

Living Life that Pleases God

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“For this cause we also, since the day heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing you knowledge of God”

– Colossians 1: 9 – 10 (KJV)

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PRAYER

Our Father

Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not to temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen

Ntata Rona (Sesotho)

Ntata rona ya mahodimong, lebitso la hao a le ke le kgethehe; ho tle mmuso wa hao; thato ya hao e etswe lefatsheng, jwalokaha e etswa lehodimong; o re fe kajeno bohobe ba rona ba tsatsi le leng le le leng; o re tshwarele melato ya rona, jwalokaha re tshwarela ba nang le melato ho rona; o se ke wa re isa molekong; o mpe o re lwele ho e mobe; hobane mmuso ke wa hao. Le matla le kganya, ko ho sa feleng, Amen.

Baba Wethu (IsiZulu)

Baba wethu osezulwini, maliphathwe ngobungcwele igama lakho. Umbuso wakho mawufike. Intando yakho mayenziwe emhlabeni njengasezulwini. Awusiphe namhla isinkwa sethu semihla ngemihla. Usithethelele izono zethu, njengoba Nathi sibathethelela abasonayo. Ungasingenisi ekulingweni, kodwa usisindise kokubi, Amen.

Bawo Wethu (IsiXhosa)

Bawo wethu osezulwini, maliphathwe ngcwele igama lakho. Mabufike ubukumkani bakho. Mayenziwe intando yakho emhlabeni, njengokuba isenziwa ezulwini. Siphe namhla isonka sethu semihla ngemihla. Sixolele amtyala ethu njengokuba Nathi sibaxolela aabo banamtyala kuthi. Ungasingenisi ekulingweni, kodwa sihlangule ebubini, Amen

Onse Vader (Afrikaans)

Onse Vader wat in die hemele is, laat u Naam geheilig word; laat u koninkryk kom; laat u wil geskied, soos in die hemel net so ook op die aarde; gee ons vandag ons daaglikse brood; en vergeef ons ons skulde, soos ons ook ons skuldenaars vergewe; en lei ons nie in versoeking nie, maar verlos ons van die Bose. Want aan U behoort die koninkryk en die krag en die heerlikheid tot in ewigheid, Amen.

Living to Please God

Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honourable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all the brothers throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers, to do so more and more.

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

– 1 Thessalonians 4: 1 – 12 (NIV)

Introduction: Living a Normal Life

Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

- Romans 8: 12 – 14 (NLT) -

I have always asked, how does someone live life that pleases God? I always thought you needed to be holy. You also need not to commit a sin. I also thought that you needed to be poor. That is because the rich are normally considered to be arrogant and proud. I know that many people ask themselves the same question everyday. I used to call myself a Christian, but go on living a different life. My life was controlled by the devil, and not by God. I used to attend church, and read the Bible. But I did not understand anything about God. I will judge the pastors or priests on how they deliver the word of God. I used to move from one church to the other. I thought the pastors were not fulfilling my spiritual needs. My relationship with God was once a week affair. I had so many problems in my life. My relationship with God was only where I wanted Him to solve my problems. This was a not a solid relationship. I hoped all the sins I had done during the week will be forgiven.

Going to church used to be unfamiliar thing. I treated it as a once a week event. I did not realise that connecting, and having a

relationship with God should be an everyday thing. I never saw God as my parent. We do not have a once a week relationship with our biological parents on this earth. They are there for us and to guide us everyday. We ask for their help everyday. I realised this when I met a prophet of God. Then my journey of connecting with God started. It was a difficult journey. The devil was playing, and shifting me from what God has planned for me. It took almost a year for me to realise that I cannot live my life without God. When God touched me; I started to realise that I needed to have a strong relationship with Him. I needed to ask Him to guide and help me everyday. We need to ask our Lord Jesus Christ to be visible in our lives. He made the following promise:

“Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

- John 14: 19 – 21(NIV)

This scripture tells us how important it is to have relationship with God. If you believe in God you will live. This is because He is with us; through the Holy Spirit. If you love and obey God, He will show Himself to you. This is the first step in having a relationship with God. I started to realise that the bible had all the answers for me. I started to get guidance from it. I started to use it for knowing how to live my life well. I also used it to troubleshoot anything in my life. Through the bible, God has provided all the answers for us. The bible is the technical manual of our lives. Have you ever seen a product without the technical manual? No! How will you know how to use it? What about if you have any problems with it? Manufacturer gives you the manual, and also the warranty and guarantee for that product.

They even give you the contact in case you need help with the product. God has provided the bible for the same purpose. Apostle Paul wrote the following to church of Ephesus:

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

- Ephesians 6:17(KJV)

Scripture talks about the weapon we need to use in our lives; that is the word of God. In the bible we have all the weapons we need to defeat the devil and evil spirits. It also tells us how to be closer to God.

So what is in this book?

This book covers questions that I asked God. I asked many questions on how to live life that pleases Him. God provided answers for me, and they are all from the Bible. The word of God tells us how to live life that pleases Him. I also share with you my life learning through the word of God. I started to share these learnings with people around me. The topics were mainly discussed during the bible study meetings. I was inspired by the way these topics touched and changed peoples' lives. They started to understand their purpose in life. They also started to understand what God requires us to do with our lives. I advise you to read this book with the bible. It will help you to understand the scriptures that changed my life. If you do not have the technical manual of your life then buy one. This is because you will need it to find a way to troubleshoot your life. It will change your life like it changed mine.

Chapter one, looks at the importance of a powerful prayer in our lives. It teaches on how to pray according to the instructions of our Lord Jesus Christ. I used to pray, but I did not understand the purpose of a prayer. I used to only pray when I had problems in my life. I expected God to answer my prayers immediately. Chapter two, discusses how to repent from sins. We are surrounded by sin