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I) INTRODUCTION

A) Sometimes it is easier to remember principles if we condense them down to a single word. Today we will share Seven Words that represent Seven foundational principles of living the victorious Christian Life.

II) <u>JESUS</u>

- A) I Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. Heb 12:1-3 (NKJV)
- B) ICor 2:1-5 (NKJV) I And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching [were] not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.
- C) Example of Peter walking on the water. He took his eyes off Jesus and then begin to sink.
 - 1) 25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." 28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the

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water." 29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" 31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Matt 14:25-31 (NKJV)

III) FAITH

- A) HEBREWS 11
- B) Faith is not positive thinking.
- C) Faith is not Presumption (name it and claim it)
- D) Faith is finding out what God has said and standing on it. 3 parts to True Biblical Faith:
 - 1) Agreement
 - (a) First of all, you believe it to be true, and then because you believe it to be true, then the 2nd part comes:
 - 2) Attitude
 - (a) Secondly, you then put confidence and trust in it. And, it's not quite faith, it's very close now and then comes the 3rd part to true Bible Faith:
 - 3) Action
 - (a) You then act on it and it becomes faith. Agreement plus attitude plus action is true Bible faith
- E) Upon Whom or What does your faith stand?
 - 1) Let your faith rest upon God who never fails and your faith will never fail.
 - (a) Ex. Of faith in a Great God not Great faith in God.
 - (b) 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

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IV) <u>SCRIPTURE</u>

- A) 2Tim 3:14 (NKJV) But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned [them], 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
 - 1) Doctrine: The Bible tells us what is right
 - 2) Reproof: The Bible tells us what is not right
 - 3) Correction: The Bible tells us how to get right
 - 4) Instruction in Righteousness: The Bible tells us how to stay right
- B) How can we be a good Christian if we never read or study our Bible?
 - 1) Doctor who never read a medical dictionary,
 - 2) Lawyer who never read a single book on the law
 - 3) Explorer who never looked at a map.

V) PRAYER

- A) Pray Continually
 - 1) (attitude of prayer) leave the channel open
 - 2) 1The 5:17 (KJS) Pray without ceasing.
- B) Pray Consistently.
 - 1) I Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, Luke 18:1 (NKJV)
- C) Pray Honestly
 - 1) Matt 6:7 (KJS) But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen [do]: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.
- D) Pray Worshipfully

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1) ITim 2:8 (KJS) I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

E) Pray Expectantly

1) 24 "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. Mark 11:24 (NKJV)

F) Pray Forgivingly

1) 25 "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him,.......... Mark 11:25a (NKJV)

VI) <u>CHURCH</u>

- A) 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 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. Heb 10:23-25 (NKJV)
- B) The Church is an imperfect place
 - 1) Led by an imperfect Pastor, who is assisted by imperfect deacons, who are elected by imperfect people, who live imperfect lives and live in imperfect families.
- C) Importance of being in Church
 - 1) There are some who are much stronger Christians than I . It only takes a little church to do them.
- D) Some people are depending on a faith to get them to heaven that won't even get them to church.
- E) Parents: Set the example for your children to go to church. As long as they are under your authority bring them to church.

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VII) CONFESSION

A) What NOT to say:

- 1) 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. 36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. Matt 12:35-37 (KJV)
- 2) 26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. James 1:26 (NKJV)
- 3) 8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; 9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. 10 For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. 11 Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.12 For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil." 1 Peter 3:8-12 (NKJV)

B) What TO say:

- 1) Matt 10:32 (KJS) Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.
- 2) Acts 4:31 (KJS) And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

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VIII) OBEDIANCE

- A) ISam 15:22 (NKJV) Then Samuel said: "Has the Lord [as] [great] delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, [And] to heed than the fat of rams.
- B) Matthew 7 a chapter about obedience:
 - 1) 5 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them. "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord, 'shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' 24 "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: 25 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. 26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."
- C) "When we walk with Lord in the Light of His love, what a glory He sheds on our way, while we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no

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other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

IX) <u>CONCLUSION</u>

- A) Finally My Brethren: I leave you with seven words:
 - 1) Jesus
 - 2) Faith
 - 3) Scripture
 - 4) Prayer
 - 5) Church
 - 6) Confession
 - 7) Obedience