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# The *A B C's* Of Walking With God

*A B C D E F G*  
*H I J K L M N*  
*O P Q R S T U*  
*V W X Y Z*

Dear reader,

I hope you and yours enjoy reading, memorizing and reviewing the Bible verses contained in “**The ABC’s of Walking with God**”.

The verses are simple, but the spiritual concepts contained within are profound and life changing. If we follow them, they can dramatically change our lives and the lives of those around us for the better.

This booklet is about the ABC’s of our walk with an almighty and loving God. God does not steal, instead He gives good gifts to others. God is not impatient; He is patient. God is gentle, faithful and kind. God’s words are words of truth spoken in love.

If we want to have God’s characteristics of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control lived out in our lives, then we will have to learn how to connect with God and let God live out His life through us.

One of the first steps to connecting with God is to listen to Him and let His words speak to us.

The Apostle Peter said: “*like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.*” Just like a baby grows when it drinks milk, we grow in our relationship with God as we spend time reading and thinking about His wonderful words of truth and love.

# Z Zacchaeus

*“**Zacchaeus** quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great ... joy. **Luke 19: 6***

**Zacchaeus was a rich man who was disliked by his own people. Many people, who thought they were good, didn’t want to have anything to do with Zacchaeus.**

**But Jesus saw something in Zacchaeus’ heart. He wanted to see Jesus. When he came to know Jesus, his life was completely changed. He told Jesus that he was going to give half of his money away to help the poor. You can read the record about Zacchaeus in the book of Luke, chapter 19.**

**God is still changing people’s lives. God wants to use us to help other people come to know Jesus as we share Bible verses and God’s love with them.**

# Y Your

***“...**Y**our heavenly Father give(s) good gifts to those who ask him.”*** **Matthew 7:11**

God, our Heavenly Father, wants us to pray to Him and ask Him for the things that we need. He enjoys giving us good things.

We need to remember that the good things that God wants to give us are things that will bring joy and peace to our lives and help us become more like His own son, Jesus Christ.

Good things are not always more money, toys, candy, and things like that.

When God told King Solomon that he could ask for anything he wanted, Solomon asked for a “wise and discerning heart” to lead God’s people. Read about it in I Kings 3.

Psalms chapter one says, *“Oh, the joys of those who ... delight in doing everything the LORD wants; day and night they think about his law.”*

King David, that great King of Israel, knew the importance of memorizing God’s words of truth when he said, in Psalms 119 *“How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word and following its rules. ... I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. ... I have recited aloud all the laws you have given us. ... Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your law.”*

I would encourage you to set apart a time or times each day to read, memorize and review these verses. Some suggestions for times are:

- **Just before bed time.**
- **First thing in the morning.**
- **At meal times with the family.** (If you are going over these verses with young children, a good time may be at the beginning of the meal when they first start eating. While they eat, you talk and teach. You can feed them with physical and spiritual food at the same time.)
- **Be creative and try different times** that may work for you and your family.

I will be praying for you as you and your family take this journey with God.



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**A All** (Everyone)

*“**A**ll have sinned...”*

**Romans 3:23**

Sin is when we disobey God and do things our way instead of God's way. Our sins hurt us and hurt those around us. When we sin it makes God sad because He loves us and doesn't want to see us get hurt or hurt our friends and family.

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**B Believe**

*“**B**elieve on the Lord Jesus ...”*

**Acts 16: 31**

When you believe in someone, you trust them. We can trust in Jesus to help us overcome our sins (our bad behavior) and walk with us through life. He's our true friend.

**X Xerxes**

(An ancient King)

*“... **X**erxes (the king) gave the estate of Haman, the enemy of the Jews, to Queen Esther.”*

**Ester 8:1**

The book of Esther in the Bible is the story of how God arranged for a young woman to marry a great king and there by save her people's lives from destruction.

Read it. You will enjoy the mystery and suspense and see how God rules in the affairs of men.

# W Walk

*“...**W**alk in God's ways”*

**Isaiah 35: 8**

God's ways are ways of: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness. God's ways bring peace and joy to our lives. Think about how nice life would be if we all had these qualities in our life.

God says: **Isaiah 55: 8** "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.

**9** "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Jesus died on a cross so that God's Holy Spirit could live in us and live His ways out in our lives.

Let's give God control of our lives and ask Him to live His ways out in our lives.

# C Confess

*“**C**onfess our sins  
... He will forgive and  
cleanse us.”*

**I John 1: 9 (Simplified)**

It is hard to admit that we are wrong. But when we are willing to admit that we are wrong and tell God that we are sorry for the bad things that we do, He will forgive and forget about the bad things that we have done. He also helps us start doing things His way, a way that brings peace and joy to our lives, a way that makes us happy and brings a smile to our face.

So next time you do something that hurts your relationship with friends or family, ask God to forgive and cleanse you so that you will start acting in a way that builds friendships and trust and brings honor to God.

# D Do

*“**Do** not steal your neighbor's property ...”*

Proverbs 22:28

If we walk with God, He has promised to give us everything that we need. It is wrong and it is a bad thing to take something that belongs to another person. God wants us to be givers, like Him, and not takers. Then we will be happy and share God's love and joy with others.

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# E Enter

*“**Enter** his gates with thanksgiving....”*

Psalms 100:4

When we enter into God's presence with our prayers and thoughts about Him, we should have an attitude of thankfulness for all the wonderful things He has done for us.

# V Victory

(Winning)

*“...**Victory** belongs to the LORD”*

Proverbs 21: 31

God says that we can prepare for a contest, like a baseball game, or even for a war. But God is the one who will decide who will win the game, the contest or the battle. Therefore our trust should be in God and not in our preparations or in our abilities.

Proverbs 21: 30 Human plans, no matter how wise or well advised, cannot stand against the LORD. 31 The horses are prepared for battle, but the victory belongs to the LORD.

# U Understand

“...*understand* wise sayings.” **Proverbs 1: 2**

The Bible says that the first step to becoming wise is to respect God and to learn from Him. The book of Proverbs is full of many wise sayings that God had written down for us to read. God wants us to understand the proverbs and know how to make them part of our lives.

As we spend time with God in His word, the Bible, and seek to get to know Him better, He will give us wisdom so we will know what is the right thing to do and when to do it.

The Bible says getting wisdom is better than getting money. Money does not bring happiness. Wisdom does.

# F Follow

“*Follow* Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” **Matthew 4:19 (NASB)**

If we follow Jesus, the type of life we live, our love, our words of truth, and our care for others, will attract people to Jesus.

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# G God

“*God* is love.” **I John 4:8**

God is a God of love. The Bible says love is “... patient and kind. ... Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged... Love will last forever,” **I Cor. 13:4-8**  
We should love others because God loves us.



# *H* Heaven

*“**H**eaven, (is) where ...  
Jesus lives...”* **Philippians 3:20**

Heaven is where Jesus lives. It is a beautiful place. There is no sin, no death, no sickness and no tears in Heaven. One day Jesus is coming back to earth to take God’s children to Heaven to live there with Him forever. That is going to be a wonderful day for those who love Him.

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# *I* In

*“**I**n the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...”* **Genesis 1:1**

God made everything, the trees, the stars, the animals and He even made us. Next time you look at something nice, think, “Wow, it was sure nice of God to make that for us to enjoy.” Take time to thank God for all the wonderful things He has made for us to enjoy and to take care of.

# *S* Sing

*“**S**ing ... songs to God with thankful hearts.”*

**Colossians 3: 16**

God created us with the ability to sing. He wants us to enjoy singing songs about who He is and about all the wonderful things He does for us.

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# *T* The

*“**T**he LORD is watching everywhere, keeping his eye on both the evil and the good ”* **Proverbs 15: 3**

God keeps His eye on us because He loves us. He sees the good things that we do and the bad things that we do. Even when we think no one see us, God sees everything that we do. Let’s ask God to help us do things that are pleasing to Him.



# *R* Rest

*“**R**est in the LORD and wait patiently for Him ...”* Psalms 37: 7 (NASB)

Psalms 23 says ... “The LORD is my shepherd; I have everything I need. He lets me **rest in green meadows**” Often we are worried and troubled and trying to work things out for ourselves instead of resting and letting God work things out for us.

God wants us to trust Him and to rest in His ability to take care of us and to work out things in our lives.

The Bible says God “lets” us rest, it doesn’t say that He “makes” us rest. We have to choose to rest and trust our lives into the hands of a loving Heavenly Father.

# *J* Jesus

*“**J**esus ... is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! .”* John 1:29

The Bible says that we all sin (we all do bad things) and disobey God. The punishment for our sin is death and separation from God. Because God loves us so much, He asked His own son, Jesus, to leave Heaven, to come to earth and become like a sacrificial lamb, and die in our place. Jesus took the punishment that we deserve for the bad things that we do.

Jesus obeyed God, His Father , and came to earth and died and paid the penalty for our bad things ( sins). Jesus died for us, was buried and He came back to life three days later. He went back up to Heaven and wants us to come there and live with Him after we live our life here on earth.

# *K* Kneel

*“**kneel** before the LORD  
our maker, for he is our  
God...”* **Psalms 95: 6-7**

Because He is God, Creator and Ruler over all, it is right for us to get on our knees before Him and worship and bow down.

Isn't it wonderful that our God is a God of love and that His son, Jesus, suffered and died and took the punishment for our sins (our bad things) so that we might live forever in Heaven with Him.

**Psalms 95: 6** Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker, **7** for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the sheep under his care. Oh, that you would listen to his voice today!

# *P* Pray

*“pray without ceasing”*  
**I Thessalonians 5:17 (NASB)**

We can pray ( talk) to God anytime we want to. We should pray often and enjoy that time talking to and listening to our Heavenly Father.

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# *Q* Quick (Fast)

*“... **quick** to listen,  
slow to speak, and  
slow to get angry.”* **James 1:19**

We should be quick (fast) to listen to others and to think about what they are saying. We should be slow to speak and slow to get mad about something.

# *O* Our

*Our* Father in heaven,  
may your name  
be honored. **Matthew 6: 9**

God should always be respected and treated with honor.

Often the way we act can bring honor or dishonor to our Heavenly Father's name just like our actions can bring honor or dishonor to our earthly parents.

We should ask God to help us live in such a way that others can see some of God's love in our lives. That will bring honor to His wonderful name.

# *L* Love

*“love ... God with all  
your heart,  
... and ...*

*love your neighbor as  
yourself.”* **Mark 12: 30-31**

God's two great and simple rules are:

1. Love God with all of your Heart
2. Love your neighbor as yourself.

Simple to know but impossible to do ... on our own. Our heart often wants to do bad things. To hate instead of love.

When we take our bad thoughts and feelings and in our minds nail them to the cross so Jesus' blood can wash them clean, God's Holy Spirit will empower us to follow His leading in every part of our lives. Then and only then can we know the true meaning of God's great love. (Gal 5:22-25 NLT)

**M** **My**

*“**My** eyes are always  
looking to the LORD for  
help ...”*

**Psalms 25: 15**

When we need help, who do we look to?

We can easily put our trust and confidence in wrong things, such as money, powerful people, our strength and abilities or our knowledge.

God may use special people and things that He has placed in our lives to help us, but our trust and confidence should be in Him. He is the one that we can always look to for help.

**N** **No**

*“**No** good thing will the  
LORD withhold from  
those who do what is  
right ...”*

**Psalms 84:11**

We can trust God to give us the good things that we should have at the right time when we should have them.

In the Garden of Eden Satan tricked Eve into thinking that God was keeping something good from her. When she and Adam disobeyed God and took something they were not supposed to have, it brought much sorrow into their lives.

God loves us and He knows what is best for us.