

“Integrity for Dummies: Pressing into Jesus”

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[Romans 13:10-14](#)

10 Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. 11 And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

So, how do we press into Christ?

We must...

1. **RECEIVE HIM AS LORD AND SAVIOR.**
(Receive His Spirit through Faith and get Baptized)

[Romans 10:9](#)

if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

We must...

2. **WORSHIP HIM.** (Attend Church Regularly)

[Hebrews 10:25](#)

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

We must...

3. **GET TO KNOW HIM.** (Read His Word)

[Romans 12:2](#)

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. THEN you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

[2 Corinthians 3:18](#)

And we, who ... all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

We must...

4. **TALK (AND LISTEN) TO HIM** (Pray)

[Luke 11:13](#)

"... your Father in heaven [will] give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

We must...

5. **WE MUST GROW WITH OTHERS WHO LOVE HIM** (Community Groups)

[Acts 2:41-47](#)

41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 ... 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 ... 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

CONCLUSION:

[Philippians 4:8](#)

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.

[Colossians 3:1-2](#)

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

WHAT (OR WHO) ARE YOU PRESSING INTO?