

# 7 keys to living an overcoming and fruitful Christian life in 2026



**I will commence with the words of Jesus Who said,**  
“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” **(John 10:10)**

- Jesus made it clear that we are all in a very real spiritual contest and that we have a very real enemy, the Devil, who is out to destroy the lives of people.



- Jesus also made it clear that He came that we may have life and that we may have it more abundantly
- So right at the outset of 2026 I want to share 7 keys that can help us to win the spiritual contest so that we can fully embrace all that God has planned for our lives this year

**1) We need to start each day with the LORD with an open Bible (We continually need God's peace and joy and perspective to do life well)**



**King David wrote,**

**“O GOD, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for you; My flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory. Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You.”**

**(Psalm 63:1-3)**

**King David also wrote,**

**“Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.” (Psalm 37:4)**

**In the book of Proverbs we read,**

**“Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established.” (Proverbs 16:3)**



**King David also wrote,**

“I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.” **(Psalm 9:1-2)**

“You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” **(Psalm 16:11)**



- **It is our love for Christ that will help us to remain strong in our Christian walk in the times that we are now living in**

**The LORD said to Joshua just before he was about to lead the Children of Israel into the Promised Land,**

**“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” (Joshua 1:8)**



- The bible is full of wisdom and God’s promises to help us to do life well**

- God will also give us clarity of direction for our life and guidance through the word of God as the Holy Spirit highlights passages of Scripture that are relevant to our circumstances

**The Psalmist wrote,** “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” **(Psalm 119:105)** “Direct my steps by Your word, And let no iniquity have dominion over me.” **(Psalm 119:133)**



- So, starting each day with the Lord with an open bible is a great key to living a fruitful Christian life in 2026

## 2) We need to choose daily to live a surrendered life (Not my will but Thy will be done in my life)



**Jesus Himself said,**

“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.” **(Luke 9:23-24)**

- **Without a wholehearted commitment to living for the Lord it is easier for the things of this world to pull us away from all that God has planned for our lives in 2026**

**Jesus Himself also said,**

“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honour.” **(John 12:24-26)**



**In the book of Proverbs we read,**

**“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)**



- **Living a surrendered life is therefore a great key to always being at the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing so that our lives bear much eternal fruit**
- **God never looks at our ability, just our availability. Are we prepared to live wholeheartedly for the Kingdom Cause**

### 3) Have a lifestyle of prayer. (Involving God in all that we do)



- Having a lifestyle of prayer is a great key to continually making right choices in life and to staying in God's will for our lives
- It is also a great key to having continual clarity in relation to what God is calling us to do in 2026
- Having clarity of vision helps us to then prayerfully make plans to see all that God has planned for our lives come to pass so that our lives bear much eternal fruit

- Given the importance of involving God in all that we do in life this is why the Apostle Paul wrote, “pray without ceasing” **(1 Thessalonians 5:17)**



**In the book of James we read,**

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” **(James 1:5)**

- Prayerfully involving God in all of our plans in 2026 will help us to realise our full potential this year so that our lives will bear much eternal fruit



**In the book of Proverbs we read,**

**“The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, but those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.” (Proverbs 21:5)**

**4) Having short accounts with God and others and being always quick to forgive others (This is a great key to maintaining a soft heart)**



**The Apostle John wrote,**

**“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”  
(1 John 1:9)**

**In the book of Hebrews, we see a warning of the consequences of continually persisting in areas of known sin in our lives,**



**“Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,” (Hebrews 3:12-14)**

- It is important that we continually keep short accounts with God so that we maintain a sensitive conscience**

- The simple fact is that we will all be hurt by others at times and hurt others ourselves



**Jesus Himself said, “It is impossible that no offenses should come ... “ (Luke 17:1)**

- Our ability to forgive those who hurt us will greatly determine the outcome of our lives and the quality of our relationships
- We must simply choose to be good forgivers

- Being quick to forgive others is also a great key to maintaining a good pipeline of communication with God
- At a time now when Jesus said that “many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another” (Matthew 24:10) how important it is that we are always quick to CHOOSE to forgive those who hurt us
- The simple fact is that we cannot have our heart open to God and shut to others at the same time. Unforgiveness will affect both our relationships with others and also with God



**Jesus Himself said,**

“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.” **(Mark 11:25-26)**



- How important it is that we keep short accounts both with God and others in 2026 and that we are always quick to forgive those who hurt us

## 5) Living a life of simple obedience to God's word and to what He tells us to do in life (Just do what Jesus tells us to do)

- God's ways are higher than our ways
- Obedience to God's word is a great key to building our lives on a firm foundation in the ungodly and challenging times that we are now living in
- God loves us and knows what is best for us. In the long run we will never come second putting God first



**In the book of Isaiah we read,**

**“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.”  
(Isaiah 55:8-9)**



**In the book of Isaiah, we also read, “If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land.”  
(Isaiah 1:19)**

**Jesus Himself said,**

“Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the **rock**; and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.” **(Matthew 7:24-25)**



**Jesus Himself also said,** “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!” **(Luke 11:28)**

**The Apostle Paul also wrote,**

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” (Ephesians 5:15-17)



- **Obedience to God’s word and His will for our life is therefore such a great key to leading an overcoming and fruitful life in 2026. God will bless His plan for our life**

## 6) Continually choosing our friends wisely (We become like the company that we keep)



- We need to have people of godly character and vision in our inner circle of friends

**The Apostle Paul wrote, “Do not be deceived: Evil company corrupts good habits.” (1 Corinthians 15:33)**

**In the book of Proverbs we read,**

**“The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.” (Proverbs 12:26)**

**“He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.” (Proverbs 13:20)**

**“A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends.” (Proverbs 16:28)**



**The Psalmist wrote,** “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.” **(Psalm 1:1-3)**



- **Having the right friends in our inner circle of friends is a great key to becoming all that God has planned for our lives in 2026, AND**

## 7) The importance of being planted in a local Bible based church fellowship.

- We cannot do the Christian walk alone
- We all need the encouragement and support and accountability that comes from being connected with other Christians



**In the book of Hebrews we read,**

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

**(Hebrews 10:23-25)**



**The Psalmist wrote,**

**“Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing. To declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.” (Psalm 92:13-15)**



- **Being planted in the house of God is there crucial if we are to fulfil our God given destiny which will always be outworked in connection with other believers**

- So, in conclusion, as we see the nearness of the rapture of all true believers may I encourage you this year to put the Lord first place in your life and in all of your plans and to give your best to what God is calling you to do in 2026
- It is in doing this that your life will bear much eternal fruit in 2026 and that you will always be prepared for and ready for the rapture of all true believers



**King David wrote, “Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. **Delight yourself also in the LORD,** And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.” (Psalm 37:3-5)**



- As we continually put our trust and confidence in the LORD this year and allow Him to direct our steps in life, we can be assured that all that God has planned for our lives in 2026 WILL come to pass. A year of increase