

MY ACTION POINTS

Things I need to look into, follow up, put right and/or just do...

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Practical Christian Living

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A workshop to encourage thought and action...

5c. Free time, my time - Red lights

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. (Galatians 5:1)

Many people fear that if a person tries to go all out for the Lord they will fall into legalism and hypocrisy or just burn out. How can a believer be protected from the snares and pitfalls that zeal makes possible?

Am I on the right road?

What is determining the choices I make?

What do I really want in life?

What are my goals? When will they be realised?

What place does love have in my daily life?

What part does Jesus' cross have in my life?

Do I frequently have to remind myself of my faith in God?

Does the future look dull and uninteresting?

Is Jesus my Lord and do I delight to do His will?

Is there something that keeps unsettling my faith?

What makes me afraid?

Do I feel guilty?

Do I have joy in the Lord?

Am I drifting or pressing onward?

Can I worship the Lord easily in private?

Do I really want others to share the life I have in the Lord?



But before we begin...

"Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? (Luke 14:34)

WHERE DO YOU STAND? Take this True or False test...	TRUE	FALSE
I am sure that Jesus lived, died on a cross and rose again.		
I understand that God is holy and must judge sin.		
I know that I am a sinner and without excuse before God.		
I have turned from my sin and trusted Jesus to forgive me.		
I am sure that I have been accepted as He promised.		
I know that I am now God's child—I have been born again.		
I believe the Bible was given to us by God for our profit.		
I want to grow in my knowledge of God.		
I am willing to lose friends if need be for His sake.		
I want my life to be a good witness to the Lord Jesus.		
I am willing to give up pleasures or advantages for His sake.		
I want the Lord Jesus to have first place in my life.		

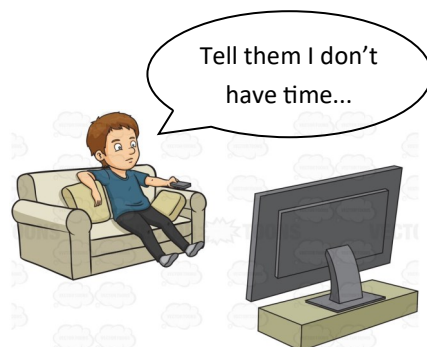
To live the Christian life...

- ⇒ You must know that you are a child of God by faith in Jesus Christ.
- ⇒ You must be the Lord Jesus' disciple, actively seeking to learn from Him and to be true to what you learn.

Is this YOU?

5b. Free time - The GIGO Principle

The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:9)



Meet Harry. His parents sweated blood to give him a good education. Now that he is married and has his own business he knows that nothing is more important than that his children also get the best possible education to secure their future and that of their families. He is often working seven days, and, although he rarely spends time with his children, he knows that he is doing the best for them.

Meet Leah. She is a smart young lawyer, recently graduated with honours and keen to pursue her career. She is planning to get married in about two years and have children only once she is properly established in an international law firm. She enjoys being part of her local church, but finds she can't fit in much more than Sunday morning what with the gym, coffee with her friends and of course, time for shopping.

Meet Greg. He is a smart young man who never had any difficulty at school and is sailing through Uni. He feels he can serve others by teaching. He enjoys the church he goes to—people look up to him there—but he finds a lot of the preaching pretty ordinary. He wants to get a chance to preach himself and is sure everyone will be impressed by his message. But his patience is wearing a bit thin and he has begun to look around for a more suitable arena for his gifts.

Meet Trish. She is one mixed up kid! That's what her family say anyway. She seems unable to concentrate on anything for very long and can hardly put a sentence together without breaking off and talking about something else. The only thing she is consistent at is reading the Bible. She admits she can't understand much, but she says she really wants to. When people complain about her, she smiles and says she is asking Jesus to change her.

4c. Sexuality & Relationships - Men

Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. (2 Timothy 2:22)

Definition of a "real man":

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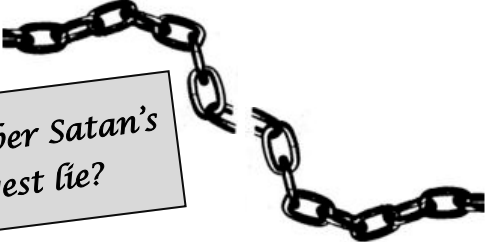
Sexual desire has incredible power to deceive!

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Strategies for victory

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Remember Satan's biggest lie?



My notes and comments:

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1c. Foundations - The fear and the challenge



“...and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.” (Numbers 13:33)

Numbers 13

“God’s promises are true, BUT ...” **OR** “God’s promises are true, AND ...”

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My Spiritual Journey (Which is you?)



1d. Foundations - What hinders the Life?

"But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" (Mathew 13:8-9)

The seed:

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The hard ground:

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The shallow ground:

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The weeds:

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The good ground:

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On masks and meetings...

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My notes and comments:

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3a. Home & family life



WHAT IS HOME TO YOU?	True	False
Home is the one place where I can relax and be myself.		
Everyone has some conflict at home—you put up with it.		
No-one expects obedience in children now—young or old.		
Women no longer need to submit to their husbands.		
The discipline of children is bad and old fashioned.		
The church should not intrude into home life.		
Teenagers need to go through a rebellious phase.		
I learn mostly from the preaching I hear and from books.		
What happens at home stays at home. Privacy matters.		
Most parents do not understand their children.		
God is not about happy homes, He is building His church.		
Parents should not influence children—let them choose.		

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Note! **I have forgiven them: Gladys Staines** (2003)
By Prafulla Das

BHUBANESWAR SEPT. 22. As the Designated CBI Judge, Mahendra Nath Patnaik, handed out the death sentence to Dara Singh and sentenced 12 others to life imprisonment for killing the Australian missionary, Graham Stuart Staines and his two sons, Gladys Staines, widow of the slain missionary, said that she had forgiven the killers and had no bitterness for them.

How could she do this?

2b. What has changed? - The next 10 years

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **having a form of godliness but denying its power.** (2 Timothy 3:1-5)

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Daring to look ahead 10 years ...

How a generation without a moral foundation may raise its children:

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What schools and universities may look like and teach:

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What social media and the entertainment industry may contain:

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What Christians may look like and how they will be treated:

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