

ADVICE FOR A NEW BELIEVER

God has recently saved you, NOW WHAT?

A guiding Scripture text:

Mark 5.19 - [Jesus said] go home to your people and report to them what great things the LORD has done for you and how he had mercy on you!”

God has recently saved you. You desire to grow. God has changed your desires and granted you an increasing zeal to know Him, study His Word, and dive deeper into Christ’s love and grace. ***Here are some pastoral counsels.***

I. Read Up! - read the WORD; much of the Word; devour it; memorize it (Ps 19 & Ps 119; and Psalm 1)

- read it
- memorize it
- study it
- get a good book (theology book)

II. Pray On! - pray much; start your day with God; end your day with God; spend the day much with God (Acts 9 - paul was praying)

- thanksgiving
- adoration / worship
- confession /repentance
- supplication

III. Plug In! - go to a sound, bible teaching church - preach the Word, led by Godly, faithful men, preaches the Word, sings hymns (Hebrews 10:24-25)

- become a member
- attend weekly
- get to know people
- arrive early; stay late
- serve people
- go to a small group

IV. Grow With! - find someone to disciple you: Ask them: “Will you disciple me” (Hebrews 3:13; 2 Timothy 2:2)

- weekly discipleship
- grow in the Word
- watch your friends (their influences on you)

V. Speak Out! - tell someone about it! (Acts 4:20; 1 Peter 2:9)

- tell others about Jesus
- tell them what He did for you
- tell them of his work on the cross for you
- call them to join you at church

SOME RESOURCES FOR YOU:

1. Listening to Sermons

1. SermonAudio.com
2. GraceToYou - John MacArthur
3. I'll Be Honest - sermons (Tim Conway)

2. Theology Books

1. Richard Mayhue, *Biblical Doctrine*
2. RC Sproul, *The Holiness of God*
3. AW Pink, *the Sovereignty of God*
4. Paul Washer, *The Gospel: Its Power and Message*
5. John MacArthur, *the Gospel According to Jesus*
6. JI Packer, *Knowing God*
7. John Murray, *Redemption, Accomplished and Applied*
8. Mark Dever, *9 Marks of a Healthy Church*
9. John Bunyan, *Pilgrim's Progress*
10. John MacArthur, *Fundamentals of the Faith*

3. Podcasts

1. Greg Gifford - Transformed Podcast (DrGifford.org)
2. ACBC - Association of Certified Biblical Counselors - Truth In Love
3. Vassaloftheking.com

4. Blogs

1. Tim Challies
2. Cripplegate Blog
3. 9Marks.org (blogs)
4. DesiringGod (John Piper)