

40 Spiritual Lessons

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Here are 40+ Spiritual Lessons, or modern-day proverbs, which will help you grow in your Christian faith, build your understanding of God and avoid the traps of the devil.

**#1 We are forgiven by the blood,
saved by grace,
changed by the Spirit,
rewarded by our deeds,
and disqualified by rebellion.**

This is the Gospel in its simplest form. Incidentally, if you don't believe the last line, then you will start believing in the "Once Saved, Always Saved" doctrine. ([Rev 3:5](#))

#2 The sins you refuse to conquer, will eventually conquer you.

This lesson also applies to the Churches, the sins that churches refused to preach about, will eventually take over their cities. ([Gen 4:7](#))

#3 Don't tell God how big your problems are, tell the problems how big your God is.

Either Praise will break your chains, or your chains will break your praise. ([Acts 16:25-26](#))

#4 One generation's ceiling, must be the next generation's floor.

In order for the Church to be everything it's called to be, each generation must go farther, higher, and attain more than the previous generations. This first Church in the book of Acts was not the perfect model church, it was simply a starting place, and Jesus said we would do even greater things that He did. ([John 14:12](#))

#5 There are 3 misunderstandings that all false religions are based on:

- 1. Who Jesus was.**
- 2. The Authority of His Word.**
- 3. His Finished Work on the Cross.**

The distortion of any one of these, will lead you seriously astray.

**#6 The God of Heaven is looking for sons and daughters,
but the god of hell, is looking for slaves.**

I saw this after talking with many Muslims, and realizing, their god is looking for slaves. (John 1:12) Also, note that the Lord wants to cover you, but satan wants to leave you naked. But, for God to cover you, He must first remove your fig leaves. (Gen 3:7, 3:21)

#7 satan can only attack the parts of you that are not on the cross.

Therefore, the safest place to be during spiritual warfare is on the Cross, because satan can't influence, tempt, scare, or hurt those who are dead to this world. (Col 2:20) For all spiritual warfare, there is the battle on the outside, and the battle on the inside. So, if you don't have peace & joy during spiritual warfare, then you already lost the battle on the inside. (Rom 4:17)

**#8 A good man wants to do great things for Jesus,
but a wise man wants Jesus to do great things through them.**

You can't serve God wearing flesh. So don't just do ministry for God, do ministry with God. (Rom 8:8) Because you can be running toward Ministry and away from the Lord's presence at the same time. Also, a wise man knows his weaknesses, and it drives him to be more reliant on God. (2 Cor 11:30)

#9 Atheism is the byproduct of a Church that shows no power.

If your Church has no healings, not deliverances, not miracles, no spiritual gifts, no prophecies, no visions, and no encounters, it won't take long for people to realize that the Supernatural God of the Bible, isn't working there. (1 Cor 4:20) Many times, the larger a church gets, the less responsive they are to the moves of the Spirit, and the more they rely on man's established systems of success. Another important point is this, the power of God is Christ Crucified, (1 Cor 1:18) and the power of Christ is you crucified. Therefore, the more you pick up your cross, the more Christ will move in power in this world.

**#10 The False Church spreads by acts of coercion,
but the True Church spreads by acts of sacrifice.**

(Phil 1:15) So if you want to truly advance the kingdom of God, then never use the enemy's tools. Many use this expression, "His Will, His Way." Trying to do "His Will, Your Way," just won't be successful. (Acts 19:13-16) And remember, for everything the Lord has, satan has a counterfeit. (2 Thes 2:9)

**#11 The blood of Jesus was shed to get people free from sin,
not to make them comfortable and stay in their sin.**

So this is how you detect a false gospel, or the hyper-grace gospel, by seeing if it actually gets people out of sin. (1 John 3:9)

**#12 Sin is the dare of God's justice,
the rape of His mercy,
the Mockery of His patience,
the insult of His power,
and the contempt of His love.**

So don't take sin lightly, it is often a form of worshiping the devil. (Heb 10:29)

#13 Without GOD, you can't. But without man, GOD won't.

Like it or not, God uses people for His plans and purposes. So when people refuse to follow God's calling, it slows down the progress of His Kingdom. (Ez 22:30-31)

**#14 First deal with a problem in the spiritual realm,
before you try to fix it in the physical realm.**

Some preachers say it this way... First, go to the Courts of Heaven to deal with an issue, before you go to the battlefield. This is why Jesus tells us, "The first bind up the strong man, then take his goods." (Matt 12:29)

**#15 First, we overlook evil.
Then we permit evil.
Then we legalize evil.
Then we promote evil.
Then we celebrate evil.
Then we persecute those who sill call it evil.**

This is how cultures slowly fall into darkness. And this is what happens to any organization that is not standing on the rock, they slowly sink into the sand.

**#16 The Spiritual worship the God 'I AM.'
The religious worship the God 'I Was.'**

*It's easy to know what God did in the past, but few know what God is doing today. (John 9:29)
Therefore religious people will see Goliath and panic, but the spiritual will see David and rejoice.*

**#17 God loves the most impossible challenges,
when the enemy has every apparent advantage,
and everything looks hopeless.
But then right before defeat,
God turns the tables and wins a great victory.**

We see this all over scripture, where God wins these impossible situations. One pastor said it this way. (Ex 14:28) In order for God to show the immense tidal wave of His Glory, He will permit satan to build sandcastles on the beach.

**#18 There are 7 spheres of influence that guide and shape a society:
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Government, Arts/Entertainment, and Media.
Christians must drive the enemy out of these areas,
otherwise, the whole culture will go into darkness.**

*When the enemy occupies the government,
he is able to persecute the righteous, and defend the wicked.*

*When the enemy occupies the business sector,
he is able to fund the corrupt, and bankrupt the righteous.*

*When the enemy occupies the Media,
he is able to promote wicked ideas, and silence Godly counsel.*

*When the enemy occupies the education system,
he is able to corrupt the next generation.*

So Christians need to fight for these 7 Mountains, (Rev 17:9) otherwise Millions will perish. And it's been shown prophetically that in the future, most people will get saved, by what will be done in the marketplace. (Matt 5:14)

**#19 Your spiritual maturity is measured by how much of your life
you are willing to put on the Altar for God.**

Sacrifice is still a major part of the Christian's walk. (Matt 6:24) Just remember it's for building the Kingdom, not for redemption. That sacrifice is complete and finished.

**#20 You can't convince a good man that he needs to repent to a bad god.
You can only convince an evil man that he needs to repent to a Holy God.**

So, when sharing the Gospel, if the person is not convinced that he has done evil, and that God is Holy, they won't understand their need for repentance. (Rom 7:7)

#21 When a believer falls into sin, a Christian will reach out their hand to restore, but a religious person will reach out their sword to condemn.

A Christian's primary focus is redemption, not condemnation. (Luke 9:54-55) (John 3:17) Though we may pray for God's Judgment, we never pray for God's wrath onto a person.

#22 Prayer is not limited by distance, and the Blood of Jesus is not limited by time.

You can pray for things on the other side of the world, and the angels will get there before you even finished speaking. (John 4:52-53) You can apply the Blood of Jesus to incidents that happened centuries ago, and blood can go back in time and bring atonement to those events. (Rev 13:8) This is because the literal blood of Jesus, is actually on the physical Mercy Seat above the Ark of the Covenant. (Link)

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witchcraft, occultism and idolatry always lead people into spiritual bondage. And Christians can't be totally free, until all evil spirits inside are removed. Many Christians still have spirits hiding inside, which need to be removed. (Mark 1:34) These entered their bloodline from events that happened long before they were born.

#24 People learn more from your scars than your trophies.

Every ministry is eager to talk about all their accomplishments, but they often neglect to share the mistakes they made getting there. If you don't tell the people behind you, about the pits you fell into, they'll fall into the same ones. Remember, after every pit you get out of, and every peak you climb, always leave a ladder behind for others. (Acts 19:17)

#25 When judging others, use a velvet glove. When judging yourself, use an iron fist.

Remember, you can't get people out of any prison that you're locked inside of. (Matt 7:5)

#26 When a sheepdog, who protects the flock, acquires too many unhealed wounds, he slowly turns into the wolf.

If you don't get your wounds healed, you'll cause more and more damage to the people around you. Hurt people, hurt others. But remember, true worship can heal the deepest wounds.

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(Is 14:12-15) One pastor said it this way. The things you can get away with in the Outer Court, will get you killed in the Holy Place.

**#28 The goal of a Christian is to open as many portals to Heaven as possible,
and shutting as many portals to Hell.**

That's why it's good to leave on anointed Worship & Praise music, because it brings God's presence into an area. (Ps 22:3) But this principle works both ways. As rivers of living water come from the belly of the righteous, so do rivers of death come from the mouth of the wicked. And these rivers of filth can be inhabited by the demonic.

#29 Don't forget in the dark, what you learned in the light.

It's easy to obey and follow God when you feel His presence, it's much harder when you can't feel Him. (Heb 12:2)

**#30 satan's most powerful army is in the Church,
waiting to betray any move of God.**

Remember, none of the disciples recognized Judas until he made his move. (Luke 22:3) The enemy has his agents in the Church, we often don't know who they are, until it's too late. Another pastor said it this way. When God starts a movement on Earth, it will often be resisted by the people who were in previous movements, because the un-anointed persecute the anointed. (1 Sam 19:1)

**#31 If a Christian focuses more attention on the corruption of the world,
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If a Christian has more faith in the devil's ability to deceive, than in the Lord to give revelation, then that Christian will blindly reject any message from the Lord.

#32 God is not done with Israel.

**The Church has not replaced Israel.
The Covenant Land belongs to Israel.
And those who bless Israel are still blessed,
and those who curse Israel are still cursed.**

This sums up a lot of teaching on Israel. (Gen 12:3) (Gen 17:8) The reason satan so vehemently hates Israel is because his final defeat (Rev 12:7-9) will come from the Jews.

#33 Don't finish your race with a big head and a small heart.

*If you put more focus on study than service, you may be headed for this mistake. Remember, Jesus said, "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed **if** you do them." (John 13:17)*

**#34 When the full message of the Cross is removed from the pulpit,
the preaching will often turn into the Prosperity Gospel.**

*In the Prosperity Gospel, the whole purpose of God is just to please man,
and the whole purpose of becoming a Christian is just for self-advancement.
In a nutshell, that's Humanism cloaked in Christianity.*

*The Cross-less gospel states that Jesus picked up His cross, but you don't have to pick up yours.
It comes from the Verb-less bible, in that bible, (Luke 6:46)
every responsibility and commandment that God has given us, is seldom mentioned.
And because this message only focuses on having a blessed life,
the recipient will often fall away during hard trials. (Luke 8:13)*

**#35 You'll need to go through many easy doors,
to get the same spiritual growth as going through one difficult door.**

Because some things are freely given to us by God, but other things and positions need to be attained and earned, so don't skip difficult and challenging assignments by God, they'll get to your destination much faster. And the more you overcome, the more you can help others overcome. But don't forget, between a promise of God, and its fulfillment, there is often a wilderness that you'll need to go through.

#36 Many Christians fall right after a great victory because they let their guard down.

If you ever get to a position that is so prestigious, that you must NEVER be seen repenting, then you're headed for a fall. Repentance, in a very common action for the mature. (Luke 11:4)

#37 The atmosphere of expectancy is the breeding ground for miracles.

The more people expect miracles to happen from God, the more likely their faith will draw it. (Matt 13:58)

#38 Don't have shallow friendships. If your friendship can be broken by a heated argument, a loss of money, or a political disagreement, then it never had a solid foundation.

I once had a pastor tell me that 5 minutes of anger has often destroyed 30 years of marriage. Rage and anger can destroy a lot of things, but make sure all your relationships are thicker than 5 minutes.

#39 Baptism is NOT a symbolic act, it washes away the enemy like the Red Sea washed away Pharaoh's army.

(Matt 3:15) Baptism can even be a form of Spiritual Warfare, so never skip it in a believer's life. It took 3 dead people until I realized this. I would baptize a person, and then on that very day, one of their family members would die or even commit suicide. It was how the enemy was threatening them not to get baptized. And I realized that Baptism was NOT just some symbolic Christian tradition. Satan wouldn't fight so hard if it was just a symbolic act. (2 Cor 2:11) Now I always cover a person's entire family in prayer, when I baptize them.

#40 Through scripture, we see that God's highest aspiration is to be one with His children.

This is why worship is so important, so we can be one with God, who is the most emotional being of all. (John 4:23) In fact, it was the main reason God created our Physical Universe.

And here are a few extra lessons and proverbs to add to the list.

#41 When the enemy attacks you, he reveals his position, techniques, and his motives.

By noticing the people an attack comes through, or when an attack happens, or what an attack interferes with, you can find out a lot about the enemy's strategy. Many times, I was alerted to the seriousness of an issue, only after I saw how fiercely the enemy resisted it. Sometimes, in order to be successful in spiritual warfare, you need to treat it more like a courtroom, than a battlefield.

#42 The body of Christ need to go from the Defense to the Offense.

From complaining, to declaring.

From run and hide, to occupy.

From just existing, to reigning.

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God didn't create this world just to hand it over to satan. Anywhere devils or demons exist on Earth is illegal, they have NO rights, they are all criminals, and are all condemned. (John 16:11) And Christians must take an aggressive posture against all their EVIL activity, driving them out where-ever possible. But remember, if you ever drive satan's kingdom out, but don't replace him with the Kingdom of God, then it will soon fall back into darkness. (Matt 12:45) One minister said it this way, "Every serious problem in the world exists because there are empty thrones under Jesus, not yet filled by the Bride."

And finally...

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when he comes as the "angel of light."**

(2 Cor 11:14) So don't just focus only on the facts, sometimes you need to see the true motivation behind every statement. Because a good lawyer, can present to you all facts, yet still mislead you. And you can win an argument, and yet cause more damage than good.

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