

LIVING IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD - Part 3

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6

TO LIVE IN GOD'S KINGDOM IS TO LIVE FOR GOD'S GLORY

Christ's life showed me how, and enabled me to do it. I identified myself completely with him... Christ lives in me. The life you see me living is not "mine," but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal. 2:20 (Mes)

HOW TO LIVE FOR GOD'S GLORY

1. I MUST JOIN GOD IN MY OWN LIFE

Fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it... God brings the best out of you. Rom. 12:2 (Mes)

When Christ died, he died for sin once and for all. But now he is alive, and he lives only for God. In the same way, you must think of yourselves as dead to the power of sin. But Christ Jesus has given life to you, and you live for God. Rom. 6:11 (CEV)

We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way and the sin that so easily holds us back. Heb. 12:1b (NCV)

2. I MUST JOIN GOD IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

God creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing. Eph. 2:10 (Mes)

If you remain in me and follow my teachings, you can ask anything you want, and it will be given to you. You should produce much fruit and show that you are my followers, which brings glory to my Father. John 15:7-8 (NCV)

Dear brothers and sisters, I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to join in my struggle by praying to God for me. Do this because of your love for me, given to you by the Holy Spirit.

Rom. 15:30 (NLT)

3. I MUST PERSEVERE THROUGH EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE

We have around us many people whose lives tell us what faith means. So let us run the race that is before us and never give up.

Heb. 12:1a (NCV)

So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord... With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News. For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. 2 Tim. 1:8 (NLT)

Never give up. Eagerly follow the Holy Spirit and serve the Lord.

Rom. 12:11 (CEV)

4. I MUST USE THE RESOURCES GOD GIVES ME

Dear friends, I warn you as 'temporary residents and foreigners' to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. 1 Pet. 2:11-12 (NLT)

We live in this world, but we don't act like its people or fight our battles with the weapons of this world. Instead, we use God's power that can destroy fortresses. We destroy arguments and every bit of pride that keeps anyone from knowing God.

2 Cor. 10:3-5 (CEV)

Your life in Christ makes you strong, and his love comforts you. You have fellowship with the Spirit, and you have kindness and compassion for one another. Phil. 2:1 (GN)

This is my prayer for you: that your love will grow more and more; that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love; that you will see the difference between good and bad and will choose the good; that you will be pure and without wrong for the coming of Christ; that you will do many good