

## Lessons Learned in Life

*"If there is no God, nothing matters. If there is a God, nothing else matters."*  
**H.G. Wells.**

We have been blessed in our lives and give credit for this to God and our godly parents. God bless you as you seek God's will and live your life for Him. Lessons learned in our lives include the following:

1. **Love the Lord Your God (Matt. 22:37)** – Accepting Christ as your Lord and Savior is the most important decision of your life – in the end only where you spend eternity matters.
2. **Love your neighbor (Matt. 22:39)** – God has given each of us different gifts – treasures, talents and time. Use your God-given gifts to reach outside yourself to help others God puts in your path and who are less fortunate than you are.
3. **Spend time in God's Word (Ps. 119:148)** – You will gain much wisdom from studying His Word and reflecting on it.
4. **Know what you believe (1 Pet. 3:15; Jude 3)** – Know what you believe, why you believe, and be ready to defend what you believe.
5. **Join a local body of believers (Heb. 10:25)** – You will grow in your faith by regular fellowship with fellow believers.
6. **Be salt and light (Matt. 5:13-16)** – Live and share your life, values and faith with others.
7. **Be an Ambassador (2 Cor. 5:20)** – As Christ's Ambassador be sure your walk matches your talk.
8. **Spend time with family** – God has placed you in your family for a reason.
9. **Develop a circle of godly friends (Prov. 12:26; 18:24; 27:17)** – Your friends will provide you support during difficult times in your life.
10. **If you plan to marry, marry a believer (2 Cor. 6:14-15)** – Do not be unequally yoked. Choose wisely. It's for the rest of your life.
11. **Seek God's wisdom (Prov. 3:5-6)** – Before making an important decision, pray for wisdom, strength and discernment, and seek the advice of mature believers and friends. Iron sharpens iron.
12. **Set goals for your life (Jer. 29:11-12; Luke 14:28)** – Decide on a career for your life and pursue it. You need to be flexible and willing to change careers if circumstances require that.
13. **Plan your education** – Execute your plans while still young. Your life will always be a time of learning new things so that you can take advantage of new opportunities.
14. **Develop a habit of reading** – You will learn much from reading books, articles and essays. They will stretch you and give you new ideas and different things to explore.
15. **Redeem the time (Eph. 5:16)** – Use your time wisely. Have a purpose in what you do.
16. **Be thankful (1 Th. 5:18)** – You have much to be thankful for (food, health, shelter, family, friends.) Sometimes the glass may look "half empty"; be thankful for the "half full" part.
17. **Live within your means** – Stay out of debt. Don't buy what you can't afford.
18. **Have some fun** – Take time to enjoy God's Creation and people God brings into your life.
19. **Try something "outside the box"** – You may be surprised where God leads you.
20. **Expect failures** – Some things will not work out the way you planned. Pick yourself up, learn from your experience and/or mistakes, and go on to something else.
21. **Expect the unexpected (Rom. 8:28)** – Things will happen to you when (and that) you least expect. God has a purpose for everything even though you may not understand at the time.
22. **Keep a positive attitude (Phil. 4:4-8)** – Don't be discouraged by your circumstances. This too shall pass. What will set you apart is how you deal with your circumstances.
23. **Pay no attention to hypocrites (Matt. 23:27)** - Don't let them rob you of your joy in the Lord.
24. **Don't waste your life (2 Tim. 2:2)** - Pass on what you have learned to the next generation.