





¹⁷ When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 TLB

The theological words for brand spanking new are the words regeneration and sanctification.



REGENERATION

is the work of God in your heart at the moment of salvation. God gives us a new life, a new heart and we are a new creation.



SANCTIFICATION

is the progressive work of God and us that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives.





¹⁸ So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 NLT



¹⁴ Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.

HEBREWS 12:14 NLT

In the process of sanctification and holiness, we either cooperate with God or we don't.



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Their Christian life is all about believing the right doctrines and is unconcerned about the way one lives.



A lack of holiness is a critical obstacle
to a close relationship with God.



How do we cooperate with God in our journey of sanctification and holiness?





Instead, train yourself to be godly.
8 “Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:7B-8 NLT

THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES



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Bible reading

Evangelism

Fasting

Prayer

Service

Solitude

Worship

Stewardship

Study



If you want to cooperate with the Spirit of God one of the most important disciplines is **Bible intake**.





¹⁷ Make them holy by your truth;
teach them your word, which is
truth.

JOHN 17:17 NLT



...as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her ²⁶ to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. ²⁷ He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

EPHESIANS 5:25B-27 NLT

What is one thing you could do to improve your intake of God's Word?

