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Welcome to the KKMinistry bible study podcast. This is L.A. Smith. Thank you for joining me once again. In this podcast we will be studying various scriptures pertaining to our Christian goals. Before we get started you should know that you can download a free bible study guide that goes along with this bible study by going to my blog at KKMinistry.com and clicking on Resources. The study guide has all of the scriptures and is really basically a transcript of this podcast, so I highly recommend you either pulling it up online and following along or printing it out.

Before we dive into the scriptures, let me do a brief introduction to this study.

Introduction

When we plan a trip or journey, we usually plan or have some ideas in mind of some things we would like to accomplish along the way. Well as Christians, God has expectations of us and has provided for us a map or a blueprint of where he wants us to go and what he wants us to do. He has clearly laid out goals for us as followers of Christ.

In this bible study, I will cover what I believe are some key goals that our heavenly Father want us to accomplish on our Christian walk according to His words documented in the Holy Bible.

Our Goals as believers in Christ

As believers in Jesus Christ the Savior, our goals are to:

1. Please God and have a relationship with God,
2. Be faithful to Jesus,
3. Love one another and live at peace,
4. Spread the Gospel,
5. Grow to maturity and
6. Our final goal is to go to heaven and live forever.

Please God and Have a Relationship with God

Please God

Let's see what the bible has to say about these goals starting with goal number one: Please and know God. 2 Corinthians 5:8-9 tells us "8We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

NOTE: This scripture is pointing out that as Christians we would much rather not be here on earth in our natural bodies but instead our desire is to be in heaven present with the Lord. But verses 9 and 10 tells us:

9Why we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 10For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he has done, whether it be good or bad. "

This scripture makes it clear that we are going to receive from God in accordance to what we do here on earth in this body whether we do good or bad, so let us walk upright before the Lord while here on earth by living like His Word tells us to live, so that we please our heavenly father and will be able to stand before Him with confidence when His Son returns.

Have a Relationship with God

It is also very, very important that we get to know God. Peter 3:18 tell us: "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit."

In other words, because Jesus the Christ was our living sacrifice, suffered and died for us to bring us to God, we can actually have a relationship with God while here on earth through the Holy Spirit.

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Proverbs 8:35 states: “For those who find me find life and receive favor from the LORD.” Trust me beloved, you absolutely want favor from the Lord, which are often time unexpected and unexplained blessings that God rains down on you. His favor also provides you with revelations about the things that are taking place and will take place in this world that are mysteries to the masses.

Be Faithful to Jesus Christ

Let’s us move on to the second goal, which is to be faithful to Jesus.

Let’s read John 15: 3-5:

3Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken to you.**4**Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine;

OK, let us just think about this for a minute. If we remove a branch from a tree or remove a branch coming off a vine from the vine, what’s going to happen to that branch once it’s disconnected from its source of energy or life? It’s obviously going to die. The scripture goes on to say that no more can we do anything without Jesus. Let’s continue on.

...no more can you, except you abide in me. **5**I am the vine, you are the branches: He that stays in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing.

By the way beloveds, it is important that I remind you hear that the way you stay in Jesus and have Him stay in you is by continuously reading, studying and understanding His word and by adhering to His word. You must also make an effort to avoid things of the world that are contrary to God and His word.

Love One Another and Live at Peace

Jesus told us to do this in John 13:34: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

My friends, to make it to heaven we must live in accordance to these two great commandments, which includes within them, all of the commandments: Matthew 22: 34-40

34Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. **35**One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:**36**“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

37Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’^c **38**This is the first and greatest commandment. **39**And the second is like

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it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'^d [40](#)All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Love is the key to be a Christian and it is the one gift that we all must have to enter into the kingdom of heaven. Unfortunately, as the people in our world focus more on material things, selfishness or love for or of oneself, the amount of love for one another in the world is dwindling, which is the reason why the condition of our world is also deteriorating morally and spiritually.

However, the bible told us that this would happen as we approach the end of time in Matthew 24:12, which read: "Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,"

Spread the Gospel

Let us read:

Matthew 13:52 He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

And Mathew 28:19 states:

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

So you see my fellow Christian brothers and sisters, it is the responsibility not just of pastors, preachers, missionaries, deacons, etc. to spread God's word. Spreading the word of God is what our Father expects all of us to do. We do not need a title or a church to do this.

Acts 1:8 states: But 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."

It's past time for each and every one of us to get busy being a witness for the Lord. One of the first ways we all should be doing this is by living a holy sanctified life and being an example unto the Lord. If we call ourselves a Christian, we should be living in accordance to the words of Christ.

Grow to Maturity

Saints, when we study Gods word we should do so with the intent to put in place what we learn from the word of God into our lives, so that we grow as Christians.

Ephesians chapter 4 verses 12-14 tell us this:

...¹²For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of

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Christ: **13**Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:**14**That we from now on be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; ...

God does not expect us to continue to make the same mistakes and fall for the same tricks of the devil over and over. Just like in the natural world, at some point you are expected to grow-up and mature as a Christian.

When you do, you will begin to get more insight into God and what he has to offer us.

When we become mature Christians, our spiritual wisdom is increased.

Listen to what 1st Corinthians chapter 2 verse 6 states:

1 Corinthians 2:6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

Our Final Goal is to go to Heaven and Live Forever

My beloved brothers and sisters, I ask you to please visualize this next verse with me. The verse is Revelation chapter 7 verse 9.

It reads:

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

This verse is talking about our ultimate goal, which is to make it to heaven and live a life of eternity with our creator and heavenly father.

Leviticus 23:40 On the first day you are to take branches from luxuriant trees--from palms, willows and other leafy trees--and rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.

Zechariah 10:8 I will signal for them and gather them in. Surely I will redeem them; they will be as numerous as before.

Are you ready to be gathered up and redeemed by the Lord? Do these scriptures excite you as much as they do me?

My brothers and sisters we can do this. We can make it!

In John 13:36: Simon Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."

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The Lord our God told us that we can indeed make this journey. However, we have to really want it and really get serious about living in accordance to God's word so that we can achieve all of our Christian goals.

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