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Get It Right with God

Spiritual formation begins when the Holy Spirit regenerates a person's heart such that a person turns toward God in faith believing. When someone does that, he/she is turning away from a former way of life, a life of hostility against God. We call it repentance. Regeneration occurs and a person is born-out-of-God. John 3; Titus 3:4-7; 1 John 3:9

So we do not save ourselves; we cannot. Apart from Jesus we can do absolutely nothing. But with Jesus we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. The believer has the Holy Spirit within. Remember, He is HOLY and His work is to make us holy, to sanctify us, to set us apart unto God. "I will be your God and you will be My people."

Spiritual formation involves following Jesus, following the Lamb wherever He goes.



"L" The letter "L" reminds us of God's love for us. He sent His Son, Jesus, the Word made Flesh, to dwell among us. Jesus is God, God the Son. We focus on God's love for us, on Jesus' love for His Father. This love is not some mushy love; it is better to think of it as supreme loyalty and attachment. It is called "abiding love." In supreme loyalty and attachment to God His Father, Jesus came to earth on a mission with a message. He was sent from Heaven. He was and is in complete agreement with His Father and the Holy Spirit. Remember, Jesus was the Child of the Holy Spirit. We have one God in three distinct persons. Jesus is a Divine Person with a Divine nature who took on a human nature in a human body. In love, Jesus lived a life of perfect, personal, perpetual obedience on behalf of those given to Him by His Father. He fulfilled the whole Law: both as to the obedience required and as to bearing the penalty of death for disobedience. Love, the love of the Father, raised Jesus from the dead. The resurrection demonstrated that the Father accepted what Christ accomplished in salvation.

In Jesus is LIFE. This is eternal life. When we are believing in Jesus, He gives us life everlasting. The one believing in Him HAS eternal life. The Holy Spirit is the Life Producer. The Law of God could not give life; it stands there as a standard, but no one can keep the Law perfectly. But Jesus did. Life comes through the Promise, through believing God's Promise to save through faith. We hear Jesus' words. We see His wondrous works. We believe Him. We receive His promise of eternal life.

Light. Jesus is the Light of the world. Believers are the light of the world because the light of Jesus' life is in them. We are to let the light of Jesus shine through us. We do this when we realize that Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords. Jesus being LORD means that He is in control of our destiny.

Learn. The Great Commission: **All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go therefore and make disciples/teach of all nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe/obey all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world/age.**

Disciples are learners. Be open and teachable, faithful and able to teach others also. Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 2 Timothy 2:2, 3.

Listen.

Lamb. Follow the Lamb wherever He goes. Revelation 14:4

“O” The first “O” is to remind us of obedience. The heart of God is that we experience His abiding love. He wants us to have Him as our abiding dwelling-place, a place where we are “home.” This is a place of peace, a place of love, a place of joy (His joy in us). So in order to abide in this love, to live there and to have this very close relationship with a HOLY God, we are to also live in supreme loyalty and attachment to Jesus. We are to obey Christ’s commandments, particularly His commandment to love one another. We must think about the Father’s love, Jesus’ love, and the love of the Holy Spirit for us in order that we might love others as Christ has loved us. The one who believes obeys. We obey what we believe. So we die to the appetites of the sin nature that is still sticking around until we physically die and put off those deeds called the deeds of the flesh and put on Christ. For example, we are to forgive as Christ has forgiven us.

“O” The second “O” reminds us of “others.” It’s not about us. The Word of God calls us to be other-oriented. That means we are to focus our minds on God, God’s Word, praying to God, humbling ourselves before God, in order that we might come to that place where we are aligned, lining up in perfect accord, with the mind of Christ, and with the heart of the Holy Spirit, in order to do the will of the Father. We call it yielding. God helps us in this because the Father prunes us like a Gardener prunes vines in order that those vines produce more fruit. God is after fruitfulness, and much of it has to do with character. Gal. 5:22. God is after our faithfulness. Jesus finished the assignment the Father gave Him to do. We are to finish. Paul finished what Jesus wanted him to do. For you, it means finish your homework. Study the Bible, for it is the Word of the Living God. Really learn how to read. Pray to understand. Rightly divide the Word of God.

“K” reminds us of what eternal life really is: John 17:3. And this is life eternal, that they might **know** You the ONLY TRUE God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.

There are four different levels of knowing. The lowest level is knowing a fact. The next level is to understand the truth behind that fact. But you can know the fact and know the truth behind it and still be lost in your sins. The third level introduces relationship: “to know” means “to believe in a person and become related to him or her.” (John 17:3) The fourth use of “know” means “to have a deeper relationship with a person, a deeper communion.” (Phil. 3:10) (Warren Wiersbe)

So you might have family and extended family. You might know you have an Aunt and know her name, and maybe you’ve heard a few facts about her. Oh, she’s your mother’s sister, not your father’s sister. So that doesn’t mean you really know her. She might live somewhere else. You don’t have a real relationship with her. Then you might end up living with this Aunt. Now you will know her better because you will have first-hand experience, and you might get closer

to her in the sense of relationship. But this knowing that God wants for His children, those who have been born out of God, is very up close and personal.

We never become God, but as we draw closer to Him, and obey Him by keeping His commandments, and worship Him, and pray, and tell others about Jesus, and fellowship with other Christian, and denounce things Satanic, etc., He will reveal Himself to us. He will share Himself with us. We will come to know His nature and His ways, His heart, that He is truth, true, and His love is true and not a lie; His love is pure and holy and does not harm; His heart is good with no evil in it; He is gracious and desires to blessing; He is the Source and Sustainer of all life and blessing; abiding in Him is a safe place to live. In heaven we will have perfect knowledge of Him. We can knooooow. Him. The Father has revealed Himself in His Word. Jesus reveals he Father. The Holy Spirit reveals Truth. One of the Names of Jesus Christ is Word of God. The Father has revealed Himself in Jesus, the Son of His love.

The LORD, the LORD, has come to you and He will and does prevail



Over His enemies, for His is the Victory.

Cry out, cry out –

The Ascended Christ is victorious. And His enemies will fall –

Philippians 2-

And bow in defeat, for today is the day of His Visitation. He is in the midst

And His glory fills the Temple.

Remember, God is HOLY. Respect His Presence and the Anointing. Give time to Him because He wants to minister to you.

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“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is out of God;
and every one loving, out of God has been born, and knows God.” 1 John 4:7



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