

RNLC

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION MANUAL

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

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VISION

PRODUCING WORLD CHANGERS

PURPOSE STATEMENT

EQUIPPING SAINTS FOR ETERNAL IMPACT

MISSION

MOBILISE, TRAIN AND RELEASE WORLD CHANGERS INTO THE
WORLD WHERE THEY WILL BRING CHANGE.

CORE VALUES

- 1. PRAYER: (1Thess 5:7)** “17 pray continually”
- 2. COMMITMENT: (Eccl 9:10)** Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.
- 3. EXCELLENCE: (1Kings 10:4-5)** 4 When the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the palace he had built, 5 the food on his table, the seating of his officials, the attending servants in their robes, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he made at[a] the temple of the Lord, she was overwhelmed.
- 4. EVANGELISM: (Matthew 28:19)** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- 5. INFLUENCE: (Matthew 5:13a)** “You are the salt of the earth”.

INTRODUCTION & FOREWORD

Welcome to this journey of discipleship!

This manual has been designed to guide you through foundational principles that will help you grow as a believer and mature as a disciple of Christ. Whether you are new to the faith or seeking to deepen your understanding, this journey is an opportunity to connect with God's Word, build your faith, and grow spiritually.

As you meet weekly with fellow believers to go through this material, you will have the opportunity to:

- Discover the basic principles of living as a born-again Christian.
- Learn key Christian truths that will strengthen your understanding of God and His Word.
- Dive into scripture for clarity, direction, and answers to life's questions.
- Develop your spiritual life and deepen your relationship with Christ.
- Grow in faith and maturity, equipping you to walk confidently in God's purpose for your life.

This journey is not meant to be walked alone. Together, as a community of believers, you will support and encourage one another as you pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus.

I pray that as you engage with this material, the Holy Spirit will guide you, reveal truth to you, and empower you to live a life that glorifies God. Let this be the beginning of a transformative journey as you embrace your calling as a disciple and a World Changer in Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Thabo Ramokgadi

1. BIRTH - THE BEGINNING OF A GROWING PROCESS

The decision to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour is not only the most important decision you have ever made, but it is the most life changing decision.

The change in your life is that you have been **born again/saved**.

What does this mean?

Becoming a Christian is not the end of the road – it is the beginning of a new journey. God has transformed you into a new person; He has given you a new heart and you have a new life ahead of you. God loves you; He calls you His child and wants you to know Him as your heavenly Father.

Please read **John 3:1-16** and **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**.

The life of a born-again Christian is similar and exciting as that of a new-born baby in a home. Just as cute as babies may be, we all know that for a child to mature, there are many stages of learning, development and growth that lie ahead.

The same pattern is applicable for a Christian life.

“That we should no longer be children... but speaking the truth in love, may we grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ....” (Ephesians 4:14-15).

The growing up as a born-again Christian are achieved by obedience to God’s Word in the following:

- Honoring God and obeying His commandments.

Please read Exodus 20:3-6, Matthew 22:37-40

- Staying away from ancestral and idol worship as well as from consulting spirit mediums.

Please read Leviticus 19:4,31; Ecclesiastes 9:7; Isaia 8:19; 1 John 5:21 & Jonah 2:8

- Getting rid of the sin in your life

Please read 1Corinthians 6:9-11,15-20; & Colossians 3:5

Let us learn from the Apostle Paul:

**“Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Jesus Christ”
(Philippians 3:13-14)**

2.ASSURANCE OF YOUR SALVATION

Welcome to God’s family!

“Now therefore you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household...” (Ephesians 2:19)

How did I become a stranger from God’s household?

When Adam sinned against God in the garden of Eden, his sin affected all of his descendants- that included you and me.

Please read **Romans 3:23** and **Romans 5:12-14**

The result of Adams sin was death – not physical death, but **spiritual death**, which means **being separated from God (Isaiah 59:2 and Colossians 1:21-22)**.

You are not just a body with a mind, but you have a spirit which the bible calls the inner man or the hidden man of the heart. When Adam sinned, his inner man died, and he became separated from God. That spiritual death has been passed to all mankind. The Bible calls this; **“being dead in your trespasses and sins” (Ephesians 2:1)**

How can I become a member of God’s household?

You cannot earn or work your way into God’s family – no amount of hard work or good deeds can remove spiritual death. The only way to become a member of God’s family is to be born into it. This doesn’t happen at natural birth – that is why it is necessary to be born-again.

Please read **John 3:1-7** and **Ephesians 2:1-7**

God’s solution was to send Jesus so that if we believe in Him, we would be born-again - from spiritual death to spiritual life, then become members of God’s household.

Jesus made it possible for you and I to be adopted into God's household.

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name. (John 1:12)

Please read **Romans 8:15**

What does it mean to be born-again?

It means having a new personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ and that: -

- Your spirit man is reborn- made alive and united with God.
- God forgives and takes away all your sins.
- The effect of Adam's sin is removed, and you are no longer a stranger and foreigner in God's household.
- A new relationship is established with God when you: -
 - ✓ You are convicted of your sin by God (**John 16:8-11**)
 - ✓ Turn to God in repentance faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (**Acts 20:21**)
 - ✓ Confession Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior (**Romans 10:9-10**)
 - ✓ By faith, receive Jesus Christ as Savior (**Ephesians 2:8-9**)

3.THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

Imagine yourself swimming in the ocean far from the shore and suddenly you have a cramp on your side, a cramp so bad that you cannot keep swimming that you begin to sink, and it seems as if you are going down.

You scream as loud as you can; "HELP!!!" and a strong swimmer comes to rescue you.

Which word would you use to describe your rescuer? **My Saviour** or **My Lord** and why?

The rescuer is your saviour and not your lord. For him/her to be your lord you would have to say something like: -

"I owe you my life for if it was not of you, I would be dead. You have earned the right to tell me what to do from now

on, you own my life. All that I am and have belongs to you. I will do whatever you tell me to do, I am your servant. I will always love you for making it possible for me to be here. You have won the right to be my lord."

Like a drowning swimmer, Jesus has rescued you from drowning in the sea of sin and darkness and has brought you to eternal life. He has become your Saviour. He has won the right to be your Lord. He has become your master and has authority over your life.

Have you confessed Jesus as Lord of your life?

The Bible says, **"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."** (Romans 10:9)

Having confessed that Jesus Christ as Lord of your life, you have become a follower of Christ, a **Christian (Acts 11:26)**

Before you became a Christian....

You were lord of your life. A big "I" sat on the throne of your heart. You made every choice and decision for your life without considering God's plan for your life.

Now that you are a Christian....

Jesus has become your Saviour and Lord. He has come to take the throne of your heart. This means that you have surrendered the rights to your life to Jesus, you do no longer live for yourself. The wonderful advantage of living this way is that you can now live by God's plan.

God doesn't make mistakes when He guides your life, you will have the best that life can offer when you leave the choices of how to live to Him.

Have you settled the matter of the Lordship of Christ?

- Do you live as if you wholly belong to Him?
- Do you voluntarily surrender to His, all that you are and have?
- Do you deliberately choose to live under His rulership for your life?
- Do you choose His will instead of your own will?

The Lordship of Christ will and can never be forced on anyone.

You can choose His Lordship by praying this prayer with your whole heart.

‘Lord Jesus, I receive you not only as my Saviour, but as my Lord. I choose Your will in place of my will. I gladly give you the throne of my heart and the right to my life. I am your servant, You are my Lord.’ Amen

When Jesus is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all.

The following instruction was given by the Lord Jesus Christ:

“All authority in heaven and earth had been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Jesus Christ’s Instruction is to do the following Acts of Obedience:

1. Make disciples,
2. Baptize, and
3. Teach them.

Having accepted Jesus as your Lord, you have become **‘disciples’**. This is an act of faith on your part and the beginning of a new life of obedience. The next instruction to obey is to **‘be baptized’**. The instruction to **teach them** has been ongoing, from the first disciples taught by Jesus Christ himself. New believers are taught the of the word of God through sermons, discipleship classes and/or bible studies. Disciples are taught to be a mature Christians who will also be able to make disciples of others.

4.WATER BAPTISM

Please read **Acts 2:38** and **41** followed by **Acts 8:12** and **35-38**. You will notice from the above verses that as soon as people believed, they were baptised. They did not wait any longer to

prove to others that they were really going to follow Christ. In fact, there are no examples in scripture for anyone who waited to be baptised. **This is because for a Christian, baptism is the first public expression that one has received Jesus as Lord.**

Three important things to consider!

- 💡 **Baptism comes after repenting and confessing Jesus as Lord.** Nowhere in the Bible does it say that babies or children should be baptized.
- 💡 **Salvation does not depend on baptism.** The Bible does not teach that a person is saved by being baptized. Instead, baptism is an expression that one has repented and has been saved by accepting Jesus as Lord. **(Matthew 3:6 & 11)**
- 💡 **Baptism is administered at once.** Baptism was administered without delay to those who accepted Jesus There were no unbaptised believers in the Church in the book of Acts. **(Acts 2:41 and 8:35-36)**

The Mode of Baptism

The word baptism is from Greek; “baptiso”, which means to **dip** or **plunge in**.

The Biblical mode of baptism is **‘immersion in water’**.

- The context of immersion is verified in Scripture is **(Matthew 3:16 and Acts 8:39)** “... Came up ... the water...” after baptism.
- The symbolic meaning of baptism for – death, burial and resurrection – can only be correctly portrayed by immersion in water. Please read **Roman 6:2-4**

Any baptism before you accepted Christ has no Scriptural meaning.

The time to be baptised is NOW!!!

Are you ready to obey the Lord’s commandment, to be baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit?

5. THE LORD'S SUPPER

- The Lord's Supper is a visible and tangible way to remember the person and work of Jesus Christ. (**Luke 22:19**)
- It's a continual reminder and declaration that Jesus is coming again. (**1Corinthians 11:26**)
- It is a public witness of the unity of the members of the Body of Christ. (**1Cor 10:16-17**)

"For I have received from the Lord that which I also delivered unto you: that the Lord Jesus, on the same night in which He was betrayed took the bread' and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same manner He took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

What do the Elements represent?

- The **bread** represents the broken **body** of Jesus Christ
- The **cup** represents the **blood** of Jesus Christ

How often should the Lord's Supper be observed?

There is no direct instruction in the Bible about this. Jesus simply said, "As often as you do it..." (**1 Corinthians 11:25**)

- 💡 The important thing to remember is that no matter how often this ordinance is observed, it should never ever be done as a matter of ritual or tradition. It must always be a living meaningful celebration of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Where do we observe the Lord's Supper?

- Privately during personal or family devotions
- In our celebration services in Rhema New Life Church where it is administered by the pastors and/or elders.

- In Life Group meetings where it is administered by group leaders.

Who may partake of the Lord's Supper?

Any person who is born again and have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

6.A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Because you have been born again, you have a brand-new relationship with God – He is your Father, you are His child.

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.” (John 1:12)

“For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry “Abba, Father.” (Romans 8:15)

It is an awesome thing to be called a child of God, the creator of the universe. It is a wonderful privilege to be able to talk with God and call Him ‘Father’, not just religiously or out of tradition, but because you have a real living relationship with Him

Benefits flowing from the relationship with Father God

The treasure of all God's blessings and promises is the inheritance of God's children. God is not a ‘mean old man’. He is a loving, giving Father and it is in His plan for you to participate in all His goodness because you are His child.

“The Spirit Himself testifies that we are God's children. Now if we are children then we are heirs – heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ.” (Romans 8:16-17)

“If you belong to Christ then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.” (Galatians 3:29)

How to maintain the Relationship with God?

Sadly, the kind of relationship that many people have with God is like one with a long-lost relative whom they hardly know, one they talk with only once in a while.

Instead of a long-distance relationship, God wants a relationship that is alive, intimate and personal. God loves you very much!

Scriptures that speak about a living relationship with God:

- **Hebrews 4:16, 10:19-20** - Coming boldly into His throne room.
- **James 1:8, Hebrews 10:21-22** - Drawing near to God.
- **1Corinthians 1:9, 1John 1:3** - Having fellowship with the Father.
- **John 15:1-5** - Abiding in the vine.
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The above verses indicate a living connection with the Father. This connection should be number one priority in every Christian's life.

A living relationship with the Father is the key that opens every spiritual door, it makes faith work and is the way God's love works through His children.

A relationship with God provides His children with the power to receive the fullness of the inheritance He promised through Jesus Christ.

Ingredients that keep the relationship alive include:

- Fellowship - Reading the Word of God.
- Communication – Prayer.
- Communion - Being Part of a Church Family.
- Giving – Expression of love as God did.

7. THE WORD OF GOD

The Bible is the Word of God, it is God's revelation of Himself to mankind.

The Bible teaches us who God is, His character, what He can do, His promises for those who believe in Him – that includes you!

Faith in God begins when you believe that the Bible is a divine record of God's word to man, that the Bible was written by men who were moved and inspired by the Holy Spirit. Please read **(2 Peter 1:21)**.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16)

The Bible is the word of a God who cannot lie or fail.

"God is not a man that He should lie, nor a son of man that He should change His

mind. Does He speak and not act, does He promise and not fulfil?" (Numbers 23:19)

Because the Bible is the word of God and not the word of man, you can confidently accept that it is true. It has divine power that originates with God Himself. **God's word is reliable because God is reliable.**

God's word is God's Power

The bible is far from being an outdated dead book it is the 'living truth'.

“For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is the discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

(Hebrews 4:12)

- God created the world by His word. **“By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made... for He spoke and it was done.”** (Psalm 33:6 & 9)
- Men and women are born again by the word of God.
- **“For you have been born again, not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is through the living & abiding word of God.”**

(1Peter 1:23)

- God heals by His word.
- **“He sent His word and healed them and delivered them from their destructions.”** (Psalm 107:20)
- God’s word causes you to grow as a Christian.
- **“As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow up in your salvation.”** (1 Peter 2:2)

**WITHIN GOD’S WORD IS ALL THE LIFE AND THE POWER
NECESSARY TO ENABLE YOU TO LIVE A LIFE OF VICTORY**

Activate God’s word is by Faith

Faith is believing what God says in spite of what people or circumstances may say. In the Old Testament the word of God was of no benefit to the children of Israel because they did not mix it with faith. They chose to believe their circumstances (how thick the walls were, how big the giants were) instead of believing God’s promise to fight for them and give them victory.

Please read **Hebrews 4:1-3** and **Numbers 13:27-33**

Plant the word of God as seed

Scripture likens the word of God to many things – the sword, light, a rock, etc. In many of Jesus’s parables, He likens the word of God to a seed.

Please read **Mark 4:2-14, 26-27, 30-31**

- The seed principle shows how God’s power is released. Just as a seed has within itself life, and the ability to produce, so God’s word is alive and has the ability to produce results.
- Seed that is not planted will not grow and will not produce anything. The same is true for God’s word.
- Even though His word contains life and power to produce results in your life, nothing will happen if you just leave it lying on the shelf, or even just mentally agree with it.
- God’s word must be planted in your heart and believed – mixed with faith – for it to produce the harvest of results God desires for you.

So...

- Take time daily to meditate in God’s word.
- Read it as God speaking to you personally.
- Choose to believe that His word is true.
- Decide to obey it and apply it in your life.
- Patiently allow it to produce the fruit the fruit God has promised.

8. AN EFFECTIVE PRAYER LIFE

“The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” (James 5:16)

It is important to learn that Prayer **DOES NOT** mean asking God for things. Prayer is communing/talking with God and letting Him talk back. Talk to God as you would to a friend - for He is your best Friend. Don't worry about using the right words. God is more concerned with your attitude than with your vocabulary.

Prayer draws you closer to God. Prayer changes things, it turns hopeless situations around and brings God's power and God's will into your life.

When you pray, you give God first place in your life.

If the Bible can be likened to food, because it nourishes our spiritual lives, then prayer can be likened to our breathing. There are two parts to breathing - breathing in and breathing out.

Likewise with prayer - the outreach after God, and His response to us.

A good way to pray is to do it along with your Bible reading.

How does God respond to prayer?

- As you read His word
- When he answers your prayers/ grants your petitions.
- Even more than what He does; God is interested in what He can do in you. So, through prayer, God changes things and people, especially - you.

God answers every prayer according to His will for us. Sometimes He says, "**Yes**" sometimes He says, "**No**" and often He says, "**Wait**". But time spent in prayer is never wasted.

"Now this is the confidence we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked for." (1 John 5: 14-15)

When to Pray?

The Bible doesn't prescribe when and how often to pray, but as disciples of Jesus Christ, we should model Him, because He prayed. The Bible does not give specifics on when, how often or how long Jesus prayed or what He prayed for, but it does indicate that He prayed often and at different times.

The person who said, "I can't find time for prayer," was correct, this means that a person **must** make time for prayer, every day.

The great Christian reformer Martin Luther once said, "I am so busy I can't but rise two hours earlier to pray." This suggests that the best time to pray is first thing in the morning, before you get involved with other activities. Also pray at night before going to sleep.

Please Read **Mark 1:35, Matthew 14:23, Luke 22:39** and **John 17:1-26**.

The Apostle Paul urges to **"Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."** (1Thessalonians 5:17-18)

WAYS OF PRAYING

Thanksgiving.

Remember, prayer is a two-way street. Don't forget to thank God for what He has already done for you. In fact, this is a good way to begin your prayer times. For one thing, it builds your faith to remember what God has already done for you.

Praise/ Worship

This is something like thanksgiving but deals with what God is instead of what He has done. Sometimes you can use one of the Psalms, reading it aloud to express how you feel.

Worship is very close to praise but is almost an attitude.

"Enter His presence with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise" (Psalm 100:4)

There will be times when words cannot fully express your feelings, and you can only say praise words like "glory" or "hallelujah."

You may even become silent as you kneel or sit, overwhelmed at the sense of how great God is. Praise is an act of expressing your love for God as your personal Lord and telling Him how

you feel about Him. Spend a few minutes praising and worshipping God for His goodness toward you.

Confession

“If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

Confess any sin(s) you may have committed against God or another person.

Having confessed specific sin(s), ask God for forgiveness and receive the cleansing that He has promised.

This should also include your forgiveness towards those who have wronged or hurt you. Unforgiveness is also a sin.

“And when you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.”

(Mark 11:25)

Thank God for His wonderful mercy and forgiveness.

Petition.

This means asking God to meet certain needs. Though some people never progress beyond the "gimme" stage, always asking God for something, there is nothing wrong with asking the Lord for His help. In fact, He encourages us to come with our needs.

Intercession.

You may become gripped with the need of someone else, until you feel burdened to keep on praying until you have the assurance that God has answered your prayer.

This is one of the greatest kinds of prayer, for in it you are thinking of others. We need more of this kind of prayer.

PRAYING IN PUBLIC

Sooner or later, you may be called to lead in prayer. Don't get panicky. Simply remember that you're praying to the Lord, not to the people. Pray as a representative of the group, seeking God's will and expressing what you feel are their general desires I that occasion.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

9. RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD'S FAMILY

God has arranged His plan for mankind that no baby is ever born without a family. Every baby has a mother, father, siblings and a string of relatives. From birth, every child should be surrounded by a family which provides love, care and support for the baby to grow. We see in our generation the sad tragedies of what happens to children for whom this ideal does not exist.

When you became a Christian, you were born into a new spiritual family – the family of God.

“Now therefore you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household”. (Ephesians 2:19)

God is your Father, and you have brothers and sisters in all who are born again. God calls His family and household THE CHURCH. Church is therefore not a building; it is God's household which He has planned for His children to experience and share His tender loving care. Therefore, no Christian should live outside an active vital relationship in a Church family.

“That you may know how to conduct yourself in God's household which is the church of the living God”. (1 Timothy 3:15)

The Bible likens Church members to parts of a human body.

“If a foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it not of the body?... and the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you” “Now you are the body of Christ and members individually” (1 Corinthians 12:15,21,27)

A body part that is separated from the rest of the body cannot function, it will die. It is so with members of God’s family. Any one member who is not vitally connected to the rest of the body is headed for spiritual death.

Everyone was created to be a special part of God’s family, so it is important for each person to find a place where they can fit in:

- Find and belong to a church where you can be connected to God’s family.
- Recognize and respect the authority of the leadership in that church.
- Attend church services, listen to sermons and apply learnt lessons to your life.
- Develop new friendships with your new church family.
 - Get involved in the activities of the church, be open and available to serve.
 - Give of you financial and material resources, skills and time.

💡 It is critical to note that a Christian life is not one that can be lived alone. True spiritual growth can never be achieved independently and does not happen in silos.

The Bible teaches that as God’s family we are members of a body that is joined and held together. Our growth happens through relationships that we have with others in the body of Christ – the Church.

“Then we will no longer be infants, tossed to and fro by the waves and blown here and there by every wind of

teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men and their deceitful scheming. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:14 & 16)

Please read **Hebrews 10:23-25**

Belonging to a family of God should be evidenced changes in your life and habits. That starts with you joining a Bible Believing Church, which will give you an increased sense of belonging, minister to your spiritual needs and provide you with an increased opportunity to mature spiritually to live a godly life. Through your church and its ministries, you will also be able to help others and be part of the great commission.

10. GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

If you really want to be a successful Christian, you will want to attend church services. You will want to have a definite time of private devotions -and of family devotions (if you have a family). You will also want to participate in church activities. All this takes time--but it will be worth it!

Be Part of the Family

In the New Testament, the first Christians immediately organized themselves into small groups that met in different homes to share and encourage one another in the word of God.

“And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread and in prayers... So, continuing daily in one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with

gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favour with the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved". (Acts 2:42.46-37)

In RNLC we believe that the scripture above indicates a Biblical pattern for church life. We believe that church life should not only be about people meeting once a week to listen to a sermon. We believe that as a church family; our needs for communion, fellowship, relationship and discipleship are best met in small group meetings we call **Life Groups** which meet weekly in various homes in different locations.

Give Christ your abilities

"What abilities?" You say:

Everyone has abilities and can be trained to develop some skill. Besides the tasks which call for special talents, there are many other tasks where you can help. Your pastor and church leaders will be delighted to have you **volunteer** your skills talents, abilities and time.

A helpful suggestion: Promise the Lord you will try to help anywhere you are asked to!

Give Christ of your material possessions

You read earlier that you belong to the Lord, that also means all that you own. When you give, it is not really giving to the Lord, since He owns it already. What you give is an investment in the greatest business in the world - preaching the gospel.

Giving is an act of obedience.

"... and they shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed. Each man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you." (Deuteronomy 16:16-17)

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Please read **2 Corinthians 9:5-8**

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“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation.

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my House, and try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it...” (Malachi 3:8-12)

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Matt 28: 19

11. GIVING

Give Christ your abilities

"What abilities?" You say:

Everyone has abilities and can be trained to develop some skill. Besides the tasks which call for special talents, there are many other tasks where you can help. Your pastor and church leaders will be delighted to have you volunteer your skills talents, abilities and time.

A helpful suggestion: Promise the Lord you will try to help anywhere you are asked to!

Give Christ of your material possessions

You read earlier that you belong to the Lord, that also means all that you own. When you give, it is not really giving to the Lord, since He owns it already. What you give is an investment in the greatest business in the world - preaching the gospel.

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