## **ACCELERATING YOUR WALK WITH GOD**

Hello! Thanks for reading this introduction.

Our goal in this series is to help kids understand the basics of following Jesus. Many people say they want more of what God offers, but they don't take the basics He has given us in the Bible seriously. With the goal of growing and going further with God, it's important to master these basics.

We'll cover five key points about being a Christian. These aren't everything, but they're a great way to BOOST and maintain your relationship with God.

## One: The Word of God

The Word of God is the foundation for our lives. Everything that we do must be centered on what God has said.

### Two: Prayer

Communication is key to any healthy relationship. Communicating with God is no different. Knowing God through prayer is our lifeline in this world.

### Three: Worship

Worship can take on many forms outside of singing a song. Our goal is not just to sing a song but to live a life of worship.

### **Four: Church Community**

As we are in the Word, Prayer, and Worship The Lord will reveal things to us that are to be shared with others. Being involved with other believers is a crucial part of our walk with Christ.

### **Five: Outreach**

"Freely you have received, freely give"

God has blessed you so much that you have to share it!



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God has designed us to be with other people. We are born into families, and if others hadn't taken care of you as a baby, you wouldn't be here.

Your existence depends on other people.

The same thing is true for your walk with God. We are not designed to be alone; we are created to be part of a community of people who love and support one another."

1 Corinthians 12:27-28a Easy English

27 All of you together are Christ's body. And each of you is a part of that body. 28 Like the parts of a body, God has put people in different places in his church.

We are called the body of Christ. Just like a natural body, the parts need to be connected to each other in order to function properly. If any part of the body were separated, it would not be healthy. The hands and feet serve very different purposes, yet both are needed for the body as a whole to work well.

Each person has their strong areas and their weak areas. God has gifted people to play different parts in His church. We should ask God what part He has for us to play in the Body of Christ. We can be sure that He has something for us to do. Even if it seems like a small or insignificant part, it is still needed. The little toe might be small, but it plays a large role in helping you keep your balance.

# Four: Church Community (cont.)

#### **Ephesians 4:16 ICB**

The whole body depends on Christ. And all the parts of the body are joined and held together. Each part of the body does its own work. And this makes the whole body grow and be strong with love.

When we work together and fulfill the roles God has for us as individuals in His church, the body benefits from it.

#### **Hebrews 10:25 Easy English**

Some people have stopped meeting with the group of Christians. But that is not good. We should all continue to meet together. We need to help one another to be strong and brave. That is now even more important, because the Lord's great day is coming. You know that the Lord will return soon.

As you spend time in the Word, prayer, and worship, you will receive great things from God. Now you have an opportunity to share those blessings with others who believe as you do. It is impossible to be a blessing to other people without coming together.

So here is the big question...

How do I use this to BOOST my relationship with God?

Joining together, we are much stronger. We are designed to be with other believers. Without other believers, you can become narrow-minded and miss things that others would have seen and helped you with. The reality is that you don't know everything; there are other people who have gifts to help you. You also have gifts to help them. The body needs each part working together.