

FIRST LOVE CHURCH

New Converts Teaching Guide.

Welcome To The First Love Church and God Bless You for Giving Your life to Christ.

This is the greatest decision of your life and we will like to take you through some important things that would help you along your Christian walk.

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1THE WORD OF GOD

A. 4 Powerful Effects Of The Word of God (Having a daily quiet time).

1. A Daily Quiet Time prevents hurts and reduces pain in this life.

Much of the pain and hurts of this life would have been avoided if we had used the light of life.

John 8:12

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

When a man gropes about in darkness he often hurts himself by bumping into unexpected or unforeseen objects. How painful it is to hit your shin against a table. The pains and hurts we experience in our lives are because we have not picked up the lamp of God.

Psalms 119:105

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

2. A Daily Quiet Time guarantees a good harvest of nice things.

This is because a daily quiet time is the sowing of spiritual seeds into your spirit. The Word of God is the great seed that you plant in your heart when you have a quiet time.

Luke 8:11

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Most Christians sow into the flesh. They invest in their flesh. They invest time, money to the development of their flesh and their earthly existence. Others invest seeds of television, pleasure, sex, alcohol and drugs into their flesh. The harvests that comes from such seeds are horrific

Galatians 6:8

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

3. A Daily Quiet Time burns away unwanted things.

When this fire is received on a daily basis, no evil can remain as part of your character.

Jeremiah 5:14

Wherefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

Some things can only be removed by fire. The Word of God is a fire. A daily dose of that fire will take care of every unwanted element in your personality or character.

4. A Daily Quiet Time breaks down evil strongholds.

Because a quiet time leads to the breaking and the burning of evil things in our lives, Christians who do not have quiet times often have bad characters. The strongholds in most Christians' lives cannot be broken away by one powerful sermon. Anyone who does not have a regular quiet time has a lot of things that need to be burnt and broken down.

Jeremiah 23:29

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

B. 4 steps to having an effective quiet time

Step #1 - Pray to Begin Your Quiet Time

It's time to give the Lord praise and worship for His goodness. Pray thanking the Lord for another day. Thank Him for who He is, what He has done and what He can and will do. Now ask God to speak to you.

Exodus 34:6-8

And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.

Psalm 119:18

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

Step #2 - Read a Passage from the Bible Expecting God to Speak to You

Read the passage for the day expecting God to speak to you from it. There are several ways of choosing your daily Bible reading passage.

How to Choose Your Daily Bible Reading Passage

i) Choose a book from the Bible of which you read a few verses every day.

You must always remember where you ended so you can continue from the same place on the next day. In the New Testament, I have had wonderful quiet times as I have read through the books of Luke and Ephesians. In the Old Testament, I have also had wonderful quiet times as I have read through the books of Genesis and 1st and 2nd Samuel.

ii) Choose a personality from the Bible whose life story you follow.

A few verses from passages about Moses will give you much revelation for your life. You must always remember where you end your reading so that you can start the next day from that point.

iii) Take the passage suggested in your daily reading guide.

When I first became a Christian, I depended on Our Daily Bread for my quiet time.

Step #3 - Meditate (Think Through and Soberly Reflect on What You Have Read.

2 Timothy 2:7

Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

Step #4 - Write Down Whatever the Lord Tells You

It is important to develop the habit of writing the things that God speaks to you about.

The very fact that you have acquired a notebook shows that you have faith in an invisible God. You believe that He has spoken to you and you have written down His words. You have taken a great step of faith. Without faith it is not possible to please God.

2PRAYER

A. 3 reasons why every Christian should pray or Speak in tongues Every Day.

1. Prayer or Speaking in tongues builds you up to become a strong and powerful Christian.

Jude 1:20

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

1 Corinthians 14:4

He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

2. Speaking in tongues helps you Develop a better relationship with God by making you become more conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit in you as you continue to communicate with God in tongues.

The Holy Spirit is in us to help us. Being more aware of His presence helps you to develop a personal relationship with Him and engage His participation, contribution and influence in our lives.

John 14:16-17

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

3. Speaking in tongues is talking to God directly asking God for the Holy Spirit in this way will make you filled with the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 14:2

For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

Luke 11:13

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

4. Speaking in tongues helps you to pray according to the will of God.

Romans 8:26,27

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

3HOLY GHOST BAPTISM

A. How to Receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost

1. Firstly, you must be born again.

This is the most important qualification.

Mark 16:17

And these signs shall follow them that believe;...they shall speak with new tongues;

2. Secondly, you must desire the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38-39

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Although it is a promise for every believer, God expects you to desire the gift so that when He pours out this blessing on you, it will not go waste or unused.

1 Corinthians 12:31

But covet earnestly the best gifts;...

1 Corinthians 14:1

...desire spiritual gifts,...

3. Pray and ask God to baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

Luke 11:13

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

4. Exercise your faith by speaking out in tongues.

God is not going to put a radio box in your stomach and switch it on and off. He expects you to speak out! You must step out in faith and God will honour that faith.

Acts 2:4

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Sometimes it is helpful to get a senior Christian to assist you by laying hands on you and praying along with you. This can greatly facilitate the process and eliminate doubt and fear.

Acts 19:6

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

5. Once you start speaking in tongues, don't stop it. Keep on praying!
The Bible describes the speaking of tongues in two ways. First it as a:
i. River that flows out of your belly:

John 7:37-39

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

So let the river flow!!

It is also a:

ii. Stammering tongue:

Isaiah 28:11

For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

4CHRISTIAN SERVICE

A. 3 reasons why you must be a soul winner

After you are saved you must get involved in the work of soul winning.

Acts 9:20

And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

2 Timothy 1:8-9

[8] Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

[9] Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Here are 3 Reasons Why you must be a soul winner :

1. Soul Winning Will make you Prosper as a believer

Psalms 35:27

Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

* It is the great Command and Commission According to Matthew 28:18-20 hence obeying it releases the greatest prosperity

Job 36:11

If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

2. Soul winning will make you Shine as the stars

Daniel 12:3

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

3. Soul Winning is your way of showing love to God as a believer

John 21:15

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.