

In focusing on the biblical perspective of life, what is the first and foremost important element to consider to be saved and inherit eternal life in the Kingdom of God?

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

As such Jesus added:

John 3:17, "God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

John 3:3, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Mark 16:16, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

Matthew 10:38-39, "He who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it."

What's more?

Acts 4:12, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Therefore:

Matthew 7:13, "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it."

Do I understand the importance of truly believing in Christ, and as such follow Him to inherit eternal life?

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## **BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE OF LIFE ... CORE PRINCIPLES**

*"If then you were raised with Christ,  
seek those things which are above, where  
Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.  
Set your mind on things above,  
not on things on the earth. "*

*Colossians 3:1-2*

Having believed in Christ by faith, and surrendered our life to follow Him as Lord, our perspective on life must obviously change to reflect God's will for us.

As such, how did Jesus instruct us to live?

Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

John 8:12, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

What's more?

1 John 2:15, "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

2 Corinthians 7:1, "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

Why?

Romans 6:6, "Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin."

Therefore:

Romans 6:4, "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

How is that working for me right now?

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## **BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE OF LIFE ...DISCIPLINE OF THE MIND**

***“Be sober, be vigilant;  
because your adversary the devil  
walks about like a roaring lion,  
seeking whom he may devour.”***

***1 Peter 5:8***

Keeping a biblical perspective on life requires spiritual discipline. How? Ephesians 4:23-24, “Be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

Why?

2 Corinthians 10:4-5, “For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”

What’s more?

Proverbs 3:11-12, “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.”

Hebrews 12:11, “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”

Therefore:

Ephesians 5:15-17, “So then, be careful how you walk, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*.”

Proverbs 16:3, “Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established.”

How disciplined and unwavering am I to follow Christ as Lord?

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## **BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE OF LIFE LOVE - HUMILITY - FORGIVENESS**

*"Let nothing be done through selfish  
ambition or conceit, but in lowliness  
of mind let each esteem others  
better than himself."*

*Philippians 2:3*

How did Jesus clearly command us to love?

Matthew 12:30-31, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This *is* the first commandment. And the second, like *it*, *is* this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

John 15:12, "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

As such:

John 13:35, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

What is love?

1 Corinthians 13:4-7, "Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

The purpose being:

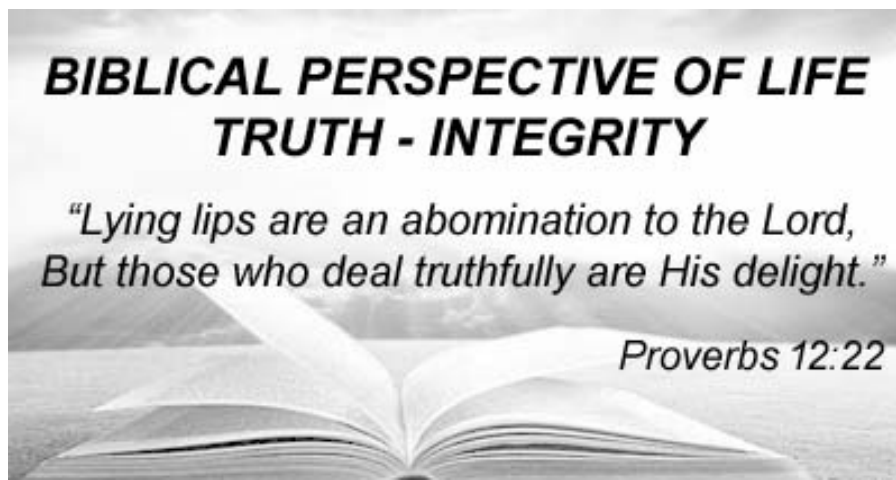
Ephesians 4:15, "Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ."

Therefore:

John 14:21, "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

How focused am I to love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself?

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How did Jesus command us to live with integrity and truth?

John 8:31-32, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

As such:

Matthew 5:37, "Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No', 'No.' Anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

What's more?

1 John 2:4, "He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

Proverbs 19:5, "A false witness will not go unpunished, and *he who* speaks lies will not escape."

Therefore:

Ephesians 4:23-24, "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

Philippians 4:8, "Whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."

Ephesians 4:25, "Putting away lying, "*Let each one of you* speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another."

Will I choose truth and honor God, or be a follower of the father of lies?

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In simple terms, faith is to believe God at His Word. The reason why scripture says:

Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

Why?

Hebrews 11:6, "Without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

How do I build my faith?

Romans 10:17, "Faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

As such:

2 Timothy 1:7, "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

Isaiah 26:3, "You will keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed on *You*, because he trusts in You."

And as Jesus said:

John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Therefore:

1 Timothy 6:12, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

1 Corinthians 16:13, "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong."

How faithful am I to meditate on God's Word, so that I wholeheartedly trust God and walk by faith?

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# **BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE OF LIFE**

## **PRAYER**

***“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”***

***Matthew 26:41***

Prayer is the spiritual spark that energizes the Word of God in our hearts.

As such, how did Jesus teach us to pray?

Matthew 6:6-7, “When you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do*. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.”

Why?

Psalms 145:18, “The LORD *is* near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.”

As such:

Matthew 6:9-13, “In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

Therefore:

Hebrews 4:16, “Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, “Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

How faithful am I to abide in Christ through sincere prayer?

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## **BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE OF LIFE SUCCESS - MONEY**

***"No one can serve two masters.  
Either you will hate the one and love  
the other, or you will be devoted  
to the one and despise the other.  
You cannot serve both God and money."  
Matthew 6:24***

What did Jesus teach us about the love of money and possessions?  
Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Luke 12:15, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

Why?

Matthew 16:26, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Luke 12:34, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

What's more?

1 Timothy 6:10, "The love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

Ecclesiastes 5:10, "Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied."

Therefore:

Hebrews 13:5, "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Where is my treasure right now?

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## **BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE OF LIFE BE WITNESSES FOR CHRIST**

***“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”***

***Acts 1:8***

Is the command of Jesus to be His witness limited to evangelists and pastors?

Matthew 5:14-16, “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Why?

1 Timothy 2:3-4, “For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

To this Jesus added:

Luke 12:11-12, “Do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

John 15:8, “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”

What’s more?

Romans 1:16, “I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.”

Therefore:

1 Peter 3:15, “Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”

When was the last time I let the light of Christ shine through me, in sharing the gospel message with anyone?

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