

Practicing Disciples

A Life Plan

I. Light & Life

John 1:3-5 (MSG)

³ Everything was created through him; nothing—not one thing!— came into being without him. ⁴ What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by. ⁵ The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out.

Isaiah 38:16 (NIV)

You restored me to health and let me live.

II. Life Plan

A. Selected

Ephesians 1:4 (NIV)

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

B. Study/learn

1 Corinthians 6:3 (NIV)

Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!

C. _____

Luke 6:40 (NIV)

A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.

Luke 9:12-14 (NIV)

Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here." ¹³ He replied, "**You give them something to eat.**" They answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish--unless we go and buy food for all this crowd."

John 11:14-15 (NASB)

So Jesus then said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe; but let us go to him."

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Matthew 28:17-20 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ **Therefore go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV)

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--**continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling**, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Acts 10:1-4 (NIV)

At Caesarea there was **a man named Cornelius**, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. ² He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. ³ One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!" ⁴ Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God."

Acts 10:9-15 (NIV)

About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, **Peter** went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹ He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. ¹² It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles of the earth and birds of the air. ¹³ Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." ¹⁴ "Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean." ¹⁵ The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

Acts 10:25-33 (NIV)

As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. ²⁶ But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "I am only a man myself." ²⁷ Talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. ²⁸ He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit him. **But God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean.**" ²⁹ So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?" ³⁰ Cornelius answered: "Four days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me ³¹ and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor.' ³² Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.' ³³ So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us."

Acts 10:44-46 (NIV)

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ **The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished** that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Acts 11:1-4 (NIV)

The apostles and the brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³ and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴ Peter began and explained everything to them precisely as it had happened:

E. _____

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (NIV)

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and **the time has come for my departure.** ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

F. Reward

Matthew 10:41-42 (NIV)

Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive **a prophet's reward**, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive **a righteous man's reward.** ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of life. You have called me out of darkness and into the Kingdom of your son.

Jesus be Lord of my life. I choose to live for the glory of the Son of God. My the thoughts of my heart and the words of my mouth be pleasing in your sight. Holy Spirit teach me to honor the Lord, open my eyes to see and my heart to understand. In all I do may Jesus be exalted, in His name I pray, amen.

KEY: train; practice; stop practicing