

Christ Jesus as Lord.  
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#### Colossians 2: 6-7-NIV

6 So then, just as you received Christ as Lord, *continue to live in him*,  
7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were  
taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

#### Luke 14:26-27.

If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his  
wife and children, his brothers, and sisters - yes, even his own life -  
he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross  
cannot be my disciple.

#### Matthew 7:21.

Not everyone who says to me "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of  
heaven, *but only he who does the will of my Father who is in  
heaven.*"

#### 1. "continue to live in Him".

**Passion** - *continue your journey of faith, progressing further into your  
union with Him.*

#### 2. "...rooted and built up in Him".

**Passion** - ... *Your spiritual roots go deeply into his life...*

**Matthew 13:18-Passion** "Now you are ready to listen to the  
revelation of the parable of the sower and his seeds:

19 "The seed that fell on the beaten path represents the heart of **the  
one who hears the message** of the kingdom realm but doesn't

understand it. The Adversary then comes and snatches away what  
was sown into his heart.

20 "The seed sown on gravel represents the person who gladly hears  
the kingdom message, but his experience remains shallow.

21 Shortly after he hears it, troubles and persecutions come because  
of the kingdom message he received. Then he quickly falls away, for  
the truth didn't sink deeply into his heart.

22 "The seed sown among weeds represents the person who  
receives the message, but all of life's busy distractions, his divided  
heart, and his ambition for wealth result in suffocating the kingdom  
message and prevent him from bearing spiritual fruit.

23 "As for the seed that fell upon good, rich soil, it represents the  
hearts of people who hear and fully embrace the message of  
heaven's kingdom realm. *Their lives bear good fruit*—some yield a  
harvest of thirty, sixty, even one hundred times as much as was  
sown."

#### Matthew 3:8 – NKJV

Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance,..

**Amplified** - Bring forth fruit that is consistent with repentance [*let  
your lives prove your change of heart*];...

**Passion** - You must prove your repentance by a changed life.

#### 3. "...strengthened in the faith as you were taught".

**Passion** - ...*as you are continually infused with strength, encouraged  
in every way. For you are established in the faith you have absorbed.*

#### 4. "...and overflowing with thankfulness".

**Living Bible** - Let your lives overflow with *joy and thanksgiving for all  
he has done*.