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"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." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

The Christian world is flooded in our day with ideas, programs and plans to help you live your Christian life better. All these teachings and resources state that they will help you stay on track in your Christian walk. In the midst of this day of abundance in resources and information for Christians we must step back and look at the Bible to help find truly what will keep us on track in our Christian walks with the Lord. Here is a short list of simple, yet very biblical ways to stay on track with the Lord in your walk:

1. Not relying on men - It is tremendous to receive writings, daily devotionals, sermons, teaching tapes and many other resources daily yet they can become crutches for us in our walk with the Lord. Even some can come to the place in prayer where they do not pray themselves but just get others to pray for them. Relying on men can be a very dangerous thing and result in not only deception but a lack of ability to follow the Lord yourself (Psalm 146:3). Our Lord Jesus taught 12 disciples to rely on Himself (John 14:1) and not the teachings and patterns of the religious age they were surrounded with. In the same way we must rely on the Lord Jesus Christ and not men or the religious information around us (John 12:36).
2. Doing everything for God - Christian life is primarily about God not ourselves (Romans 15:6). As long as we walk this Christian road we need to keep our focus on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and namely the person of Jesus Christ "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2). Our salvation should constantly bring up in us a great thankfulness and glorifying of God daily (2 Corinthians 4:15). The Bible commends us to glorify God in everything we do if it is in word or deed. When we do these good works out of deep appreciation for the love of God we bring glory to God the Father. Keeping this focus on God's testimony, His glory and Name keeps us from being self-centred and self-seeking in our Christian walks (Romans 15:6).
3. Do not Trust in your abilities and experience - There is a great danger in our Christian walks and being in ministry to trust in our own abilities and past experiences. If we had a great victory in our Christian life and that can become something that builds slowly over time self-reliance instead of dependence on God. Our past experiences can be markers like Abraham made of worship to God so when we come back to think of them it will result in worship of God rather than glorifying someone in ourselves that we did it. Our own understanding is so strong and wants to plead with us daily to trust in itself rather than God's wisdom which is high above our thinking, logic and ways (Isaiah 55:9). We must desire to hear the voice of God in the Bible and by our prayer walks with the Lord and heed that voice even over what we feel is right (Hebrews 3:15). When we obey the Lord and trust Him we will never be put to shame (Psalm 25:3).
4. Saying no to Gossip, slander and grumbling - Mankind is prone to sin in these areas of comparing ourselves with others and putting down others that do not measure with what we think is right (Romans 2:1). Such judging, criticizing, and scrutinizing will never bring the peace of God into one's life and never keep the presence of God in our lives (James 4:11-12). We should always look to ourselves first for when we criticize others it is usually that same weakness that we can find in ourselves and therefore should judge ourselves first. A man who judges himself before God His Father and not men will be a happy and peaceful man of God. There is a time and place for a godly correction especially in the local church may we have wisdom to only open our mouths in such a way as being led by the Lord Himself (1 Corinthians 5:3-4).
5. Seeking after God more than money - Almost all of the world is seeking after money as its prime motive in life. Jesus taught this clearly that the world is in love with money and seeks it as their god (Matthew 6:24). Only those who follow the Lord Jesus Christ are the ones that put money under their feet. If we are pursuing fame and success in this world then we are not seeking God's kingdom first (Luke 16:14). This life is just a breath and it is passing away so quickly only those who are wise will build their lives on eternal values and rewards (James 4:14).
6. Building a personal relationship with Jesus - We can get side-tracked by so many things in the Christian walk and therefore to keep it simple can bring much fruit and blessing in your life (John 15:4). Keeping your daily focus on building a relationship with Jesus Christ by reading the words of God, prayer, worship and just thinking on His person. Jesus covets and desires after intimate fellowship with the Church He bought with His own blood. May we respond to this call of His love.

ve daily and sit at His feet as Mary did of old (Luke 10:39). Also be honest and share every hurt, burden and care of this life with Him in a simple way like a child. He will never turn you away and Has only deep love for you as you seek to abide in His life (1 Peter 5:7).

7. Mediating on the Words of God - To mediate and muse on scripture is a lost art in much of the evangelical world. This requires us to quiet our hearts to think upon Gods words as more important and higher than ours. To recognize Gods words as eternal, holy and showing the truths of eternal life (Psalm 138:2). To practically take 1-2 verses per day and just muse and chew on them in your mind and heart will produce life and a sense of the presence of God (Psalm 1:2). This practice will bring you peace and give you strength in your Spirit to be more discerning of daily situations you run across in your walk with Jesus Christ.

8. Silence - There is such an overload of information, thoughts and busyness in our culture that we truly do not have time to just be silent and think. We are taught that to stop thinking about what we have to do next is idleness and unprofitable. The practice of true prayer to wait on the Lord in times of silence and pray very purposefully is not done in many churches (Psalm 46:10). Even a time of introspection during the holy communion is not afforded to us in this rushing time we are in (1 Corinthians 11:31). Practically I feel it is profitable to just God this time of quietness and allow Him to speak, impress your heart with scripture. Allowing the peace of God to flood into your hearts and minds as you simply want to fix your minds on our Lord in worship. There is nothing dangerous about this practice when we come with a sincere heart to worship the Lord Jesus Christ and hear from Him (Acts 13:2).

As we seek to do these practical things may the Lord continue to keep us on track with His will in our daily walks.

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Thank you brother Gordon for this beautiful reminder.