How to Make Jesus the Center of Your Life

1 Cor. 2:2

Jesus is not only the center of Paul's life, but He also desires to be the center of our lives. This is because Jesus knows that when we make Him the focal point of our existence, everything else falls into place. When we seek Him out in all we do or attempt to do, we align ourselves with His will and purpose for our lives. Jesus wants to guide us, protect us, and shower us with His love and blessings. He wants to be intimately involved in every aspect of our lives, from the big decisions to the smallest details. When we allow Jesus to be the center, we open ourselves up to a life of fulfillment, peace, and joy.

Making Jesus the center of our lives is not always easy. It requires a conscious effort and a daily commitment. It means not doing things the way we want to do them. This requires surrender and letting Jesus be Lord.

Making Jesus the center of our lives requires faith and dedication. It requires a faith that is unwavering in its commitment. It is a journey marked by challenges and obstacles that will hinder our efforts to keep Jesus at the forefront of our lives. Let's investigate some reasons why making Jesus the center of our lives is not always easy. Let us also consider ways we can overcome them.

The first step in following Jesus is surrender. This cannot be overstated enough because it is so hard to do. We want to but it is hard to get out of the gear of "me." However, the path that leads to surrender is prayer and acknowledging that we cannot do this on our own. When we pray, we are acknowledging our dependence on Jesus. We are saying we need the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives to help us accomplish something for Him. The Holy Spirit is a spiritual power that Jesus gave us to fight against the powers that oppose God. 1 John 4:4 tells us, "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." There should be no doubt in anyone's mind that the powers of this society are arrayed against us. But the power of the Holy Spirit will prevail, and we can trust and depend on that.

Doubt and uncertainty can certainly challenge our walk with Jesus Christ. They can make us doubt our faith and our relationship with Jesus. Remember, this can be overcome by listening and reading the Word of God. Romans reminds us "that faith cometh by hearing

and hearing the Word of God," Romans 10:17 (paraphrased). Faith does not grow apart from the Word of God being a dedicated and consistent part of the process.

There are the distractions of everyday life. The things we long for and seek to acquire. It is the seeking of these things that get in the way of God and claim our attention. Until we yield the right of way to Jesus these distractions will continue to be a part of our lives. Jesus asks us to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness instead of the world's distractions.

It is our pursuit of material possessions that captures our hearts and causes a real disconnect with Jesus. It is the priority that we give to the material part of our lives that prevents us from pursuing Jesus. So much energy and time is given to that pursuit that little time of energy is left to give to Jesus.

We cannot ignore that negative influences in our environment, including toxic relationships, harmful media, and societal trends that contradict Christian values, can obstruct our efforts to make Jesus the center of our lives.

These are only some of the obstacles that the open profession of faith can invite. This can make it difficult to talk about Jesus in the practice of our faith.

These are facts that we cannot change but they can be dealt with. They can be overcome. Prayer is one way we can navigate through the challenges we face while on our spiritual journey. Prayer increases our faith and strengthens our resolve to remain steadfast in our pursuit of Jesus.

Regular worship with fellow believers enhances and reinforces our understanding of who we belong to. When we engage in worship, we see others who believe as we do. This fortifies our faith position and gives us the courage to stand up for who and what we believe in.

Studying the Word of God is so very important. The Bible is for those who seek to know Jesus on a deep and intimate level. For those who seek the wisdom and guidance of Jesus the Bible is vitally important.

The Bible reinforces our understanding of who Jesus is. When we know who Jesus is this knowledge equips us to handle the hardships we face in our lives. Without the Bible and its study, we will not be able to cultivate the faith that will help us trust in God.

The more we study the Word of God. The more we become aware of our need for Jesus to strengthen us to fight the battles we face daily. There is no substitute for what walking with Jesus in the Gospels can do for those who seek a deeper relationship with the Master.

By studying God's Word, it becomes easy for Jesus to become the center of our lives. The Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, points to a Savior. That Savior is Jesus. He came to become the center of your life. Invite Him and turn your life around.

Blessings,
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