

Deuteronomy 6 4 “Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God,
the LORD alone. 5 And you must love the LORD your God
with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. 6 And
you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these
commands that I am giving you today. 7 Repeat them again
and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at
home and when you are on the road, when you are going to
bed and when you are getting up. 8 Tie them to your hands
and wear them on your forehead as reminders. 9 Write them
on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

James 1 19 Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters:
You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get
angry. 20 Human anger does not produce the righteousness
God desires. 21 So get rid of all the filth and evil in your
lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your
hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. 22 But don't
just listen to God's word. You must do what it says.
Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. 23 For if you
listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your
face in a mirror. 24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget
what you look like.

25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

Jesus said: **John 14** 15 *“If you love me, obey my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. 17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth.*

Luke 6 45 A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart. 46 “So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say? 47 I will show you what it’s like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. 48 It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built.

Luke 6 49 But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins.”

Matthew 7 21 “Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. 22 On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ 23 But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’

Matthew 7 12 “Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets. 13 “You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. 14 But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

Revelation 20 11 And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. 12 I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds.

Action Steps

- Are you a born again (saved) Christian?
- Have you been Baptized in the faith?
- Are you applying God's Word in your life?
- What is coming out of your mouth on a daily basis?
- Are you living the Golden Rule?

Baptism

- Baptism will not save you – it is an act that Jesus says we must do – but it is only 1 aspect of the New Life that we are called to live as Christians