## HOW TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE by Annie Mang'eere



## Hope in a prison of despair

The Christian life has been described as impossible to live. Christians are sometimes described as hypocritical pretenders who try with little success to be nice people.

Christians themselves admit to finding the Christian life difficult to live, and often falling short. A determined resolve to work out the Christian life often ends in frustration. A good Christian may decide during their morning quiet time to be kind and maintain their cool in the course of the day.

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The resolution faces its first test at the breakfast table where the kids become utterly unreasonable. The roads become another frontier where the morning resolve is tested. By the time the Christian gets to the office, despair has set in and it does not seem like it is possible to live the Christian life.

The Christian life was never meant to be worked out by the individual Christian. Only one successful Christian, Jesus Christ, has ever lived. Only he can still live the Christian life successfully, and others attempting the feat will meet with bitter frustration.

Success as a Christian comes by daily totally surrendering to Christ, by totally yielding to him and his leading. Success as a Christian comes by way of grace. Jesus must be allowed to reign in totality in the life of the Christian.

The Christian must take the bold step of allowing Jesus to increase in them while they continue to decrease. Becoming Christ like must come by the continual renewal of the mind.

The Holy Spirit comes to help the Christian become more and more Christ like, so the effort to transform is not a lonely struggle.

Have you shied away from Christianity because of repeated failure that has led to the conclusion that the Christian life is unlivable?

Give Jesus a chance and you will pleasantly find that he will give you his grace and the Christian experience need not be one of frustration and failure.

I live in East Africa and aspire to spread the salvation message to the corners of the earth through the printed word.

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