

LIVING A LIFE OF FAITH
Living The Better Life – Part 1
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Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.”*

HOW CAN YOU LIVE A LIFE OF FAITH?

1. TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

Ecclesiastes 10:8-9 (TLB) *“Dig a well—and fall into it! Demolish an old wall—and be bitten by a snake! When working in a quarry, stones will fall and crush you! There is risk in each stroke of your ax!”*

Mark 12:30 (NIV) *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”*

Matthew 16:25 (NLT) *“If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for My sake, you will save it.”*

Faith is RISKING

How? Exercise the 80/20 principle

2. LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING

Proverbs 14:12 (NLT) *“There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.”*

Mark 10:43b (GNT) *“If one of you wants to be great, you must be the servant of the rest.”*

Faith is RELYING

How? Exercise the 90/10 principle

Proverbs 3:9-10 (TLB) *“Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines.”*

Malachi 3:10 (NCV) “*Bring to the storehouse a full tenth of what you earn so there will be food in My house. Test Me in this,’ says the Lord All-Powerful. ‘I will open the windows of heaven for you and pour out all the blessings you need.’*”

Don’t wonder if God will MEET your needs.

Rather, be in WONDER as God meets your needs.

3. IN ALL YOUR WAYS SUBMIT TO HIM

Proverbs 28:14 (GNT) “*Always obey the Lord and you will be happy. If you are stubborn, you will be ruined.*”

James 1:22 (NLT) “*But don’t just listen to God’s Word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.*”

Faith is OBEYING

How? Exercise the 100% principle

Colossians 3:17 (NCV) “*Everything you do or say should be done to obey Jesus your Lord. And in all you do, give thanks to God the Father through Jesus.*”

4. THE LORD WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT

Psalms 34:8 (NLT) “*Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him!*”

Faith is EXPECTING

Psalms 42:11a (TLB) “*But, O my soul, don’t be discouraged. Don’t be upset. Expect God to act!*”

Deuteronomy 7:9 (GW) “*Keep in mind that the Lord your God is the only God. He is a faithful God, who keeps His promise and is merciful to thousands of generations of those who love Him and obey His commands.*”

How? Exercise the 1 step at a time principle.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (MSG) “*Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don’t try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God’s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; He’s the one who will keep you on track.*”