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Let's do what is good toward all men, and especially toward those who are of the household of the faith - Galatians 6:10

7th August 2022

Our Second Goal: Touch Lives

3 Goals for our next 5 Years



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You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its flavor, with what will it be salted? It is then good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under the feet of men - Matthew 5:13.

To help us do this, beginning tonight, our minister will start a new series of sermons entitled "The Manual of Life". Each lesson will focus on a specific group - youth, parents and even retirees. He will share 7 key passages from the Bible each week.

It is so important that we know what God expects from each one of us. Then we reach out to our family and friends and touch them in the way God tells us to. As we do, we *let our light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven - Matthew 5:16.*

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The Manual Of Life

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path
Psalm 119:105



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We are the church

John 20:21 *Jesus therefore said to them again... As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.*





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More time in church

Feel-good activities

Few non-Christian pals

Insulated from World





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Matthew 5:14-16 *You are the light of the world.*

A city located on a hill can't be hidden.

Neither do you light a lamp, and put it under a measuring basket, but on a stand; and it shines to all who are in the house.

Even so, let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.



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The Means

Psalms 119:105 *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path*

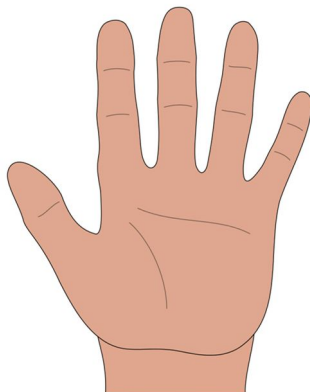
Matthew 4:4 *It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."*

Colossians 3:16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*



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The 5 Steps





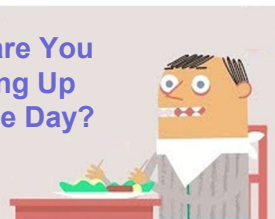
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1. Read the Word

Do it early in the morning – no later than lunchtime, to set the direction for the day

Proverbs 8:17 *Those that seek me early shall find me.*

How are You
Fuelling Up
For the Day?



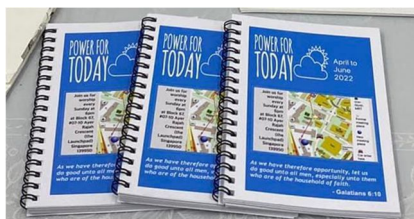


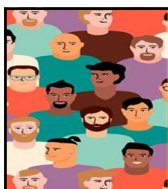
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2. Understand the Word

2 Peter 3:5 *For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water*

Romans 10:14 *How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in him whom they have not heard? How will they hear without a preacher?*

Attendance is important – if obey during teens – over 2,000 sermons



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Acts 17:11 *Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.*

Fidelity – Worship (Facebook/Website) – Care team





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1 Read the Word
2 Understand Word

3. Study the Bible

2 Timothy 2:15 *Study to show yourself approved before God, a workman that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Reading and Understanding may be just akin to browsing; but Studying requires effort



"I've just discovered the mystery of the book of Revelations – I started reading it!"



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3. Study the Bible

Some helpful tips:

1. Get a good study Bible
2. Designate a time each week
3. Choose a conducive location
4. Make Notes
5. End with a summary prayer

Psalms 119:18 *Open my eyes, That I may see wondrous things out of your law.*

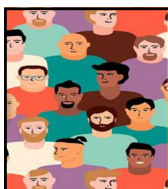


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4. Time Alone

Luke 5:16 *But he withdrew himself into the desert, and prayed.*

2 Timothy 3:15-17 *And how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*

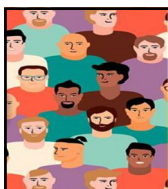


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Some helpful tips:

1. Solo or with Christians
2. Could be home or staycation at an external venue
3. Start with lunch and end at dinner; or overnight (eg lunch – lunch)
4. Do a short book study or topic
5. Use questions as discussions or as meditations



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5. School

1 Peter 2:2 *as newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby*

SIBI have part time/online courses

Also free online courses but choose wisely

Keep going... lifetime learning





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2 Understand Word
3 Study the Bible
4 Time Alone
5 School

Summary





Call to Worship
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Closing Prayer



The Manual of Life: Youth



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teams; brother Alfred leading praises; fruits from sister Phai; members and visitors enjoying the fellowship dinner of delicious chicken rice sponsored anonymously.



Ramesh 15th

Lai Auntie 20th

Cheang Andy 21st

Kong Lay 24th

Goh Jovan 25th





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14th August 2022

Our 3rd Goal: Serve Cheerfully

3 Goals for our next 5 Years



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Our second goal is not to insulate ourselves from the world but to transform the family, school and neighbourhood. Wherever we are, like the salt of the earth, we are to preserve God's teaching and give flavour to our environment.

The third and final goal is for each one of us to give of our best to the Master. No one can tell us what to do, except to encourage and set the example. We alone know our strengths and struggles, so no one should judge our faith or devotion to God. When we serve God cheerfully, we will exceed every expectations in attendance, contribution and service.

The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 9:7, *Let each man do according as he hath purposed in his heart: not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.* To help us do this, beginning tonight, our minister will start a new series of sermons entitled "The Manual of Life". Each lesson will focus on a specific group - youth, parents and even retirees. He will share 7 key passages from the Bible each week.

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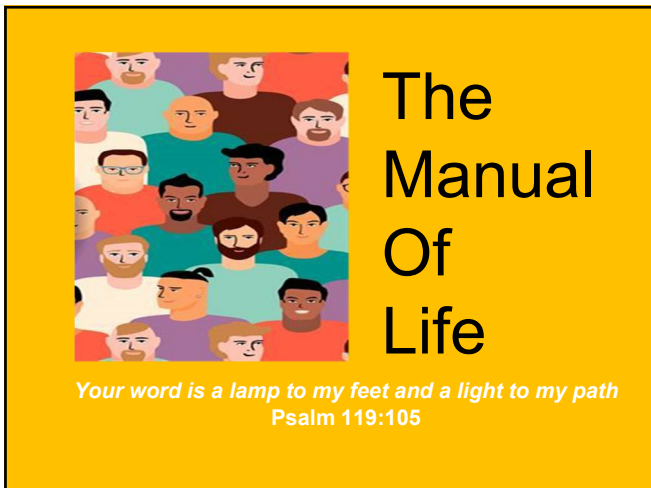
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Not to constantly decorate it



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But must be in water
To be useful



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Romans 12:1-2 *Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service.*

Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God.

As the church, we must be in the market place/society to be effective



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The Manual of Life

Last week our Song and Word Service focused on the Bible as **THE** manual of life

Tonight will focus on 7 things the Bible says for youths

In the coming weeks, manual of life series will focus on

- Working life
- Parents
- Retirees

Specific but in general, applicable for all



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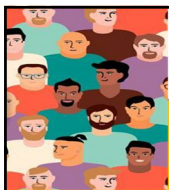
1. Remember Creator

Ecclesiastes 12:1 *Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them"*

One shot in life

Like pouring water in sand

Some refer to thief on the cross but early conversion results in great gain



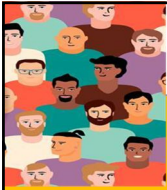
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2. Be an Example

1 Timothy 4:12 *Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*

Nothing tells the story better than an example

- Speech
- Conduct
- Love
- Faith
- Purity



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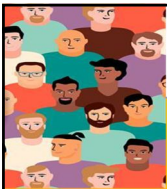
3. Enjoy Your Youth

Ecclesiastes 11:9 *Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth.*

Some do not have a childhood e.g. street urchins

Some cannot wait to grow up e.g. teen pregnancy

You are young only once



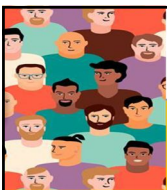
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4. Keep God's Word

Psalm 119:9 *How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.*

Example of Timothy - 2 Timothy 1:5 having been reminded of the unfeigned faith that is in you; which lived first in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and, I am persuaded, in you also.

The Bible will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from the Bible



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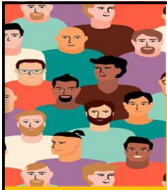
5. Bear the Yoke

Lamentations 3:27 *It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.*

Proverbs 20:29 *The glory of young men is their strength, but the splendor of old men is their gray hair.*

Easy beginning or easy ending?

Psalms 37:25 *I have been young, and now am old, Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his children begging for bread.*



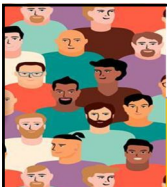
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6. Subject to Elders

1 Peter 5:5 *Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

- Subject to elders
- Be humble

So many old people are abandoned



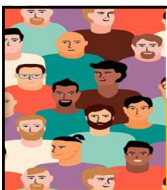
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7. Honour Parents

Ephesians 6:1-4 *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."*

Proverbs 23:22 *Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.*





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Conclusion

Many outstanding youth – David, Daniel, Joseph, Timothy...

Boy with lunch - John 6:9 *"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these among so many?"*

Girl who is a maid - 2 Kings 5:3-4 *She said to her mistress, Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! then would he recover him of his leprosy. One went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maiden who is of the land of Israel.*



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Isaiah 40:30-31 *Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;*

but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Lesson tonight not just for youths

Everyone, young and old alike can let our lights shine, wherever we are!



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The Manual of Life: Working Life



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Curry Rice, Mee Hoon
& French Loaves

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Good attendance and fellowship dinner last week. We had a Song and Word worship as our minister had Covid-19. Thank you for your prayers and delivery of fruits, medications and health products.

