

What is the most important aspect of the Christian life?

Some would say evangelism, which is definitely something we have been called to do.

But, there is one thing that has ignited all great awakenings and happenings of God. That begins with individuals truly worshipping God.

Examples:

Acts 16 – Paul and Silas in Jail

Acts 12:5 – Peter in Jail

Martin Luther

In 1516-17, Johann Tetzel, a Dominican friar and papal commissioner for indulgences, was sent to Germany by the Roman Catholic Church to sell indulgences to raise money to rebuild St Peter's Basilica in Rome. Roman Catholic theology stated that faith alone, whether fiduciary or dogmatic, cannot justify man; and that only such faith as is active in charity and good works (*fides caritate formata*) can justify man. These good works could be obtained by donating money to the church.

Charles Spurgeon

He was born in Kelvedon, Essex, England on June 19, 1834. Both his father and grandfather were pastors, he was raised in a Christian home, but it was in January 1850 that he was converted. Spurgeon preached his first sermon in August the same year. Spurgeon read the Pilgrims Progress at the age of six and went on to read it over 100 times. Before he was 20 years of age he had preached over 600 times. Spurgeon typically read 6 books per week, and could remember what he had read and where even years later.

As a teenager Spurgeon was doubting God and one Sunday morning he began to go to Church to find the answers. Due to a snowstorm he could not go to the Church he wanted to go and he reached a small Methodist Church. The Pastor of the Church did not show up due to an illness. Then a layman went to the pulpit and began to preach. He preached on Isaiah 45:22, "Look to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth." He was obliged to stick to the text for the simple reason he had little else to say. Then afterwards Spurgeon said of the preacher, "Then he looked at me under the gallery, and I dare say, with so few present, he knew me to be a stranger. Just fixing his eyes on me, as if I knew all my heart, he said, 'young man, you look very miserable. And you always will be miserable-miserable in life, and miserable in death. If you don't obey the text; but if you obey now, this moment you will be saved. Young man, look to Jesus Christ. Look! Look! Look! You have nothing to do but to look and live.'" Spurgeon said, "Like as the brazen serpent was lifted up, the people only looked and were healed, so it was with me."

Billy Graham

He was born in Charlotte, North Carolina. Raised as a Presbyterian, Billy Graham made a commitment to follow Jesus Christ in 1934 during a revival meeting conducted by Mordecai Ham. Graham was ordained in 1939 by a Southern Baptist church. He graduated from Florida Bible Institute, now called Trinity College of Florida, in 1940 and graduated from Wheaton College in 1943. It was during his time at Wheaton that Graham decided to take the Bible as the infallible "word of God." Henrietta Mears of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood was instrumental in helping Graham wrestle with the infallibility issue, which was settled at Forest Home Christian camp (now called Forest Home Ministries) southeast of the Big Bear area in Southern California. A simple memorial there still marks the site of Graham's decision.

Adrian Rogers

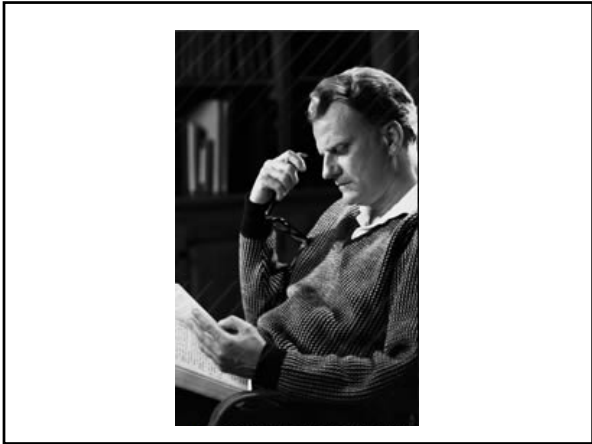
Adrian Pierce Rogers was born in West Palm Beach, Florida on September 12, 1931. It was there that he felt the call to the ministry and surrendered his life to the Lord as a high school football star.

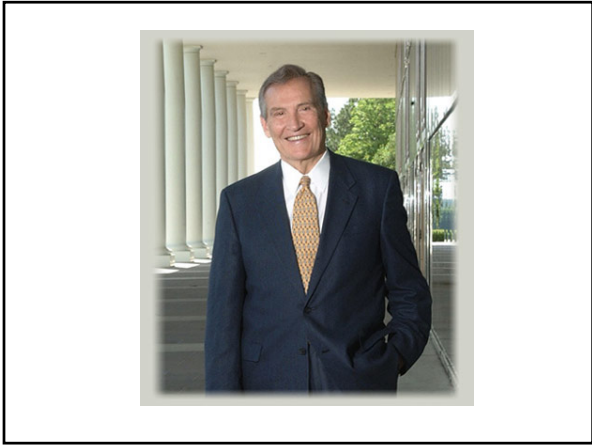
Lying face down on the field one night with his face on the ground, young Adrian prayed, "Lord, I want you to use me." When he felt that this was not humbling himself enough, he dug a hole in the dirt, put his nose in it, and prayed again, "Lord, I want you to use me!"

**“Worship: All That I Am,
Responding to All That He Is”**









Who's Next?

A collage of four small photographs showing people at a social gathering. Top-left: A man in a pink shirt looking at a laptop. Top-right: A young girl with blonde hair looking thoughtful. Bottom-left: A group of people sitting at a table with food. Bottom-right: A man in a plaid shirt talking to a young girl.

Mark 12:28-34

- 28) And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?
- 29) And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:
- 30) And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: *this is* the first commandment.
- 31) And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:28-34

- 32) And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:
- 33) And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love *his* neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.
- 34) And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him *any question*.

Love the Lord Thy God

- All of Your Heart

The Lord Looks at the Heart

1 Samuel 16:7

7) But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

Heart Desires Determine

Proverbs 23:7

7) For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Heart Should Cry Out for God

Psalms 84:2

2) My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Heart / Treasure

Matthew 6:19-24

19) Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20) But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21) For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22) The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23) But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24) No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

God Gives New Heart

Jeremiah 24:7

7) And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

Love the Lord Thy God

- All of Your Heart
- All of Your Soul

Profit

Matthew 16:24-26

24) Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25) For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

26) For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Patience

Luke 21:19

19) In your patience possess ye your souls.

Love the Lord Thy God

- All of Your Heart
- All of Your Soul
- All of Your Mind

Thoughts Shape Life

Matthew 5:27-28

27) Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28) But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

The Mind of Humility

Philippians 2:5-11

5) Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7) But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8) And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

The Mind of Humility

Philippians 2:5-11

9) Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11) And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Patient Mind

John 2:10

10) And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: *but* thou hast kept the good wine until now.

In HIS Time

Ecclesiastes 3:11

11) He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

Love the Lord Thy God

- All of Your Heart
- All of Your Soul
- All of Your Mind
- All of Your Strength

The Lord Strengthens in Adversity

2 Timothy 4:16-18

- 16) At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.
- 17) Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.
- 18) And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord Strengthens in Weakness

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

- 7) And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.
- 8) For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.
- 9) And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
- 10) Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

The Lord Strengthens in All Circumstances

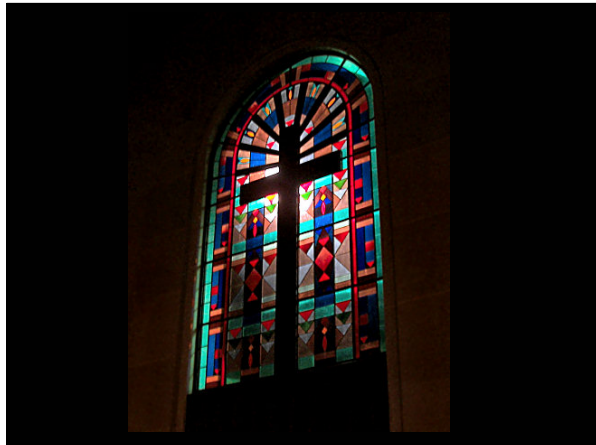
Philippians 4:10-14

- 10) But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.
- 11) Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.
- 12) I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.
- 13) I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
- 14) Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.

**Strength Comes From
Jesus Christ**

Romans 5:6

6) For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.



1 Peter 5:6-11

- 6) Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:
- 7) Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.
- 8) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
- 9) Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.
- 10) But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.
- 11) To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen
