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If you prayed from your heart the prayer at the end of the life-changing web presentation, you have begun a personal relationship with God. You can now enjoy all the good things he has for you. This book will help you understand what these good things are and what can stop you enjoying them. The last section shows how to share these good things with others.

1. God's Handbook, the Bible

God has given his children an instruction book to help them grow in their spiritual relationship with him.

All Scripture is given by God and is useful for teaching, for showing people what is wrong in their lives, for correcting faults, and for teaching how to live right.

2 Timothy 3:16



To make real progress in your relationship with God and receive his blessings you need to regularly read and put into practice what the Bible says.

*Do not merely listen to the Word...**do** what it says. The man...who continues to do this...will be blessed in what he does.*

James 1:22,25 NIV

There are practical steps throughout the book that will show you what to do and how to apply God's principles in your life.

Being a child of God is not about following religious rules but enjoying a **relationship**. Wanting to do what God says flows from having a loving relationship with him.

We love, because God first loved us.
1 John 4:19

Loving God means obeying his commands.
1 John 5:3

You develop a loving relationship with God through prayer.



Think of prayer as a conversation between two friends who love each other.

PRAYER - A CONVERSATION BETWEEN FRIENDS

To help you get started there are prayers throughout the e-book like the one below, based on the Bible.

Dear God, it says in your book that if I ask you to show me wonderful and marvelous things that I know nothing about, you will answer my prayer. Help me to learn your ways and understand what you really want me to know. Thank you for taking away all distractions and thoughts that would try to confuse me. I love you and desire to follow your principles in my life. Amen.

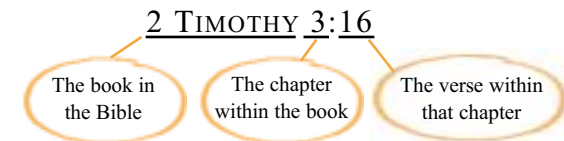
Jeremiah 33:3, Psalm 119:18

You do not have to finish your prayer with the word 'Amen'. When you do use 'Amen' at the end of a prayer it means 'so let it be'.

Never under-estimate the power of **your** prayers! When you believe, God will answer your prayers and amazing results will follow.

2. How to use your Bible

In this book you will see lots of Bible parts written like this:



Get your own Bible as soon as you can so you can look up verses yourself. You can highlight or underline these verses in your Bible so they are easier to find next time. Ask the person who introduced you to this website to show you where to meet regularly with other people who have a personal relationship with God so you can learn from them. If you do not have a Bible, [click here](#).



You will enjoy being with others who have a personal relationship with God.

God loves you very much and wants the best for you. As you read on discover how great that love is.

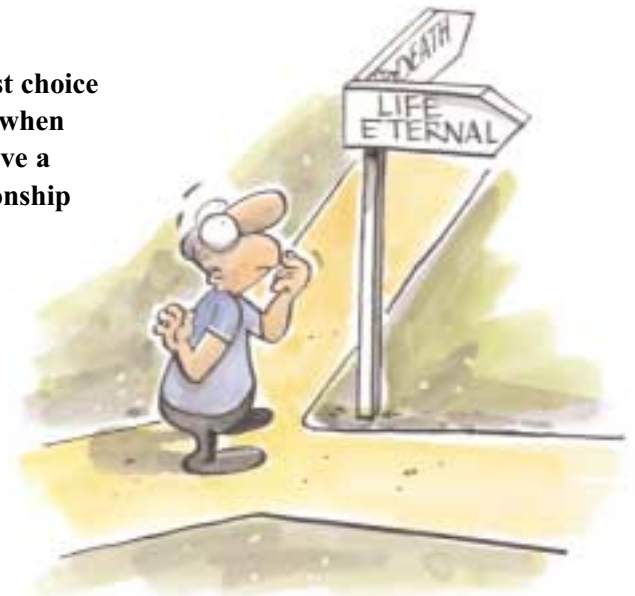
A WISE CHOICE!



Olympic Diver makes a wise choice

A true story was told some years ago of a diver who was training for the Olympics. There were many things on the mind of this young man. After tossing and turning in bed one night he decided to go diving at the college indoor swimming pool. The lights were off, but the moonlight coming through the window was enough light for him to reach the highest diving board. On the edge of the board he turned his back to the pool and extended his arms out. With the moonlight now behind him, his shadow was on the wall in the shape of a cross. Words from his childhood came to mind, "Jesus died for your sins." Deep in thought he decided to swim instead. He climbed down from the tower and walked to the edge of the pool only to find the pool had been drained for repairs! Overcome with emotion he knelt down and chose to plug into God.

It was the wisest choice you ever made when you chose to have a personal relationship with God.



You became part of God's family, his child, when you prayed this prayer from your heart.

**Lord Jesus, I believe you died on the cross for my sins.
I choose to turn from my sins. Please forgive me.
I receive you now as my Savior and Lord.
Thank you for giving me a personal relationship with God.**

You are now a born-again Christian. That means you have been given a new spiritual life from God.

When Jesus was on earth he said:

*Unless you are **born again**, you can never get into the Kingdom of God.*
John 3:3 TLB

Everyone has a spirit, soul and body. We are spiritual beings. Your spirit is deep inside you. With your spirit you connect to the spirit world. You have a soul that is made up of your mind, emotions and will. Your soul contains your personality and character and works as your 'thinker', your 'feeler' and your 'chooser'. Your physical body houses your soul and spirit while you are living on earth.

*May your whole self – **spirit, soul, and body** – be kept safe and without fault when our Lord Jesus Christ comes.*
1Thessalonians 5:23

In the first book of the Bible, Genesis chapter two, you can read how God created Adam, the first person in the human race. Rather than choosing to obey God, chapter three tells how Adam chose to believe the devil's lie. When Adam obeyed the devil he became spiritually separated from God.

The Bible says because of Adam's disobedience, a sinful nature has been passed on to every human. This means, when each of us are born physically we are spiritually separated from God by sin. This is why it is our human nature to sin (Romans 5:12).

To enable us to reconnect and have a personal relationship with God, the Bible tells us that God sent his Son, Jesus, to earth.

This is how God showed his love to us: He sent His one and only Son into the world so that we could have life through him.
1 John 4:9

Jesus, who was without sin, died on the cross for the sins of the whole human race. He took the punishment of every man, woman, boy and girl's sin on himself and gave them the ability to receive a new spiritual life.

Though we were spiritually dead because of the things we did against God, he gave us new life with Christ.
Ephesians 2:5

When you were born into God's family and became his child, the emptiness you felt inside was filled because your human spirit came alive. Your spirit was made new. That is what the Bible is referring to when it talks about being 'born again'.

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