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## ESSENTIAL VERSES



"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will." -Romans 12:2

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." -Galatians 2:20

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"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." -Joshua 1:8

"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." -Ephesians 4:22-24

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" -2 Corinthians 4:22-24

### ESTABLISHING HOLY HABITS

Establishing holy habits is a powerful way to deepen your relationship with God and strengthen your spiritual life. Just like any meaningful relationship, consistency and intentionality are key. By committing to regular practices such as prayer, Scripture reading, worship, and acts of kindness, you cultivate an environment where God's presence can transform your heart. Each small, faithful step you take in these habits builds your foundation in faith, helping you grow in wisdom, peace, and love. Remember. it's not about perfection, but about persistence in seeking God, trusting that He will guide and shape you with every moment of devotion. Keep pressing forward, and know that God honors your efforts, no matter how small they may seem.

# **10 HOLY HABITS**

#### <u>1. Grow Closer to God Through Daily Prayer and Devotion</u>

"But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed." - Luke 5:16

• Set aside time daily for prayer and scripture reading to strengthen your relationship with God.

#### <u>2. Cultivate the Fruit of the Spirit</u>

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." — Galatians 5:22-23

• Strive to live out the qualities of the Spirit in your daily interactions and choices, reflecting Christ's character.

#### 3. Seek God's Wisdom in Every Decision

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." — James 1:5

• In every decision—big or small—seek God's wisdom through prayer and the Word.

#### <u>4. Love Others Unconditionally</u>

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." - John 13:34

• Actively show love, kindness, and grace to others, reflecting the love Christ has shown you.

#### 5. Be a Good Steward of Your Time, Talents, and Resources

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." -1 Peter 4:10

• Use your time, talents, and resources wisely to serve God and others in the coming year.

#### <u>6. Cultivate a Heart of Gratitude</u>

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." — 1 Thessalonians 5:18

• Practice thankfulness every day, no matter the situation, remembering all that God has done.

#### <u>7. Trust God's Plan and Timing</u>

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11

• Surrender your worries to God and trust that His plan for you is good, even when the path is unclear.

#### **8. Share the Gospel and Make Disciples**

"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." — Matthew 28:19

• Actively share your faith with others and make disciples, helping to spread the love of Christ.

#### <u>9. Forgive as Christ Forgave You</u>

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, for giving each other, just as in Christ God for gave you." - Ephesians 4:32

• Let go of bitterness and unforgiveness, choosing instead to forgive others as Christ has forgiven you.

#### 10. Strive for Holiness in All Areas of Life

"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy." -1 Peter 1:15-16

• Pursue holiness in your actions, thoughts, and words, striving to live according to God's standard of righteousness.