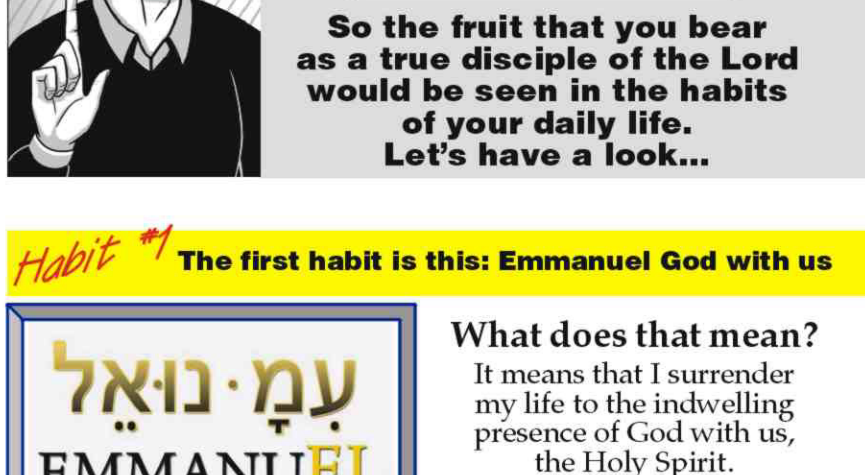
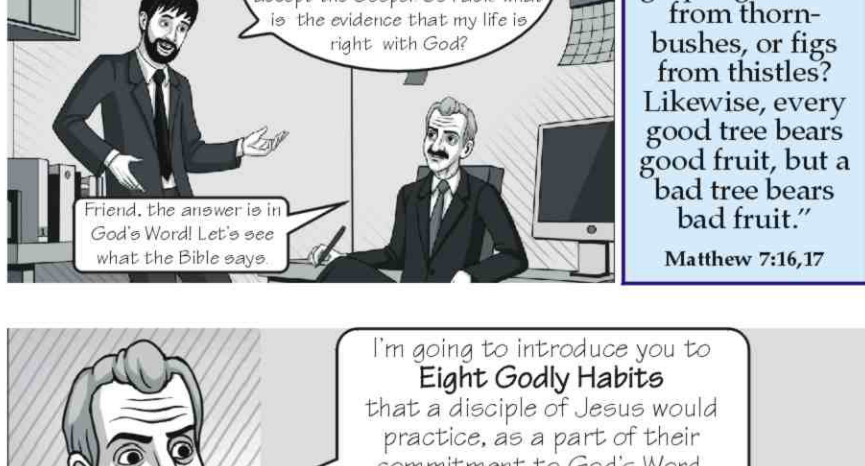
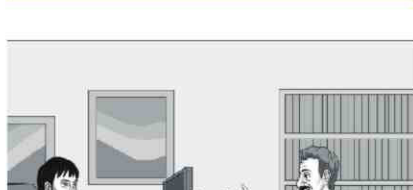


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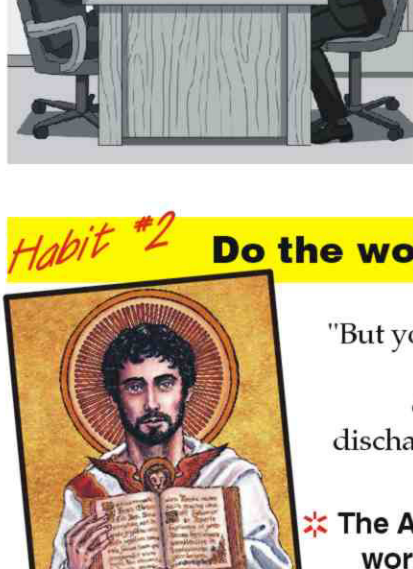
Habit #1 The first habit is this: Emmanuel God with us



What does that mean?

It means that I surrender my life to the indwelling presence of God with us, the Holy Spirit.

Let's check. Ephesians 5:18: "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."



When the Word says 'be ye filled with the Holy Spirit', the original Greek actually says, *be ye being filled*, meaning it's a **continuous** thing.

The truth is you and I are not ready each day of our life to live apart from the indwelling presence of God the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, who indwells in each one of us.

Habit #2 Do the work of an Evangelist



"But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."
 2 Timothy 4:5 (NIV)

✳ **The Apostle Paul wrote these bracing words while he was imprisoned in the Mamertine prison in Rome.**

Paul wrote this letter to Timothy from a dark and dank prison cell, just before his death in AD 67.

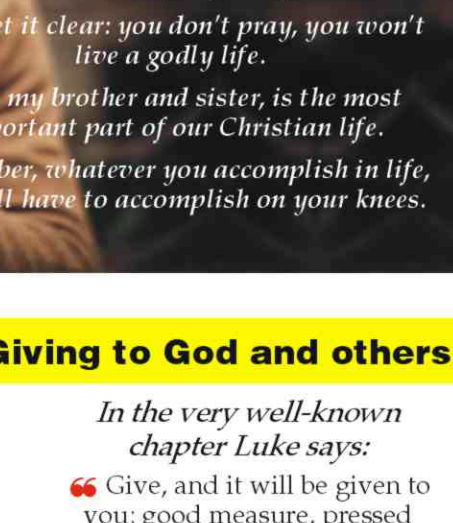


Emperor Nero had been slowly descending into madness since his ascent to the throne in AD 54, a process exacerbated by the great fire of Rome in AD 64 that destroyed half the city. With the residents of Rome in uproar, Christians became convenient scapegoats and targets for Nero. Paul was beheaded by Roman officials soon after writing these words.

So what's stopping you and me from being evangelists?

Habit #3 Habit Three is a Prayerful Life

So, when we consider this **life of prayer**, it doesn't mean only **sometimes**. We should experience the joy and blessing of talking to the Father **every day**; it ought to be a **habit**, not something we do only when we are in trouble or in need, but **because we love God**.



Because... we're grateful for what He's doing in our life.



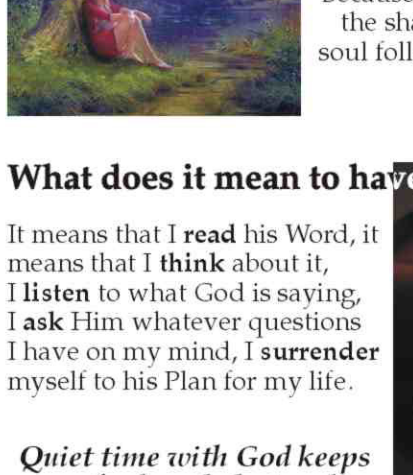
You can't live a godly life unless you have a good prayer life, because a regular prayer life keeps you connected to Almighty God's Plan for your life.

Let's get it clear: you don't pray, you won't live a godly life.

That, my brother and sister, is the most important part of our Christian life.

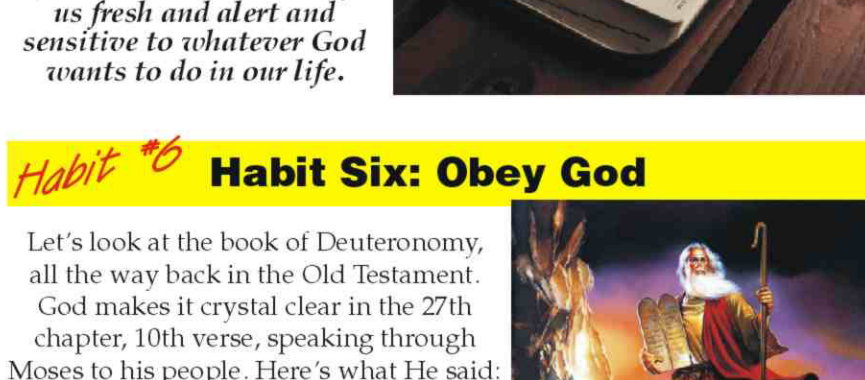
Remember, whatever you accomplish in life, you will have to accomplish on your knees.

Habit #4 Habit Four: Giving to God and others

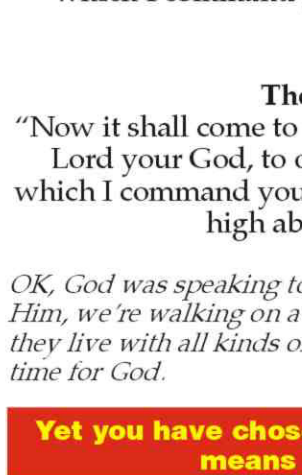


In the very well-known chapter Luke says:

“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”
 Luke 6:38



Habit #5 Habit Five... My quiet time with God



For want of a better phrase I used the term 'my quiet time', but it should also be 'my listening time'.

The Psalmist says in the 63rd chapter, verses 6 to 8: "When I remember Thee upon my bed I meditate on Thee in the night watches. Because Thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. My soul followeth hard after Thee: thy right hand upholdeth me."

What does it mean to have a quiet time with God?

It means that I **read** his Word, it means that I **think** about it, I **listen** to what God is saying, I **ask** Him whatever questions I have on my mind, I **surrender** myself to His Plan for my life.

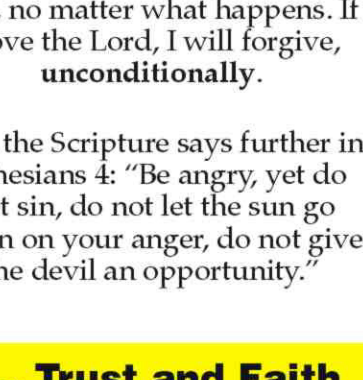


Quiet time with God keeps us fresh and alert and sensitive to whatever God wants to do in our life.

Habit #6 Habit Six: Obey God

Let's look at the book of Deuteronomy, all the way back in the Old Testament. God makes it crystal clear in the 27th chapter, 10th verse, speaking through Moses to his people. Here's what He said:

"Therefore, you shall obey the voice of the Lord your God, and observe his Commandments and his Statutes, which I command you today."



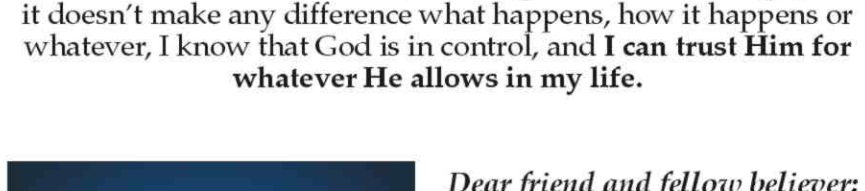
Then to chapter 28 verse 1:

"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all his Commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth."

OK, God was speaking to Israel in that verse. Yet when you and I obey Him, we're walking on a higher level. Think about how the world lives: they live with all kinds of evil thoughts, and are busy, so busy there's no time for God.

Yet you have chosen to follow Jesus, and to follow Him means you live on a higher level.

Habit #7 Habit Seven: Forgiving Others



Forgiving is not easy, no one is suggesting it is. It's hard sometimes to be forgiving to people who have done certain things to you. And then Jesus says in Ephesians 4:30: "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."



Betrayers are still out there, yet we **have to be willing to forgive** and to trust God to take care of that, no matter what happens. If I love the Lord, I will forgive, **unconditionally**.

And the Scripture says further in Ephesians 4: "Be angry, yet do not sin, do not let the sun go down on your anger, do not give the devil an opportunity."

Habit #8 Habit Eight is... Trust and Faith



Proverbs 3: 5,6:
 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

This is a basic verse of Scripture

Psalm 103:19:

"The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his Kingdom rules overall."

So, give that verse some thought: If God Almighty has established his throne in the heavens and his supernatural and divine power rules over everything, then what does that do? That gives me an awesome motivation to be in Him, knowing that He is in charge, and it doesn't make any difference what happens, how it happens or whatever, I know that God is in control, and **I can trust Him for whatever He allows in my life.**

Dear friend and fellow believer:
 I am sure you have many questions this short tract can't answer, so why not get involved in **Cell Phone Evangelising?**

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