

Live Well
1 Peter 2:11-12

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“The world takes its notions of God, most of all, from the people who say that they belong to God’s Family. They read us a great deal more than they read the Bible. They see us; they only hear about Jesus Christ.”

Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

- **Continually Be of One Mind with God**
- **Consistently Shun Sin**

Psalm 119:128

Therefore I esteem right all Your precepts concerning everything, I hate every false way

- **Commit to Keep Commandments**

Psalm 51:4

Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge.

Psalm 51:11-13

Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
¹²Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit. ¹³Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will be converted to You.

Psalm 51:15-17

O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may declare Your praise. ¹⁶For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. ¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Psalm 32:3

When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away Through my groaning all day long.

Psalm 32:7

You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah.

- **Conspicuously be Like Christ**

Romans 8:21

that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

1 John 2:5

but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:

1 Peter 2:21

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

- **Constrained by Meekness**

Numbers 12:1-3

Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married (for he had married a Cushite woman); ²and they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?" And the LORD heard it. ³(Now the man Moses was very humble, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.)

- **Consciously Deny Self**

Colossians 3:5

Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

Luke 21:34

Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap;

1 Corinthians 9:27

but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

- **Consumed with Kindness**

Romans 13:8

Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

Luke 9:23

And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

I. The Internal War of Living Well

Philippians 3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

Hebrews 13:14

For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come.

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Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Galatians 5:16

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Ephesians 2:1-2

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

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II. The External Fruit of Living Well

Acts 15:14

Simeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name.

Luke 19:44

and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."

Matthew 5:16

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