

Life Lessons from Nola Merritt

- “First of all, God has YOU in mind.”
- *Philippians 2:13 (nkjv)* “For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”
- Most important – receive Jesus as lord and Saviour. Basis. All else stems from this.

1. God chooses ordinary people.

God chooses (and uses) weak vessels.
Without Him I can do nothing. I can do all things through Christ, Who strengthens me.

Main doubt about me from becoming missionary – **I’m not good enough.**

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (niv)

²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

With God, you can do more than you ever could have imagined.

2. Develop a personal relationship with God.

Salvation first step, then read Bible, spend time alone with God.

3. Rely on the promises of God's Word.

- God's Word is reliable and true.
- Base life on what it says.
- Find Bible verses / promises / principles that fit with life situation and apply it **tenaciously!**
- If you're not sure of what is right – see what the Bible says.

Colossians 3:16 (nkjv)

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ...”

Psalms 119:9; 11 (nkjv)

“How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word ... ¹¹ Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.”

4. Embrace what life brings, not just accept it, but enjoy.

Eg: singleness

My true satisfaction/contentment comes from God. In inner life. His forgiveness and acceptance. People can't provide it.

No situation is perfect. **See positives and embrace it** – not just grit teeth and accept it.

5. We are part of a team.

(Each using abilities. The Body of Christ)

- Why come to PNG to teach white children?
- Enabled parents to be there and do all sorts of things. Missionary children have needs too.

6. Each individual person is important.

Luke 15: About individuals: coin, sheep, son.

7. I am important to God.

Loved by God and therefore others.

8. Life's adventures don't end just because you're getting old.

See God leading and creating opportunities in seemingly small or irrelevant happenings.

9. Share your smile!

It blesses others.