

Step out of Cynicism

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Genesis 3:5 (ESV) *For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.*

Ecclesiastes 1:18 (NLT) *The greater my wisdom, the greater my grief. To increase knowledge only increases sorrow.*

1. Be Warm but Wary.

Matthew 10:16 (ESV) *Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.*

2. Learn to Hope again.

John 9:3 (ESV) *“...but that the works of God might be displayed in him.”*

Romans 15:13 (ESV) *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

3. Cultivate a childlike spirit.

Psalms 116:6 (NLT) *The LORD protects those of childlike faith; I was facing death, and he saved me.*

4. Cultivate a thankful spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT) *Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.*

5. Cultivate repentance.

James 4:8 (NIV) *Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

6. Develop an eye for Jesus.

John 3:21 (NLT) *But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants.*