



*Let the Countdown Begin
The Top 10 Lessons
Learned to Walk in More Peace*



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Before I knew the Lord many years ago, I used to stay up late and watch the top ten count down on late night television with a popular night show host who has since retired. As I reflected on past, I got to thinking about the things that I have learned. I want to leave you with words of encouragement and a chance to reflect on where you are today.

It's important to get your heart right before the Lord. Repent of your sinful nature and understand that Jesus is the bridge to a relationship with God. He came as a new born baby to save us from this sinful world. He loves you with an everlasting love and acceptance. His death bought your life with a price. It's a decision you can choose to make. You can choose to delay the blessings or you can choose to live a life of lack regardless of your societal stature. What will you choose? Jesus says, **The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."**

So at this point ask yourself am I living a life of abundance, more than enough, overflow that Jesus came to give me? You think if you give your life to Christ you will lose something. Yes, you will lose everything that used to be the old ways of doing things (worldly) but a new man is birthed the minute you receive Christ into your heart and you begin to realize the life you lived isn't anything compared to the life Christ came to give you.

You'll experience clarity of mind, deliverance, healing, prosperity, love, peace and joy just a name a few. As you surrender your life a shift begins to happen. A seed is planted into the ground and you begin to grow into a righteous oak tree. It will take sometime but enjoy the process.

I realized the best thing to do to prepare yourself is first to pray, ask the Lord for the vision for your life and write it down on plain tablets.

Techniques to Draw You Close.

If you not sure what your destiny is it is encouraged to fast and pray until you get a revelation. When you ready to move forward here's a word of wisdom don't make resolutions set obtainable and realistic goals. Write them down where you can see them every day. Speak life over these goals and objectives everyday and take action. I like to have my encouragement next to my bathroom mirror. When I'm getting ready I see them everyday as a daily reminder.

So as a reflection these are my top ten life lessons I've recently learned and believe are worth sharing.

10. Find Your Sanctuary: It is important to hear from the Lord the only way to do this is to find your secret place a quiet place with no distractions. If you find your secret place there is a promise hidden there. (See Psalm 91:1-2) It's starts early in the day before the sun comes up. Find time to spend with the Lord and early morning is best. If you freak out right now and say, "But I'm not a morning person". Pray. There is no excuse here. The Lord will teach you to be a prayer warrior and then He will bless you with energy for the rest of your day. You will be surprised by the need of the day you'll be thanking Him for giving you a full day with lots of energy. Win-win!

9. "You have got to get yourself one of these!" One of what you might ask? A Bible. The Word of God says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" Psalm 105:115. Without His love letter and God's written plan in the word I'm up a creek without a paddle. His instructions are best. Study God's WORD EVERYDAY! I will not live another day of my life without it.

8. Seek First: Matthew 6:33 says, "Seek First the Kingdom of Heaven and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you." To honor the Lord with your first fruits is key to a blessed life.

Life in the Spirit is exciting without it means death.

7. I LOVE THIS! Live a life in the Spirit: Walk a new life in the leading of the Holy Spirit. Jesus gave us the gift of the Spirit. Again and again scriptures tell us, "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and concerning sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit" Romans 8:1-5. Life lived in the Spirit is truly amazing! The Holy Spirit will teach you how to live. All you have to do is ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit to come upon you and dwell in you. See the story from Acts 19:1-6 and you will be shocked at what is revealed. You have been missing a significant missing piece to complete the 500 piece puzzle.

Keep going you're almost there!

6. Don't lay your pearls to swine: We are not meant to please people. We are meant to please the Lord, "Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls to swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces" Matthew 7:6. People will not appreciate who and what you do for them so if people will not honor your love and care for them then you have to let them go. This will bring peace unto you. If someone is being used to steal your joy than cut the chord and let them go but bless them while you go. Not everyone will understand you or your love. Jesus was rejected more than we will ever know. You can handle it if sometimes you have to release people but do pray for them. You can pray a simple prayer, "*Dear Lord, please give _____ (Insert name) a new heart and put a new spirit within them; your word ways you will take a heart of stone out of flesh and give it a heart of flesh. Please Lord place a new Spirit within them and cause them to walk in Your statures, and they will keep your judgments and do them*" In Jesus name Amen.

5. Honor & Humility: Honor those you sincerely care for. It really starts with the home. Honor your parents, spouse, children, employer, co-workers, the people you associate with everyday. Walk in grace and give grace everyday. We all have faults and we're not perfect. Learn to not take an offensive attitude. Trust me you can learn to live this way. We all fall short and if we can learn to not take things offensively and bridle our tongue you can learn to live life like water that beads off of a ducks back. In addition, humbling yourself daily is a gift that you can give to others. C. S. Lewis has said, "True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less."

You're peace is right around the corner.

4. Jesus rejoices for you: This is one of my favorites. Jesus said, "He saw satan fall from heaven like lightning. His disobedience and rebellion got Lucifer (now satan) kicked out of heaven so fast he fell like a strike of lightning. Wow! Can you imagine that. (See Luke 10:19-20). Jesus has given us authority but why can't we understand this instruction. Take up authority to trample on scorpions and serpents (satan and demon spirits). The enemy is defeated and you need to know that the blood of Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for your sins. If the enemy comes to mess with you take up your authority speak the word and tell the enemy to shut up, get out, Go and never come back.!

3. Don't be conformed to this world: (See 1 John 2:17-19). We are in the last days my friend. This is not a doom and gloom message but the truth. The Word of God tells us the last days will come and where will you stand? Which side will you choose? Who's side do you want to be on the victorious side or the defeated side. You can't have one foot in the world and one foot out of the world. Choose who you will follow. Get out of the world. "If you take the L out of WORLD you are left with the WORD. The the Word of God is what leads you out of the WORLD! Let go of the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life which is what leads to destruction.

2. Get Your Mind Right: Romans 12:2 says, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Your mindset is key. If the enemy controls your mind with his lies than you will never be released from his grip. You'll never really know the Lord's plan for your life with a defeated mindset. Renew your mind with the word of God and be set free.

The last of the countdown.

1. **Now Faith:** (See Hebrews 12:1-2). Jesus came so that we can live and the most "Holy Faith" is having now faith for the future. You can spend the rest of your life trusting in the Lord to be your all. It is impossible to please him without our faith. All he wants us to do is ask. Choose your words wisely. Speak forth the things that are not as though they are. God is our heavenly Father and He wants to give us the desires of our heart. If we ask Him than we have to believe what we are asking for and He will give it to us in due season. He's waiting for us to take step out of the boat and walk on water. (See Matthew 14:22-33).

May these top ten life lessons bless you for the remainder of the year. WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED. Are you getting these results you set out to do from the beginning of the year. Are you feeling stuck and want to get unstuck? Use these top ten life lessons and see your life transform. Get ready because we are going to the **OTHER SIDE!** You coming?

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