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# The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Christians

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# The Seven Habits

- ◇ 1. Put God first, no matter what
- ◇ 2. Pray often
- ◇ 3. Read the Bible every day
- ◇ 4. Remember who you used to be
- ◇ 5. Pray for your enemies
- ◇ 6. Repent of every sin
- ◇ 7. Be active in the kingdom

# 1. Put God first, no matter what

- ◇ Work, school, sports, children's school, sports, etc.
- ◇ Putting God first is non-negotiable
- ◇ Frontlets to our eyes
  - ◇ Deuteronomy 6:5-9
- ◇ We ought to obey God rather than men
  - ◇ Acts 5:29
- ◇ We can't look back
  - ◇ Luke 9:57-62
- ◇ Loving father or mother more
  - ◇ Matthew 10:32-40

# 1. Put God first, no matter what

- ◇ It shows our faith and trust in God
  - ◇ Hebrews 11
  - ◇ Faith like Abraham
    - ◇ Hebrews 11:8-10
  - ◇ Proverbs 3:5-7
- ◇ God rewards those who *DILIGENTLY* seek after Him
  - ◇ Hebrews 11:6
- ◇ The parable of the sower
  - ◇ The thorny ground
    - ◇ Matthew 13:22

## 2. Pray often

- ◇ Prayer has tremendous power
  - ◇ The cure for anxiety
    - ◇ Philippians 4:6-7
  - ◇ The answer for those who seek
    - ◇ Matthew 7:7-11
    - ◇ John 14:13-14
  - ◇ Forgiveness of sins
    - ◇ James 5:16
    - ◇ 1 John 1:9
  - ◇ Wisdom
    - ◇ James 1:5
- ◇ God wants to hear our prayers
  - ◇ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

# 3. Read the Bible every day

- ◇ How can we stay strong and healthy if we do not feed ourselves often?
- ◇ Stay prepared for anything
  - ◇ 2 Timothy 2:15
  - ◇ Acts 17:11
- ◇ Defense against false doctrine
  - ◇ Ephesians 4:14-19
  - ◇ Matthew 7:21-23



# 3. Read the Bible every day

- ◇ Always room to grow
  - ◇ Proverbs 14:12
  - ◇ Psalms 119:105
  - ◇ Isaiah 55:8-9
- ◇ We can't grow if we don't read
  - ◇ Hebrews 5:12

# 4. Remember who you used to be

- ◇ We are no better than anyone else
  - ◇ Romans 3:23
- ◇ We were once sinners too
  - ◇ 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
- ◇ It helps us keep our perspective
  - ◇ The Pharisee and the tax collector
    - ◇ Luke 18:10-14
    - ◇ Romans 12:16

# 5. Pray for your enemies

- ◇ God wants all men to be saved, and so should we
  - ◇ Ezekiel 18:23
  - ◇ 1 Timothy 2:3-4
- ◇ We should be good to our enemies
  - ◇ Matthew 5:43-48
  - ◇ Romans 12:17-21
- ◇ We don't know who will be converted
  - ◇ Saul – Paul
  - ◇ Nineveh
  - ◇ Rahab
  - ◇ Etc.

# 6. Repent of every sin

- ◇ Sin brings death
  - ◇ Romans 6:23
- ◇ If we don't repent, we *WILL* die
  - ◇ Ezekiel 18:20-28
- ◇ We *CAN* fall away
  - ◇ 1 Corinthians 10:12
  - ◇ Numbers 32:23
  - ◇ Hebrews 10:26-27

# 7. Be active in the kingdom

- ◇ We have responsibilities toward each other
  - ◇ Galatians 6:10
  - ◇ Hebrews 10:24-25
- ◇ God uses us to teach others
  - ◇ Ephesians 2:10
- ◇ If we are prepared and ask for opportunities, God will give them
  - ◇ 2 Timothy 2:20-21
- ◇ Faith without works is dead
  - ◇ James 2:14-26

# 7. Be active in the kingdom

- ◇ Push yourself out of your comfort zone and grow
- ◇ There is always something we can do
  - ◇ Everyone has their abilities and strengths
    - ◇ Matthew 10:42
    - ◇ Matthew 25:31-46

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