

# Foundations for Being a Faithful Follower of the Lord Jesus Christ v04

**Acknowledge** that the intricate design of the universe, the earth, and living things is clear evidence of an intelligent Creator. Seek Him with all your heart.

**Believe** that God created life on earth according to the Bible and not according to the ideas of "life from non-life" and evolution.

**Believe** that the Bible is the Word of God and is fully trustworthy (true and timeless). **Trust** it above your own understanding.

**Believe** what the Bible says about the creator God of the Bible, His attributes and His character.

**Believe** what the Bible says about human beings—our sinful nature and our desperate need for a saving relationship with God as He defines it in the gospel.

**Realize** that God knows your heart and all your thoughts.

**Believe** that Jesus is the Son of God—the Messiah. **Believe** the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Trust** in Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

**Pray** for God's continued leading, guiding, protection, and transforming work in your life. **Pray** for God to teach you His Word, refine you, and fill you with His Holy Spirit. **Pray** continually.

**View** sin the way God views sin. **Trust** the Bible regarding how your sin affects your life, the lives of others, and your relationship with God. **Repent** of your sin. **Flee** sexual sin.

**Trust** the Bible for your understanding of the reality we live in — physical and spiritual, temporal and eternal.

**Be mindful** of the reality of the spiritual battle for your heart and mind.

**Understand** what the Bible teaches about the spiritual dangers that we as humans face from:

- Our own sinful nature
- The ways of this world and the culture around us
- The evil spiritual beings that seek to keep human beings from God through deception, distraction, discouragement, and temptation

**Guard** your heart.

**Put on** the full armor of God.

**Be watchful.**

**Stand firm** in the faith.

**Be strong** in the Lord.

**Be careful** what you set your eyes and your mind upon.

**Put on** the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh.

**Take captive** every thought to make it obedient to the Lord Jesus.

**Beware** pridefulness, selfishness, and self-deception.