

- I. We must be obedient to the will of God
 - A. We should do what God commands
 - B. We should obey God over any earthly authority

“We must obey God rather than men.” (Acts 5:29)

- C. We should know our true identity as children of God

“How great is the love that Father has lavished on us, that we should be called Children of God! And that is what we are!” (I John 3:1)

- II. We must hunger to know the Word of God
 - A. We should listen to the Word of God
 - B. We should respond to the Word of God

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” (James 1:22)

- C. We should understand the Word of God

- III. We must desire to keep growing
 - A. We should grow in our relationship with God
 - B. We should grow in our relationships with others

“And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.” (I John 4:21)

- C. We should grow in our spiritual understanding

- IV. We must surrender to the sovereignty of God

“How great you are, O Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you.” (2 Samuel 7:22)

- A. We must accept that God is in charge

“The Job replied to the Lord: ‘I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.’” (Job 42:1-2)

- B. We must understand that God is not obligated to explain his actions

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.” (Isaiah 55:8)

- C. We must accept that God does not have to ask our permission

“Who has understood the mind of the Lord, or instructed him as his counselor?” (Isaiah 40:13)

- D. We must believe that God is worthy of our trust

