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DOING LIFE WITH GOD

To face your daily challenges without believing and depending upon an intervening God often results in feeling powerless in facing life's challenges. Christians must seek God's face in daily prayer, Bible study, meditation and on occasion, fasting for living successfully.

This lifestyle is not just a simplistic immediate quick-fix in every circumstance, but it does guarantee eventual success. It achieves superior results. Jesus stated: "I've come so that you would have life more abundantly." ^{Jn. 10:10} That was not a vacant promise. It's an offer by a trustworthy Savior. There are spiritual principles that guide us in dealing with conflict, stress, time management, career development, all types of interrelationships, and every aspect of life. If you feel you either missed the boat or that you can't even find the dock from which it launches, start with prayer and confession. We must first acknowledge that God is our primary source of help and that we all desperately need his help. Those having a sense of self-sufficiency are living under a cloud of spiritual delusion. ^{Gal. 6:3-8}

Doing life without God affects how we relate to the world around us and often results in unnecessary conflict, whether on the job, within the family, or in other relational stresses, which might have been either averted or better managed. Finding answers to: how to reach out for help, where to get help; when to do so; and how to recognize if it is needed are only a few of the benefits of having an Almighty God as your dad, friend, brother, savior, and eternal husband. Is it not time to more actively utilize our divine relationship through prayer and supplication; and perhaps fasting, beginning with confessing that we have neglected God as our source of strength. Let us acknowledge having wrongly offered up *quickies* to the heavens as if entitled to having God jump through hoops for our benefit, rather than recognizing that we should first seek his help so that we can first please him, not he please us. Wow! Does that seem backward? We need his help and to get it we should start with asking: 'God, please help us to please you.'

That's why Christianity itself is a miracle. It doesn't make sense to fleshly reasoning. Do you believe it? If not, try it out. You only have damnation and hell on earth to lose. But you have joy and eternal life to gain. That's a pretty good risk-to-benefit ratio.

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