their parents, as someone they were to pattern after? What if they thought they could never be like them? That is what happens to a lot of Christians. They don't understand the *life*style Jesus is trying to give them. Yes, Jesus is God; but, He lived His life as a human, spiritual adult. He did it, so you can accept His *life*style as yours.

5. Trade One Inheritance For Another

Rom 8:17 (NIV) Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory. What if you see the Bible and Jesus' life as not have anything to do with your life now? How would it affect your life if you knew your life now was influencing your eternal inheritance? What if you found out that you could be making investments in eternity by living a certain way here? Did you know that your success here affects your success in eternity?

6. Appreciate Your New Birth And New Inheritance

Now if we are children, then we are heirs: What did you inherit when you became a child of God? **Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is (1 John 3:2).** Just like a human child will automatically grow up looking a lot like their parents, there are parts of you that automatic grow into looking like your heavenly Father. But, just like there were skills, knowledge, experiences, abilities, and training your parents had that you didn't get, the Bible is provided for you, so you can get those things too.

7. Take Advantage Of Your New Birth And New Inheritance

Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ: Not all of Christianity is automatic; a human baby inherits their characteristics from their parents. But, what they do with them is up to them. That is the way Christianity is; you inherited God and His provisions. That is automatic; but, what you do with all this is the next big issue. You aren't here just to learn how to live as a human, you are mostly here to learn how to live as a spirit being. You are to let Jesus use the things you learn about living as a human to teach you about living as God's child. You have applied yourself to learning a lot about being human; and, you have applied yourself to learning *how* to live as God's child. Now it is time to start *living* as a child of God.

8. "Do What It Takes"

If you need a drink, you have learned how "to do what it takes" to get one. If you need to chew some food, you know how to do it. If you need to pick something up, you have learned the process of accomplishing that. But, do you know how to hunger and thirst after righteousness? Do you know how to "chew" spiritual truths? Do you know how to move spiritual issues from one place to another? Learning how to walk in the Spirit, digest God's truth, have eyes and ears that can see and hear what Jesus is teaching, is what you are dealing with now.

A Prayer For You To Always Pray For Yourself And Others

Jesus' people are praying Ephesians 1:17-23 for you. But, it contains such vital requests before God that it was converted into a prayer for you and those around you to pray. As others pray it for you, please join them by praying this modified prayer for yourself and your friends.

I *keep asking* that the God of my Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may *give me* the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, *so that* I may know Him better.

I pray also that the eyes of my heart may be enlightened *in order that* I may know *the hope* to which He has called me, *the riches* of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably *great power* for me, who believes. Jesus, help me see, know, and understand the hope, the riches, and this power.

That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills everything in every way. Jesus, I ask that I would receive a full revelation and vision into all this power that is available to me; and, I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

It would be good for you to pray this prayer for yourself and those around you regularly.