



SET YOUR FOUNDATION

Be Empowered for Living
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Romans 7:15-24 NLT

John 14:16-17, 23 ESV

1 John 3:24 ESV

Philippians 2:12-13 ESV

Romans 6:6 ESV

Archaíos – old in point of time; palaiós – old in point of use

Romans 6:11 ESV

Romans 6:12-14 ESV

Three important words in Romans six:

Know

“The bottom line ... (is) that the key to a holy life is not our experiences or emotion, however meaningful or intense these may be, but rather our knowledge of what has happened to us. I stress the word knowledge because the most important and basic reason for going forward in the Christian life is that we cannot go back.... It is knowing what has happened to you.” (James Boice)

Reckon

Yield Romans 12:1 ESV

- *Base Your Security in Christ: “Stop asking; start thanking.”*
- *Embrace God’s Love and Forgiveness: “Stop performing; start embracing.”*
- *Be Empowered for Living: “Stop controlling; start yielding.”*

John 15:4-5 ESV

Two descriptions of quality of life:

Galatians 5:19-21; 22-23 ESV

Galatians 5:16 ESV

“Walk” – the most active word used in the Greek New Testament to describe living the Christian life. It means “to order one’s life around,” speaking of the whole of the activities of the individual life.

Conclusion: Three practical things that are part of yielding to Christ.

1) Keep short accounts

Spiritual Breathing (exhaling the impure and inhaling the pure) is an exercise in faith that enables you to continuously experience God’s love and forgiveness.

***Exhale:** Confess your sin—agree with God concerning your sin and thank him for his forgiveness of it. Confession involves repentance—a change in attitude and action.*

***Inhale:** Surrender the control of your life to Christ; ask the Holy Spirit to sit on the throne of your life. Trust that he now directs and empowers you according to his promise in Scripture.*

2) Say “no” to sin, and “yes” to Christ.

3) Put Christ in the center of your life and order your life around the things of the Spirit.

“Stop controlling; start yielding.”