

The Fundamentals of Christian Discipleship

Scripture Reading: *Romans 15:7-13*

A. Do you find yourself in a “New Year’s resolution slump”?

B. The best way to break out of a slump is to **remember** and **work on the fundamentals!**

I. _____ **your** _____.

A. “The assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (*Hebrews 11:1*).

B. The vital importance of **faith** (*Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24; Matthew 14:30-31*).

C. **HOW?**

1. Open your ears and heart to God! (*Romans 10:17; John 20:31; Matthew 4:4*)

2. Talk to God! (*1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 1:5*)

II. _____ **your** _____.

A. “Eager anticipation based on confident expectation.”

B. The vital importance of **hope** (*Romans 8:24-25; 1 John 3:2-3*).

C. **HOW?**

1. Use the trellis! (*Romans 15:4; 1 Peter 1:13*)

2. Keep your eye on the prize! (*Hebrews 10:24-25*)

III. _____ **your** _____.

A. “Active good will that is rooted in God, who is love” (*1 John 3:8*).

B. The vital importance of **love** (*1 John 3:14, 18-19; 4:7-8, 12, 16*).

C. **HOW?**

1. Listen and respond to the teaching of God (*1 Thessalonians 4:9*).

2. Look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others (*Phil 2:3-4*).

IV. _____ **your** _____.

A. “An enraptured response to God’s grace.”

B. The vital importance of **joy** (*Romans 14:17; 1 Peter 1:6-9*).

C. **HOW?**

1. Remember that you are “of Christ” (*John 15:8-11*).

2. Keep “self” in proper perspective (*John 3:29-30*).

V. _____ **your** _____.

A. “Harmonious relations.”

B. The vital importance of **peace** (*Romans 5:1; 2 Corinthians 13:11*).

C. **HOW?** (*Philippians 4:5-7*).