

Walking in Alignment with God

Being a Christian means to **follow Christ**.

*Luke 9:23-24 - Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me**. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.*

Deny yourself

Proverbs 19:21 - Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.

We shouldn’t have an attitude of inevitability.

“WHAT IF GOD’S CHILDREN NEVER USED THEIR FAITH AND DETERMINATION TO PRESS HOME THE CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST HERE ON EARTH?” - Pastor Barry Silverback

Denying ourselves isn't sitting back and waiting for God to do something. It's saying no to our fleshly desires, saying no our selfish ambitions and our evil thoughts, and looking up to God & being set apart for his purposes.

1 Peter 1:13 – 16

Be proactive, push God's message forward, be organised, and have vision for your life. But be ready to be obedient, regardless of how uncomfortable it can make you feel.

Take up Your Cross

Live in the victory that Jesus has won for you.

When we aren't fully committed to God in all areas of our life, it's difficult to walk in harmony with God.

The enemy may attack our insecurities and our weaknesses. But you don't need to accept this in

your life. You don't need to accept anything that limits you in your relationship with God.

Use the victory that Jesus has given you to fight against the enemy.

Follow me

Proverbs 3:5-6

“SUBMISSION TO GOD IS ABSOLUTE.

Circumstances, time, place or people does NOT affect it. It remains absolutely constant. As God cannot change, neither can this truth of submission to God be changed.” - **Pastor Barry Silverback**

Whether it fits in with your plans, whether it's convenient or not, whether it's comfortable or not, whether people pressure you to do otherwise, our submission and obedience to God is essential to walk in alignment with God.

Here are 3 practical ways we can be obedient to God:

1. Look up

Matthew 6:23 - But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Acts 5:29 - Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!”

2. Live in humility

Philippians 2:5-8 - ... rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!

3. Walk with the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:16 - So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

Through denying yourself, taking up your cross, and following him through looking up in humility with the help of the Holy Spirit, you align yourself with God's direction.

**When you align yourself with God's direction,
he establishes your steps.**