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HOW TO MAKE A SUCCESS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE  
(Outline by P.E. Burroughs)

I. SOME INITIAL SUGGESTIONS

1. Begin Right John 1:12
2. Confess Christ openly before men Matt. 10:32
3. Go to work for Christ
4. Give systematically and liberally
5. Keep right on (Forget past sins)

II. READ THE BIBLE AND PRAY DAILY

1. Read the Bible
2. Pray (Perhaps a normal order)
  - A. Invocation - humbly entreat God to lend a listening ear
  - B. Adoration - adore God
  - C. Thanksgiving - Name over, write down, gratitude
  - D. Confession - Think deep into your life
  - E. Petition - Your conscious needs; bread, unselfishness, gentleness...
  - F. Intercession - for others, family, town, pastor, S.S. workers, sick...

III. DISTINGUISH SHARPLY BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG

1. What is right? Isaiah 5:20
  - A. Right is right - and wrong is wrong. (differ in origin, & direction)
  - B. Right emanates from God. (Right reflects God, wrong reflects satan)
  - C. Right Creates; wrong destroys - (Right builds up; satisfies)
2. How are we to know right from wrong?
  - A. We answer in the negative mixed)
    - (a) We cannot follow the moral and spiritual labels. (The labels are/
    - (b) We dare not follow custom. (Customs change)
    - (c) We cannot follow conscience always. (Man may have conscience not to eat meat on Friday, yet steal in business)
  - B. We answer our question positively:
    - (a) Where doubt exists make your course of action objective. (Lift it up out of your life- David sinned, failed to see until-"Thou art the man!" self 40)
    - (b) Where doubt exists view it from the future- (If now 20, imagine/
    - (c) Where doubt exists transfer the case like this- what would this good Christian friend of mine do? What would Jesus do?
    - (d) What if every other person should do this thing? (Remember what's right for you is right for every boyd else)
    - (e) The Bible of course is the most dependable guide
3. How are we to find power to do right which we know?  
Romans 7:15-17, 19

Some things to think about:

1. How do you distinguish between right and wrong?
2. Can we follow custom?
3. What else would you add to this outline?

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