

# 117 top tips for a sensational Christian life!

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1. Make Jesus Lord over your life.<sup>1</sup>
2. Daily re-commit your life to Jesus (He doesn't need it but you do!) (Lyn Smalridge)
3. Join a local church.
4. Go to your church worship & teaching meeting every week.<sup>2</sup>
5. Submit quickly to the leadership God has put you under – even when you don't think he's right.<sup>3</sup>
6. Get a modern, readable copy of the Bible.
7. Read a chapter from the New Testament every day.
8. Keep a notepad and pen with your Bible.
9. Ask Jesus to speak to you as you read the Bible.
10. Check out the Holy Spirit promptings against Scripture.
11. Don't be bound by the limits of other people's experience - trust what God is saying to YOU. (Joan Hancock)
12. Do what He last told you to do (why should He say anything else until you do?)
13. When the Holy Spirit won't let you do something (you just don't feel easy/have peace about it/you get a check in your spirit) it's because He's got something better for you. So:

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<sup>1</sup>Romans 10v9

<sup>2</sup>Hebrews 10v25

<sup>3</sup>Romans 13vv1-2

- (a) Don't resist/rebel against the check
  - (b) Don't accept it grudgingly with sulking
  - (c) Be glad, grateful and appreciative He's bothering to help you. Rejoice!
14. Ask yourself "What would Jesus do?" in tricky situations.
  15. Keep quiet when you can't say anything helpful.<sup>4</sup>
  16. Pray, pray, and pray again! (Lyn Smalridge)
  17. When you're praying, ask yourself "Am I doing **real** business with God today, or am I just pretending, just playing at it?" If the latter, you may as well stop praying and do something else, because it's not doing any good.
  18. Break the silence barrier – learn to pray aloud in prayer meetings.
  19. Make a list of whatever you pray for, and tick them off as God answers them.
  20. Don't get into situations where you say, "God needs to answer this prayer in this particular way, otherwise I won't believe in Him any more". He may bale you out once or twice, but He's probably not going to make a habit of being held to ransom!
  21. Tell your friends (and give your testimony in church) when God answers your prayer.
  22. Make sure it's God's trumpet you're blowing, not your own.
  23. Tithe your income.<sup>5</sup>
  24. Give generously; pay your bills promptly. Life's aim is not to accumulate money.<sup>6</sup>
  25. Work hard in your job, whether your boss is a Christian or not.<sup>7</sup>
  26. Don't steal company time, paper, pens and internet access.<sup>8</sup>
  27. Do the Alpha Course.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>4</sup>Proverbs 17v28

<sup>5</sup>Malachi 3v10

<sup>6</sup>2 Corinthians 9v7

<sup>7</sup>Colossians 3v23-24

<sup>8</sup>Exodus 20v15

<sup>9</sup><http://alphacourse.org/default.htm>

28. Have sex only with the person you're married to.<sup>10</sup>
29. Marry a Christian (if you're going to get married).<sup>11</sup>
30. Don't become closer to any other person than to your husband or wife.
31. Don't become weird.
32. Keep as many of your non-Christian friends as you can.
33. Consider which of your (non-Christian) friends are closest to discovering Jesus. Ask God for opportunities to talk to them about how your life has changed since you became a Christian; be praying for them to become Christians.
34. Ask Jesus to make you productive – don't try to do it yourself.<sup>12</sup>
35. Don't try to do things in your own strength, you'll only end up tired, stressed, worn out and dejected! We need to be continually living in the power of the Holy Spirit.<sup>13</sup> (Lyn Robertson)
36. Get baptized in the Spirit.<sup>14</sup>
37. Pray in tongues when you're driving and in the shower.<sup>15</sup>
38. Keep asking to be filled with the Holy Spirit, in Jesus' name - because we are leaky vessels, and as soon as there is the slightest open the Enemy worms his way in. If we are full of God's Spirit then the Enemy can't get in! (Lyn Smalridge)
39. Eat, drink and exercise such as to make your body a healthy home for the Holy Spirit.<sup>16</sup>
40. Fast, whenever you need to kickstart or turbocharge your Christian life.<sup>17</sup>
41. Seek out, welcome opportunities to be prayed for (for spiritual growth, being filled with the Spirit, healing, against temptation).
42. Accept such prayer ministry only when it's offered free of charge and in the name of Jesus.

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<sup>10</sup>1 Corinthians 6v9

<sup>11</sup>2 Corinthians 6v14

<sup>12</sup>John 15v5

<sup>13</sup>Philippians 4v13

<sup>14</sup>Ephesians 5v18

<sup>15</sup>1 Corinthians 14v15

<sup>16</sup>1 Corinthians 6v19

<sup>17</sup>Matthew 6vv16-18

43. Lay your hands on people when they're poorly, and ask Jesus to heal them. You'll be amazed how many get healed!
44. Keep your focus on Jesus, not on the trappings and rituals of religion.
45. Work at developing your relationship with Jesus, much as you would develop any other relationship.
46. Use 'God', 'the Lord', 'Jesus', 'the Holy Spirit' pretty much interchangeably. The correct use is much less important to someone in relationship with Him than it is to an academic theologian. After a few years you'll choose and use the one that fits without thinking about it.
47. Play worship songs in the car.<sup>18</sup>
48. Listen to UCB Christian radio.<sup>19</sup>
49. Read the "Word for Today" daily notes.<sup>19</sup>
50. Watch "God Digital" television.<sup>20</sup>
51. Do an audit of your television viewing (for quality and quantity).
52. Visit only the kind of web sites you think Jesus wants to see.<sup>21</sup>
53. Watch out for temptation especially when you're feeling low (tired, disappointed).
54. Remind yourself "There is nothing good for me outside the will of God" whenever you're thinking of giving in to temptation.
55. Get plenty of sleep: things seem better, it's easier to have faith (and you're less susceptible to temptation) when you're properly rested. Once you recognize that sleeping is part of your Christian duty(!), you'll be less willing to sacrifice sleep for other things.
56. Turn over the page quickly instead of reading your horoscope.
57. Repent of, and burn the paraphernalia of, anything occult, New Age or Masonic.<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>18</sup>Philippians 4v8

<sup>19</sup><http://www.ucb.co.uk/>

<sup>20</sup><http://www.goddigital.co.uk/>

<sup>21</sup>Colossians 3v5

<sup>22</sup>Acts 19v19

58. Don't allow yourself to be bound or held back by things of the past. Repent, accept God's forgiveness and move on. The only thing that's important about the past is that you learn from it!<sup>23</sup> (Lyn Robertson)
59. Don't fall for the lie that, even though everyone else can be forgiven, what you've done is too bad even for Jesus to handle.
60. Forgive other people. When you hold a grudge, you're the one who gets the sleepless nights and ulcers.<sup>24</sup>
61. Be firm in your decision to love others - they will try to convince you otherwise. (Joan Hancock)
62. Remember: when we get to heaven none of us are going to be saying, "I wish I'd done less for Jesus!" (or, "I wish I'd trusted him less").
63. Keep on going, even though sometimes you'll feel God has disappeared on you.<sup>25</sup>
64. When you go through one of those periods when God seems far away, keep doing the things you know in your head are the right things to do – the things which your heart loved to do when God seemed very near. [Preachers: go on preaching your earlier Spirit-filled sermons; don't try to prepare new messages when the well is dry.]
65. The time to make direction changes is when you're on the mountain top and can see where you're going, not when you're down in the valley and feel hemmed in by the mountains on every side.
66. Recognize that God may want to speak to you or provide for you by means of a non-Christian. Remember Cyrus!<sup>26</sup>
67. Be ready for anything. (Joan Hancock)
68. Always remember God's in control and He knows what He's doing. We won't always like or understand what He asks us to do or how He deals with a situation but we just have to trust in Him and be obedient, He know best!<sup>27</sup> (Lyn Robertson)

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<sup>23</sup>Isaiah 43v18, 2 Corinthians 5v17

<sup>24</sup>Matthew 6vv14-15

<sup>25</sup>Hebrews 12v1

<sup>26</sup>Isaiah 45v1

<sup>27</sup>Isaiah 55v8

69. When things go horribly wrong – instead of succumbing to the negative emotions, actively look for God to work something incredibly creative and powerful to make the situation even better than it was before.<sup>28</sup>
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72. (117) Recognize that a Tips Booklet is not a substitute for digging into the Word of God.

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<sup>28</sup>Romans 8v28