

“DO IT YOURSELF”

Ted loved visiting the hardware store with his dad. So many different tools and projects filled the shelves that he didn't know where to look first! He finally decided to buy a *Do-It-Yourself* kit to make a little boat. His dad said it would take a lot of hard work and determination, but Ted was sure he could build the boat all by himself. On the ride home from the store, Ted and his dad talked about some “projects” God wants us to do for ourselves after we trust the Lord as our Savior.

“D-I-Y”

BIBLE VERSE

DENY Yourself	(Luke 9:23)
BUILD UP Yourself	(Jude 1:20)
KEEP Yourself	(Jude 1:21)
ENCOURAGE Yourself	(1 Samuel 30:6)
ADORN Yourself	(1 Peter 3:3-4)
ARM Yourself	(Ephesians 6:13)
SUBMIT Yourself	(1 Peter 5:5)
HUMBLE Yourself	(1 Peter 5:6)



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DENY yourself. “And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me” (Luke 9:23). If you are going to follow the Lord and do His will, your wishes and desires need to be laid aside. You may have to give up rest, play, fun, wealth, or friends to do God's will every day.

**WORK IT OUT: How can you pray to find God's will for your life?*



BUILD UP yourself. “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost” (Jude 1:20). Grow daily as you study God's Word and pray. If you are to give the Gospel to others and stand for God, you must be strong in the Lord.

**WORK IT OUT: Do you read your Bible and pray every day?*



KEEP yourself in the Love of God. As you study God's Word and obey it every day, you will be close to the Lord, and you will have His power to stand for Him and be a witness. Jesus Christ saved you and is the only One who can keep you, but how close you walk to Him depends on yourself. “Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life” (Jude 1:21).

**WORK IT OUT: What are some ways you can keep yourself close to the Lord?*



ENCOURAGE yourself. There are days when we are sad or life does not go the way we want. There will be times when we have to know how to encourage and strengthen ourselves. **“And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him...but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God”** (I Samuel 30:6).

**WORK IT OUT: What is a verse you can memorize to encourage yourself?*



ADORN yourself. “Adorn” means “to arrange, to put in order.” God doesn’t just want us to act properly or look nice on the outside. You can comb your hair and wear nice clothes, but God looks at your heart. He wants us to “put on” godliness. **“Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart”** (I Peter 3:3-4a).

**WORK IT OUT: What examples of godliness did Jesus give us to follow?*



ARM yourself. “Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;” (I Peter 4:1). Prepare yourself to stand for Christ. He submitted to the worst sufferings but never to sin, and it will take grace and courage for Christian boys and girls to do the same.

**WORK IT OUT: How did Christ free us from sin?*



SUBMIT yourself. Humility and humbleness are not things that come naturally to us. But with God’s help, we can put humility on like a coat over our pride. Be willing to learn from each other and have a good attitude while doing it. **“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble”** (I Peter 5:5).

**WORK IT OUT: What does the Bible say about pride?*



HUMBLE yourself. There it is again! If you want to be used by God, be willing to do the most lowly job, the most humble task. Be willing to work without praise or reward, but be determined to be faithful and loyal to the Lord. Cast all your cares on God. **“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time”** (I Peter 5:6).

**WORK IT OUT: What are some ways you can be humble at home or school?*



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