

How To Maintain Your Life With God

Text: Jude 1:20-23

Introduction:

1. Everything needs maintenance in order to remain in good working condition, from our cars, our houses to our very physical beings.
2. But, most important is our spiritual life that we must constantly maintain in order to be pleasing to God.
 - a. This is one item that we cannot call a maintenance department to do the job for us.
 - b. It is up to each and every one of us to maintain our own spiritual lives using God's help.
3. In maintaining our spiritual life we must go to the source in order to find out what God wants in our lives. (*Psalm 10:17, 68:19; Isaiah 40:28-31, 41:10*)

From our Scripture text we will see how we are to maintain our life with God?

I. We are to build upon our faith (v 20)

A. By hearing His word (*Romans 10:17*)

1. Either by teaching or preaching. (*Acts 20:27; 1 Peter 4:11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17*)
2. Or, by reading and studying. (*2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Peter 1:10*)
3. Or, seeing. (*1 Timothy 4:12*)

B. We cannot stay where we are and be pleasing to God. (*Luke 17:5*)

C. We must continue to push on to the goal that God has set before us. (*Philippians 3:14; 1 Peter 1:6-9*)

D. We must never give up. (*Galatians 6:9*)

II. Praying and making supplications in the Spirit (v 20)

A. To our God who will hear according to His will. (*1 John 3:22, 5:14-15*)

B. Believing that He will answer our prayers. (*James 1:5-7*)

C. Trusting that He knows best for our lives. (*Psalm 103:13-18*)

III. Keeping ourselves in the Love of God (v 21)

A. By loving Him first and foremost. (*Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:37-40*)

B. By putting Him first in whatever we do. (*Matthew 6:33*)

C. By doing His commandments. (*1 John 5:2-5*)

IV. Looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ (v 21)

A. In everything that we do. (*Matthew 6:33; 1 Timothy 1:16; 1 Peter 2:21*)

B. Praying for mercy, even though we do not deserve it. (*Psalm 4:1, 69:13*)

V. Looking unto Jesus Christ for eternal life (our focus) (v 21)

A. Keeping our focus on Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 3:14, 4:6-9; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; Hebrews 12:2*)

B. Keeping our focus in His kingdom. (*Matthew 6:33*)

C. Keeping our focus on eternal life, in which only He can give. (*1 Timothy 6:12; Revelation 2:10*)

Conclusion:

1. We maintain our life with God by building upon our faith, with prayers, with love for God, with mercy from Jesus Christ and with our focus upon eternal life in Jesus Christ.
2. With Jesus Christ as our example:
 - a. In love
 - b. In compassion
 - c. In faithfulness
 - d. In humility
3. Now, it is up to us to do something about it.
 - a. As a car will not run thousands of miles without regular maintenance checkups, our spiritual lives are no different.
 - b. We need to daily maintain our spiritual lives and God has given us the maintenance plan.

