

Tips

For

Life

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INTRODUCTION

The wisdom of God is available to all who seek and cherish it. Jesus says, "I have come that you might have abundant life. My words are spirit and life."

In this booklet are proverbs and principles which the Holy Spirit has presented over the years from God's Word and ministry. May you always enjoy and treasure the tips for life which the Lord has given to us for abundant life now and eternal life to come.

I thank the Lord for the tips of life also given to me through living with my wife Diana, children Erin and Jesse and all of God's people I have had the privilege to meet over the years. For I have found that in living the life the Lord has given his truth is revealed in application. Truth needs to be applied in life, to reveal its truth and value.

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Part One

TIPS FOR LIFE

Love – visible, sacrificial, beneficial

Gratitude – key to true praise and worship of God

“Proclaim don’t complain”

Jesus has a provision already waiting for whatever need arises. It will be there when it is needed. Trust and receive it.

Double-mindedness prevents God’s results. Make up your mind what you want and believe God.

Determining options deteriorates faith and focus.

Pride comes before the fall.

Humility brings promotion.

Fithfulness = honor and commitment

Honor = integrity, honesty, morality, respect, esteem, credit, dignify, glorify, exalt, celebrate, keep, rule.

Nobility = courage, honor, integrity, faithfulness, patience, humility, selflessness, mercy, generosity, respect, devotion, wisdom, leadership, ability to seek forgiveness, be forgiven and restore faith.

Continue in

- The Word of God
- Healthy growth
- Freedom

Church involvement: one worship service per week – one teaching service – one ministry outreach.

Your belief system determines what you do, level of joy, peace, and how you react or respond to circumstances.

Choose life

Whatever is intended for evil, God will turn to our good and His Glory.

God only responds to faith... not need.

God appreciates not being taken for granted.

Do whatever you do with all your heart to the Lord. Give God the Glory!

Obedience is the opposite of disobedience.

Instantly obey God! Just do it!

God never asks you to do something you cannot do by His ability.

It is just as easy to slide back to God as it was to slide away...

Bless what God has blessed! Avoid what is cursed.

Why is it so important to always be right?

Be patient with God's good work in you and others.

Celebrate Jesus!

If you do what is right, you will be blessed.

Do not repay evil with evil. Overcome evil with good.

Cast all your cares upon Jesus for He affectionately cares for you and watches over you.

Patience is not a hard thing when you know God has everything under control.

Thank You Lord that I am not you!

Bitter seed produces bitter fruit.

Be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

Trust in the Lord, lean not to your own understanding, ask and allow God to direct your path.

God honors those who honor God.

God promotes those who promote others.

Prefer others more important than yourself.

As you desire God's presence, He comes with His presents. In God's presence are... His presents.

Without sacrifice there is no blessing or love.

People burn out because they want out – no responsibility.

God rewards faithfulness, not talk.

People want to give – but do not want the pain of earning it.

Thankful people give to the work of the Lord.

Live to give and give to live.

Avoid seeking ways to get money rather seek ways to get God's Word out.

God will keep in peace the person whose mind is fixed on Him.

Do it now!

Change your life by changing your habits.

Commit to excellence – pay full price.

Respond to – do not react to criticism.

Do not let circumstances make your decisions.

Ask the questions – Why am I doing this and who gets the Glory? (Motivation)

Chose to love, lead, protect, and provide.

Emotion opens doors – logic shuts them.

Lack of discipline, not gifts, spoils.

You cannot pray in the Spirit and walk in the flesh.

The devil cannot touch those who are on the cross.

Deny yourself – then you can follow Christ.

Prayer crucifies the flesh.

You cannot have the resurrected life of Christ until the old self life is dead.

Anointing attaches itself to money and us = increase.

God is the source of everything good.

Take God out of good – you have “O.”

See no evil – Hear no evil – Speak no evil – Do no evil.

Do what God says – Walk in His favor – Do not push and shove.

Being content removes strife, lack and pain.

Sure steady slow steps = **Success**.

Bless! Do not curse!

Be responsible for your own, not someone else's life and actions.

Living at peace with others enables them to live in peace with you.

Being committed, accountable, and responsible towards God, self, and others = **Love**.

Understanding God's grace (ability) is sufficient allows God's provision for every situation and need.

Being thankful to God welcomes the blessings that are coming.

Rejoice in the Lord always!

Forgive quickly and freely, as God forgives.

Patience = faith and trust in God's loving plan and care.

Whoever is on God's side always wins.

Walking in the light allows the vision to be seen.

Because love bears, believes, hopes and endures all things, love never fails.

Truth need not defend itself.

Time reveals truth.

When God is invited into the situation, the enemy must leave.

People make their own pain.

Self-ish-ness (ish=man in Hebrew) vs. God-ish-ness.

When you tell the devil to get behind you, do not turn around to see where he went.

Peaceful words promote peace.

First be submitted to God by asking forgiveness and help, then resist the devil and he will flee in terror.

Someone must continue and finish.

Ask, Seek, Knock and you will receive, find, and doors will be opened.

Avoid other's strife and cares or they will become yours.

Humble yourself under God's mighty hand and in due season He will exalt you.

Think and speak on beautiful things.

Let God make your plans.

God Rules!

Jesus Christ **is** Lord!

If God cannot do it, nobody can.

With God nothing is impossible to you.

God has removed your failures and buried them in the sea. Don't go skin-diving.

Want eternal life? Ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart.

If you have trouble with donuts, stay out of the donut shop.

Lighten up-enjoy the life God has given you.

Expect, God will do what He said He will do.

Forgive yourself when God has forgiven you.

People are to be conformed to God's image, not mine.

One look is being aware of your surroundings.
Two looks is being too aware of your surroundings.

Flush the flesh.

What matters is what God is thinking about you.

The devil does not see me – he sees Jesus.

God will stand up for me – when I stand up for Him.

This body is a pound of dirt – water and inert gas.

Do not love what you are doing more than the one you are doing it for.

Be still and know that God is God.

Get the contention (pride) out of the conflict.
Growth results.

Garbage in = garbage out.

The battle is not yours. It belongs to the
..... Lord.

Get out of the ring and let the Lord in. The devil
will flee.

The Lord's presence brings joy and triumph.

Rejoicing in God's presence and promise gives
strength and victory.

In all circumstances give thanks to and praise
God for He is good and greater and will make a
way for you.

Praising God brings His Presence.

Realize God is in you and with you always.

Speak your faith in God, not your doubt and fears.

Do not be condemned when Jesus says you are not guilty.

Acknowledge to God your guilt and He will forgive, cleanse and dispose of it.

God is the judge, not me.

Jesus did not come to condemn the world, but to save everyone.

Entrust yourself to God, not people who trust themselves.

Expect from God, not people, you will not be disappointed.

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not lack or be stressed.

Except the Lord build the house we labor in vain.

Stressed? Jesus says, “Come to me, you who are weary and burdened – I will give you rest.”

“You only need one promise in any given area to send the devil running.”

The less we try, the more we trust, the quicker God can bring the solution.

Remember that My words are greater than your circumstances.

If you do not want the crop, do not plant the seed.

Everything in the physical world, must first come from the Spiritual realm. Faith brings it in.

Fear not – it grieves God.

Pull up to the banquet table and say, “pass the healing.”

Supernatural experiences have a reason.

You make a decision – God will give the power.

I am precious – Jesus loves me!

The Lord says, “I am all things to all people all the time.”

God will look out for you when you have done what He says to do.

There is no peace when one is not at peace.

You can only be tempted with what you want.

The devil can only be tempted with what you want.

The devil can only take what you let him have.

Age is mind over matter. If you do not mine...it does not...matter.

Forget the things behind – press ahead to the destiny of God.

Today is a new opportunity. You cannot live on yesterday's testimonies.

Man's defensive walls: Indifference, agony, hatred, prayer, lust and jealousy.

God's protective walls: Mercy, Trust, Love what is good and hate what is evil. Follow instruction, be disciplined and flee youthful lust and don't be afraid God will take care of you.

The Lord wants our relationships, not our works.

Give and it will be given to you; overflowing more than you gave.

Expect a miracle. Why settle for less than God's best!

God will not leave you, so why not stay with Him.

You are what you think. You speak what you think. You have what you speak.

Jesus loves you unconditionally. Why not do the same?

Do not worry about what you will eat, drink, or wear. Seek first God's Kingdom and all these things will be provided.

As you go about God's business through the front door, He takes care of yours through the back door.

God does not change who He is or His good plans.

Look to God as the source, not man.

Be flexible and you will not break.

Do to others what you want done to you.

When God's Word hits you between the eyes, fall down.

Do not get depressed over somebody else's unbelief.

When all seems dark, hold on to Jesus and keep going, there is a bend in the tunnel.

My grace (ability) is sufficient for you – for in your weakness my strength is perfected.

God cannot help you until you let him – speak the name of Jesus and let God work.

Call upon Him and let Him help you.

Watch and pray so you don't get into trouble.

When somebody is dumping on you, tell them I'm the garbage man not the garbage can.

Don't let folk vomit on your shoes.

God is not interested in my opinion or anyone else's' opinion, only His Word and promises.

For ministers: Shepherds who follow sheep step in "stuff."

Say only what you want repeated.

Speak only what you would want God to hear.

There's some people that you only tell what you want spread around town.

If you come to God and go away empty, you were already filled with.....self.

There are no emergencies with God.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.

Part Two

EXERCISES FOR LIFE

Life Action Principles

1. Do what you have to do. Do not look for man's recognition or approval
2. Accountable to God
3. Must examine one's own heart before God (psalm 139)
4. Not judge another man's servant (Romans 14)
5. People believe and do what they want to believe and do. Until they want to believe and do otherwise – they will not
6. Those who genuinely seek God will find Him and they will be rewarded (Hebrews 11:6)
7. Those who genuinely seek God for help will find help (Psalm 121)

SEVEN WAYS OF PEACE

1. Given peace – John 14:27,
Numbers 6:26
2. Receiving peace – Philippians
4:5-6
3. Keeping peace – Isaiah 26:3,
Philippians 4:8
4. Living peaceable – Romans
12:18, Proverbs 15:18
5. Speaking peace – Psalm 85:8,
Proverbs 15:1-2
6. Making peace – Matthew 5:7,
James 3:18
7. Being at peace – 1st
Thessalonians 5:13, 5:23
“Multiplied peace” – 2nd Peter 1:2

THANKFULNESS EXERCISES

*LIST AREAS OF THANKFULNESS:
(I.E., GOD, FAMILY, HOME, ETC.)*

CHILDHOOD

ADOLESCENCE

ADULT

- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- etc.*

Why are you thankful for these areas? Be specific.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How has God developed and shaped your life through these areas?

In what areas do you need to grow in thankfulness? How can growth be accomplished? (What can you do, be specific.)

**References: Colossians 3:15; 1st Thessalonians 5:18;
Philippians 1:3, 4:6; 1st Corinthians 15:57; 2nd
Corinthians 2:14; 1st Timothy 4:3**

“I THANK GOD IN EVERY REMEMBRANCE OF YOU”

(References: Psalm 95:2; Hebrews 12:28; Psalm 100, 28:7)

1. When you think about God and what He has done for you, what memories come to your thoughts?
2. What do you want to do when you think about those good memories of what God has done for you?
3. In what ways can we express our thanks to God for His goodness and His goodness through one another?

Life goals:

1. define goal
2. set out strategy
3. plan out your problems
4. build in reserves (**20%** in cash)
5. relate to time frames
6. create a master plan

Picture yourself at the end of your life. You are writing your life history. Write out what has occurred in your life and its lasting effect on the world.

TIPS FOR HOW TO BE THANKFUL

1. Thank God for His caring love and goodness to you each new day and forever.
2. Thank God for what you have.
3. Refuse to dwell on what you do not have.
4. Think on only good memories about life and people (thinking on negatives depletes your energy and ability to receive God's creativity and vitality for life)
5. Express your thankfulness verbally to God and others.
6. Pray, praise, and give thanks in all circumstances – God is great and able to handle everything – thank Him for the fact that He makes a way! Let God be in control.
7. Be thankful with others when they are blessed – share in each other's joy.
8. Tell others what great things God has done for you and is doing. Be positive – remember “with God nothing is impossible and all things are possible!”

9. Never complain, grumble, talk or listen to unbelief, discontent and unforgiveness.
10. Give time, talents and treasures to God and others remember: Thankful people give to the work of the Lord! To whom much has been forgiven – the same loves much.
11. Cultivate admiration and awe for God, His handiwork, and the blessings (people and things) He has given you to enjoy for the time you are together.
12. Enjoy and share what God has blessed you with. Take time to enjoy!

Steps of Faith

1. Determine need. Find the promise.
2. Ask.
3. Receive & Believe.
4. Confess what you have received.
5. Be patient. Act like you already have it.
6. Search your heart and forgive if necessary.
7. Rest in Peace.

Life Action Principles

1. Do what you have to do and don't care what people think about it or you.
2. Believer & non-believer are accountable to God!
3. Examine with an open heart before God and submit to His word.
4. Don't judge another man's servant. God is only judge. [Righteous judgment not by appearance of things]
5. People believe and do what they want to. Until they want to believe, Otherwise – they won't
6. Those who genuinely seek help will find it!

Wisdom of the World (ungodly)

~Unbelief ~	Fear	~Disobedience ~
		Friend of the World *wanting worldly things
Impatience	Self works Pride	Self glorified
Worry	No Win!	Fame
Anxiety	Not attainable or will not remain	Fortune
Frustration		Things
Depression		Position (honor)
Tear down others		Power
Inferiorities (fear of rejection)		Rights
Insecurities (fear of man and man's opinions)		Security
Superiority		Health
Self reliant (self confident can't trust others)		Long Life
Discontent (no peace)		
Striving (agitated)		
Abusive Lifestyle		

Worldly wisdom / rooted in unbelief / ungodly ambitions
Promotes Self * James 4:4
Hating God * enemy of God *

Poverty Wisdom

Wisdom of the World (ungodly)

~Self Crucified ~	Faith	~Obedience ~
	LOVE	Friend of God
	God's word	Faith Godly works Philippians 2:12-13
Patience in God		Son of God God's wisdom Proverbs 3:5-6, 13-18
Hope in God	Results: you WIN (In Christ) attainable / will remain in Christ/in faith	Produces:
Peace		Fame
Confidence in God	Christ's image in me	Health
Build up others		Fortune
God Consciousness		Long Life
God reliant – enables me to trust		God's promotion Produces:
Content – praise, thankful		Honor
Relaxing in God's will and plan		Position
Loving/Peaceful/Rest lifestyle Good Shepherd – Psalm 23		Power (Gods)
	God's Authority	Rights
		Security
		Prosperity: to know God – and to be known by God (friend of God) How to be known by God – people who have the faith and obey – James 2

Prosperity Wisdom/I'm dead * God's alive in me!
(Galatians 2:20)

Control

FLESH-SELF- MOTIVATED

1. Friendship – Soul-Ties (love of man/world) James 4:4 (Lot's wife) Gen. 3:17-19
2. Guilt – Past Sins – Perfection (works righteousness/failure) 2nd Tim. 3:6-7
3. Unbelief-Disobedience (sin) Matt. 12:22-32
4. Fear-Threats-Projection Curses (man's inability) Job 3:25, Prov. 29:25 (fear of man)
5. Unforgiveness-Bitterness/Hatred (hurt, wounds, rejection, judgment)
6. Anger – Intimidation – Hostility (mockers – selfishness) Violence Cold War Prov. 29:8
7. Power-Physical Force-Violence. Mental Force / Demonic Force
8. Sex – Withdrawal – Permissive. Soul Ties Genesis 3:1-7; (substance) Judges 15:1-22, Gen. 14:18-24; 2nd Peter 2:14-16
9. Love of Money – Bribe/Greed/Poverty (man is source) Deut. 7:25; 1st Tim. 6:9
10. Witchcraft-Rebellion Selfish Manipulation (lies, gossip, deceit, curses, spells) 1st Sam. 15:22-23; (Jezebel) Prov. 26:24-28; James 4:1-3; Prov. 17:13
11. Authority – Selfish – Power – Lordover (Jezebel)

SPIRIT-GOD- MOTIVATED

- Vs. Jesus 1st Love-Obedience to God (Love of God) Matt. 10:37-39; John 5:41-44; Mark 12:29-31
- Vs. Forgiveness, Cleansing, Righteousness in Christ (grace & mercy) John 1:9; Eph. 2:8-10
- Vs. Faith – Obedience John 14:21-24
- Vs. God's Love-Submission to God (God's ability) 1st John 4:17; 1st Peter 2:23; Prov. 3:5-6; Heb. 13:5-6
- Vs. Forgiveness – Isaiah 53:4-6; Luke 6:37-38; Matt. 18:15-35
- Vs. Peace – Prov. 12:20; Rom. 14:19-21; James 1:19-20
- Vs. Spiritual Force – Zech. 4:6; 2nd Cor. 10:3-5
- Vs. Love – 1st Cor. 6:16-17, 7:3-6; Philip. 2:4; Prov. 3:9-10
- Vs. Love of God / Trust in God (God is source) Matt. 6:29; Philip. 4:19
- Vs. God's Purpose & Authority (submission & obedience) Philip. 2:1-11; Psalm 37:3-7
- Vs. Servant – Mk. 1:41-45 (Humility) 1st Pet. 5:3, 2:16-23 (Brings Grace) 1st Tim. 2:11-15; Eph. 5:21-32; 2nd Cor. 12:9; Philip. 2:1-11; James 5:6-7