

Seven Habits of Highly Successful Christians

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Last week we saw the terrible truth of Mark 4, where Jesus told us in the parable of the soils that 2 of every 3 people who become Christians fall away. Not an exact statistic, but it does seem to roughly follow. So why do we fall? We might say that it is because we fail to succeed as Saints, or Christians.

So what is the secret of Saint success? If we look at some Saints who are successful Christians, we might see that they have developed habits that they effectively use to remain faithful. A habit might be described as a subconscious pattern of behavior. While we have spoken of being “mindful” Christians, we also should be “habitual” Christians.

Seven Habits A Christian Should Have:

Habit of assembling with Saints: This habit means that our assembly times are not something that we see as optional. Instead, we plan around the time we gather and do not consider an alternative. We see Hebrews 10:23-28 as imperative, and would not hesitate to cancel other events to be part of the assembly. Saints who assemble habitually grow exponentially.

Habit of doing good works: A habit of good works means we do not even think to aid others (Titus 2:6-8). It means that we do so as we have opportunity (Galatians 6:10). We do not just read about the good Samaritan; we live it.

Habit of using the right words: A habit of saying the right things, the things people need to hear. It might be words of encouragement (Hebrews 3:13) or reflections of God’s Grace (Colossians 4:6). As well, it is making a habit of NOT sinning with our mouth, including obscenity (Ephesians 5:3-4), cursing and blasphemy (James 3:9), slander and gossip (James 4:11), or lying (Colossians 3:9).

Habit of talking to God: A habit of prayer is prayer without ceasing. It means we believe that He WILL hear our prayers (1 John 5:14) and He KNOWS what you need (Romans 8:26)

Habit of looking in the Bible: The habit of daily Bible reading. We note the Bereans were commended for looking into the Bible daily (Acts 17:11). We ought to have a habit of such searches.

Habit of submission: A habit of submitting to God’s will. Submission is at the heart of Christianity. We ought to be able to place ourselves in a position where we are more likely to think of others first. (James 4:6-7)

Habit of Hope: The habit of hope means being an optimist. It means believing that God cares for us even when the things in our lives say otherwise. It means knowing what God has said is true (Romans 15:4)