



The Path of Life

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I. The path of life

- A. "You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence" (**Acts 2:28 ESV**).
- B. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' **teaching** and the **fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and the **prayers**. . . . And they were selling their possessions and belongings and **sharing** the proceeds with all, as any had need" (**Acts 2:42, 45 ESV**).

II. How the *path* becomes a *process*

- A. You only change behavior with two things: pain or pleasure.
PAIN breaks BAD habits. PLEASURE builds good habits.
 - 1. CUE (trigger)
 - 2. BEHAVIOR (habit)
 - 3. REWARD (pleasure)

III. BIBLE READING: Read on a PLAN.

- A. DIRECTION
- B. CONNECTION
- C. COMPLETION

IV. FELLOWSHIP: Put it on the CALENDAR.

- A. **CHURCH** services
- B. **SMALL** groups

V. PRAYER: Pray on a TRACK.

- A. **Four parts to prayer**
 - 1. Worship
 - 2. Repentance
 - 3. Infilling
 - 4. Petition

VI. SHARING: Plant a SEED daily.

- A. "It is more blessed [joyful] to give than to receive"
(**Acts 20:35 ESV**).