

BE FAITHFUL

*What I want most of all and at all times is to honor your laws.*

Psalm 119:20 (CEV)

❖ I must DECIDE to make the Bible the FOUNDATION for my LIFE.

*“Everyone who hears these words of mine, and puts them into practice, is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”*

Matthew 7:24 (NIV)

1. I can choose to build my life on the foundation of POPULAR CULTURE.

*“Don’t follow the crowd in doing wrong...”*

Exodus 23:2a (NIV)

2. I can choose to build my life on the foundation of TRADITIONS.

*“You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.”*

Mark 7:8 (NIV)

3. I can choose to build my life on PERSONAL REASON.

*There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.*

Proverbs 16:25 (NIV)

4. I can choose to build my life on my EMOTIONS.

*In those days Israel had no king, so the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.*

Judges 21:25 (NLT)

❖ I must DETERMINE to FEED ON the Bible daily for my STRENGTH.

*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly...*

Colossians 3:16a (NIV)

1. I feed on it by HEARING it with my EARS.

*“Faith comes by hearing... the Word of God.”*

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

2. I feed on it by READING it with my EYES.

3. I feed on it by STUDYING it with my HANDS and my MOUTH.

4. I feed on it by MEDITATING on it with my MIND and HEART.

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly...But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.*

Psalm 1:1a-2 (NKJV)

❖ I must choose the DISCIPLINE of making God’s Word my STANDARD for living.

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

Psalm 119:11 (NIV)

Key Truth: You can't REMEMBER and UTILIZE what you don't KNOW.  
*Jesus answered, "It is written, 'Man does not live on bread alone.'"*

Luke 4:4 (NIV)

- ❖ I must DEVOTE myself to being OPEN to the truth in God's Word.  
*Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.*

Psalm 119:18 (NIV)

1. First, there is the HARDENED SOIL.

*"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up."*

Luke 8:5 (NIV)

2. Then, there is the SHALLOW SOIL.

*"Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture."*

Luke 8:6 (NIV)

3. Next, there is the SOIL covered with WEEDS.

*"Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants."*

Luke 8:7 (NIV)

4. Finally, there is the GOOD SOIL, FERTILIZED and FRUITFUL.

*"Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."*

Luke 8:8 (NIV)

- ❖ I must commit to DO what God's Word SAYS to do.

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*

James 1:22 (NIV)

- Key Truth: A true disciple of Jesus HEARS and DOES God's Word daily.

*Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.*

James 4:17 (NLT)

- ❖ I must DISCOVER the freedom that comes from TRUSTING in God's Word.

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*

Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

- Key Truth: When you live in a DARK WORLD you need a LIGHT to GUIDE you.

*"... the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."*

Matthew 4:16 (NIV)