

PRINCIPLES FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE BELIEVER:

“The Christian life is the life of Christ reproduced in the child of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ‘Christian Living’ is Jesus Christ living His life in and through the believer.” ~ Dr. J. Dwight Pentecost
1 Corinthians 1:30

Pro-Actively

(Moment-by-Moment):

Walking:
Gal. 5:16

Controlling:
Eph. 5:18

Yielding:
Rom. 6;
Rom. 12:1-2;
Phil. 2:1-11;
Col. 3:12-18

Accurate
knowledge of &
obedience to the
Scripture:
Psalm 19:7-11;
Rom. 12:2;
1 Pet. 2:2

+ Vivification

GALATIANS 2:20

“The believer is in Christ in terms of position, possessions, safe-keeping, & association. Christ is in the believer giving life, character, & dynamic for conduct.”

~ Dr. Lewis S. Chafer

Growth in Christ:
Spiritual Maturity

- Mortification

Pro-Actively
(Moment-by-Moment):

Confess Sin:
1 John 1:9

Pro-Actively Mortify Sinful
Appetites, Tendencies, & Deeds:
Col. 3:5-11
cf. Rom. 6:11

The Mortification of Sin:

1. Consider the dangerous consequences of sin (guilt; loss of peace & strength, grieve the Holy Spirit, & wound Christ).
2. Load the conscience with the guilt of sin (consider God’s infinite patience & forbearance).
3. Consider the state of one’s self all times in terms of frailty, because of depravity, & vileness: the presence of sin.
4. Trace the particular manifestation of sin to its root.
5. Don’t hurry to gain relief for your sin.
6. Act quickly against the first temptations toward sin.
7. Allow God to speak peace rather than assume you have it.

Mental Weapons in the struggle against sin involve whole hearted trust, faith, & obedience; the presence of right thoughts; recognition of God’s sovereignty, the effects of sin, the love & kindness of God, the wonder of calvary, & the reality of indwelling sin. ~ Dr. John Hannah