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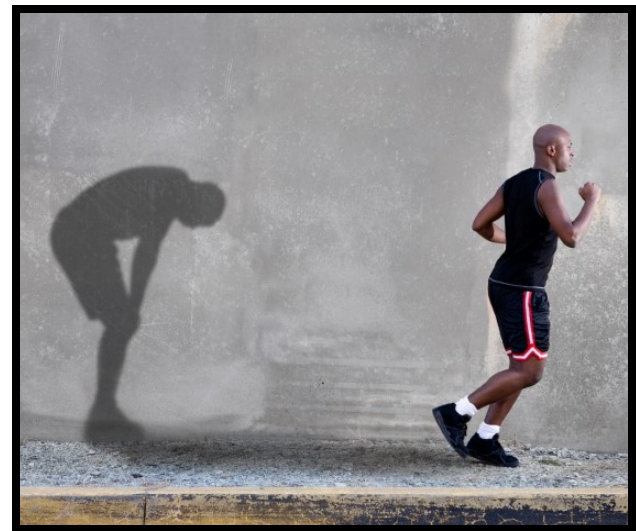
"Your road to a better life"

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Second Wind!



A Guide to rededicating
your life to Christ

Congratulations!

The decision you made to rededicate your life may be, next to your original decision accepting Christ as your Savior, the most important decision of your life. God created you for a purpose and that purpose begins with knowing Him.

When you rededicate your life that means you are someone who had accepted Jesus at some point in your life, but have fallen away from faithful living, and you now wish to commit your life to God again. Rededicating your life is simply changing the direction of your life toward Godly living.

Rededication is primarily an act between you and God and luckily for us we serve the God of the second, third...100th chance. He loves us and wants us to be on good terms with Him.

Jeremiah 3:22, *"My wayward children," says the Lord, "come back to me, and I will heal your wayward hearts."* *"Yes, we're coming," the people reply, "for you are the Lord our God."* (NLT)

May the Lord bless your efforts to live for Him!

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By rededicating your life you have chosen to live according to His plan. But you may not be sure of your next step, and I am providing this guide in the hope that it will be helpful.

1. The very first thing you should do is to repent of the things and times in your life when you lived in such a way that you knew was not how God wanted you to live.

We are given the process on how to get right with Him again in 1 John 1:9, *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* (NIV)

Following the process given us in 1 John 1:9 starts with confession (admitting you're on the wrong path) and repentance (turning your life around and getting back on a path of Godly living).

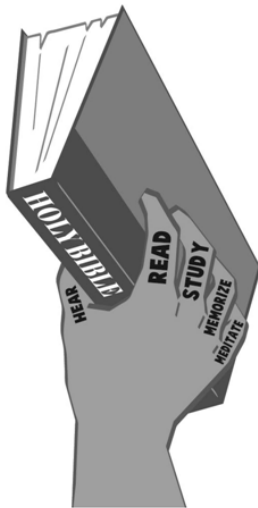
As you go to God in prayer with your confession and repentance ask Him for strength to overcome temptation so that you don't fall back into your wayward ways. And when we do that we can claim the truth of Hosea 14:4.

Hosea 14:4, *"I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them."* (NIV)

Following Jesus is both a one-time decision and a lifelong process.

2. The next thing you should do is to make reading your Bible a habit.

The Bible is the manuscript that tells God's story of the creation of the universe, the beginning and fall of man, and God's plan and purpose for us to know Him through His son, Jesus Christ. God communicates with us through His Word. There are several methods for making that communication a daily part of your experience with God.



You lose something easily if you only hold on with two or three fingers. God wants you to get a good grasp on what is written in the Bible and how you can apply it to your life. Think of holding on to the Bible with all five of these fingers:

6. Live a life of worship.

You were made to worship God! Worship is not just something that happens in a church service. Your daily life is an act of worship, as you live in a way that brings pleasure to God.

"You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased." Revelation 4:11

You bring pleasure to God when you:

- Love Him supremely
- Trust Him completely
- Obey Him wholeheartedly
- Praise Him continually
- Use your abilities

Every aspect of your life can be an expression of worship when you live in the realization and recognition of who God is and what He has done.

Romans 12:2, *"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is."* (NIV)

I hope you find this information to be helpful – it is a work in progress and if you have any

Jesus symbolically in the death, burial and resurrection which is the very basis of our salvation.

Romans 6:1-4, *“What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”*

There is more detailed information about this in booklet form and a CD about baptism is also available. Both the booklet and CD are free and we try to keep a stack of them at each entrance of the church.

Booklets on Christianity also available.

Hear: Make sure you listen to good Bible teaching, both through your church and through other resources you can find. Take notes on what you hear.

Read: You will get to know God better by spending time reading His Word. Set a goal to read the Bible for at least fifteen minutes every day.

Study: Make sure you are studying the truths you read. As you dig into the Bible, ask yourself these questions:

What promise is there to claim?
What example is there to follow?
What command is there to obey?
What sin is there to confess?

Memorize: God wants us to hold scripture close to our heart and to be able to call on it when it is needed. This ability comes as we memorize verses that speak to us. Try to memorize at least one verse a week.

Meditate: This ties in with memorizing. After you memorize a verse, spend some time meditating on it. Analyze and dwell on its truth as you jog, walk, drive, cook, or play.

The Bible is useful and helpful in all situations. Here is a powerful verse from the book of Hebrews reminding us of this truth:

“For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is

“For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.” Hebrews 4:12

Choosing a Bible Translation

There are many worthwhile translations of the Bible. Here are three that are accurate and easy to read:

- The New Living Translation (NLT)
- The New International Version (NIV)
- The New King James Version (NKJV)

There are free New Testaments at each entrance at church.

3. Pray Daily.

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.” Philippians 4:6

Set aside time every day for prayer. Don’t be tempted to push your conversations with God into the leftover pieces of your busy day.

Make prayer a priority. Combining your prayer time and your Bible reading time into a morning devotional is a great idea.

“I will give them hearts that recognize me as the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me wholeheartedly.” Jeremiah 24:7

4. Attend church consistently.

Making the commitment to get involved in church gives you many great opportunities to grow in your faith.

You get the opportunity to:

- Worship through song
- Learn from the messages
- Meet new friends
- Use your talents to serve other people

“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another...” Hebrews 10:24-25

5. Be Baptized.

If you haven’t already been baptized as an adult in the way described in the Bible then you need to do so now. Following Jesus’ example, you need to be baptized by immersion. From the Bible we see that this is obviously something that Jesus wants all His followers to do.

When we are baptized by immersion we join