

5-Daily Practices for Pursuing Christ

Remembrance

2 PETER 1:12

All throughout Scripture, God tells us to remember His faithfulness and goodness to us. He set up the memorial of communion to remind us of His sacrifice for our salvation. He left us with the written word to remind us of who He is and who we are in Him. And He gave us one another to stir each other to remembrance when we forget. Remembrance builds our faith confidence and leads us to trust and be at peace. **Think about what God has done for you, read Scripture to remember truth and faith stories, show up for communion when available, and write down the ways God has delivered you.**

Gratitude

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

Our natural tendency is to complain and murmur. Our first practice of remembrance stirs us to choose gratitude. We give thanks for receiving an unshakable kingdom, our new natures, life, common grace, good gifts, fruits of the Spirit, and everything in between. Thankfulness marks a mature Christian. **Seek to capture ungrateful thoughts, verbalize gratitude to God and others, and give freely in return. Be intentional to let the word of God dwell in you richly with gratitude.**

Repentance

MATTHEW 3:8

God's kindness leads us to repentance. Repentance means to turn toward God and to stop any action that dishonors God. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us. Every time. Repentance reveals humility and dependence on God. As we read Scripture, it reaches to our deepest intents and desires and reveals any sin we may be harboring unconfessed. **When we pray, we need to ask God to create a clean heart in us and give victory over things we struggle with. Daily hiding God's word in our hearts and minds keeps us from harboring sin in our lives.**

Abiding in Relationship

JOHN 15:4

All of the daily disciplines and practices are summed up in the word 'abide'. **As we remain faithful to God through prayer, Bible reading and study, surrendering our desires for His, living in Christian community, seeking repentance, remembering His truths and goodness, and expressing gratitude through how we conduct life, we are abiding in the vine. His power in us will lead to much fruit.**

Seeking Resources

PROVERBS 19:20

God gives us many great resources through the Church to help us learn and grow in understanding. Preachers, teachers, counselors, authors, and podcasters who faithfully teach the word are an invaluable source for us to pursue Christ together. **Consider one thing you struggle with today and seek out a resource to gain advice and wisdom about it. What will you seek out to gain victory and find encouragement for your life today?**