

THE ABC'S OF BEING A GOOD CHRISTIAN

AWAKE. "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."
Ephesians 5:14. "And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed." *Romans 13:11.*

BUILDING. We must seek to build our level of spirituality and also the spirituality of our families. As Christians we should all be seeking to build up the Lord's Church.
Ephesians 4:16.

CHANGING. Some things must never change (doctrine, God's word, etc.). On the other hand, some things must change (lifestyles, language, goals, etc.). *Acts 3:19.*

DEDICATED. We are dedicated to whatever is important in our lives. We must dedicate ourselves to the Lord and His service *Romans 12:1-2. Romans 6:13,16.*

ENTHUSIASTIC. There is no reason to be bored nor halfhearted in our service. Christians should be enthusiastic about serving God *Psalms 122:1.*

FAITHFUL. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. James 4:4.

"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." *Rev 2:10.*

GODLY. Christians must be God-like in speech, thought and action. *1 Peter 1:16.*

HAPPY. It's Great to be a Christian. *Philippians 4:4.* We should be happy about that. After his conversion, the Eunuch "went on his way rejoicing." *Acts 8:39.*

IMMORTAL. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. *1 Corinthians 15:53.*

Each of us has an immortal soul that will exist forever in one of two possible locations. "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." *Matthew 25:46.*

JUSTIFIED. Christians are "justified" in the sight of God when they obey the gospel and receive forgiveness of sins through the waters of baptism. "But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus," *1 Corinthians 6:11.*

KNOWLEDGEABLE. Christians are to have a knowledge of God and His word. God said: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." *Hosea 4:6.*
Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, *2 Peter 3:18.*

LOVING. Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." *John 13:34-35.*

MORTIFIED. Paul wrote: "Mortify (put to death) therefore your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry." *Colossians 3:5.*

NEW. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." *2 Corinthians 5:17.*

OPEN. Christians should be people with an Open Heart, an Open Mind and an Open Bible. "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." *Acts 17:11.*

PRAISING. "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30. "I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart," *Ps 86:12.*

"Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!" *Psalms 106:1.*

QUICKENED. "And you hath he quickened (made alive) who were dead in trespasses and sins," *Ephesians 2:1 KJV.*

RECONCILED. "For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." *Romans 5:10.*

SINCERE. As Joshua told God's people: "Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth," *Joshua 24:14.*

Paul prayed for the Philippians: "that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ," *Philippians 1:10.*

"in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart," *1 Peter 1:22.*

TENDERHEARTED. "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you." *Ephesians 4:32.*

UNIFIED. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in

unity!" *Psalm 133:1*. We are many members, yet one body, *1 Corinthians 12:20*.

VICTORIOUS. "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." *1 Corinthians 15:57*.

"And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith. *1 John 5:4*.

WORKING. *Titus 2:14; 3:1,8*. "*I Want to be a Worker for the Lord.*"

EXTREME. Serve God faithfully, though others may think you are extreme. "In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you." *1 Peter 4:4*.

YEARNING. The Hebrew writer wrote of the faithful of the ages: "But now they *desire* a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them." *Hebrews 11:16*.

ZEALOUS. Christ "gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works." *Titus 2:14*.

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