



SEVEN *Expectations* AS A FOLLOWER OF JESUS

We all had some idea of what to expect when we decided to follow Jesus as the Lord of our lives. We dive into the reality of walking with Jesus, shedding light on the misconceived notion that it's an effortless path devoid of challenges. Embracing a down-to-earth perspective, we explore the genuine expectations that accompany the life of a disciple.

EXPECT TRANSFORMATION

As devoted followers of Christ, we can anticipate profound transformation in our lives as we immerse ourselves in God's word. Through the power of His teachings and guidance, we embark on a journey of spiritual growth, renewed perspectives, and a heart that reflects His love and grace. Embracing His word leads to a transformative path, shaping us into individuals who mirror the character of Christ in our thoughts, actions, and relationships.

EXPECT TROUBLE

As followers of Christ, we should not be surprised by the presence of troubles in this world. Jesus Himself foretold that we would face various challenges and difficulties. However, our hope lies in the assurance that He has overcome the world, and as we walk in His footsteps, we find strength, peace, and victory even amidst the trials, knowing that He is with us every step of the way.

EXPECT DISCIPLINE

Hebrews 12:6 reminds us that as beloved disciples of God, we can expect His loving discipline in our lives. Just as a caring parent corrects and guides their children, God's discipline is an expression of His love and desire for our growth and transformation. Embracing His correction with humility and openness allows us to become more aligned with His will, leading us to a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Him.

EXPECT LIFE

As devoted followers of Jesus, we can expect that He will bring us abundant life through the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit. Through His divine guidance and transformative work within us, we are awakened to a deeper sense of purpose, joy, and fulfillment. The Holy Spirit breathes life into our souls, igniting our passions, illuminating God's truth, and enabling us to live with greater love, compassion, and grace towards others, ultimately leading us to a life that overflows with God's blessings.

EXPECT SIGNIFICANCE

In God's kingdom, through His Son Jesus, we find our true significance and purpose. As followers of Christ, we are not mere bystanders but active participants in His divine plan. Through the redemptive work of Jesus, we are reconciled with God and adopted into His family, making us heirs of His promises and co-laborers in fulfilling His purpose on earth. Embracing our identity in Christ, we discover a sense of belonging, value, and worth, knowing that our lives have a meaningful impact in God's eternal design.

EXPECT FUTURE

As devoted Christ followers, we are assured of a future filled with hope and promise through God's unfailing love and grace. Through the sacrificial work of Jesus on the cross, we are reconciled with God, and the gift of eternal life becomes our inheritance. God's faithful promises guarantee that our future is secure in Him, as we journey with confidence, knowing that He is guiding us every step of the way toward a glorious and everlasting destiny.

EXPECT TO NEVER BE ALONE

As followers of Jesus, we can find comfort and strength in the unwavering promise that He will be with us until the end of the age. We are never left to face life's challenges alone, for His abiding presence is a constant source of reassurance, guidance, and companionship. With Jesus by our side, we walk with confidence, knowing that His love and support are ever-present, providing solace in difficult times and filling our hearts with hope and courage for whatever lies ahead.

Through these seven expectations, we embark on a transformative journey filled with both challenges and blessings. We can expect that through God's word, we will experience profound personal growth and a heart that reflects His love. While troubles may arise, we find strength in the knowledge that Jesus has overcome the world, guiding us through every trial with unwavering support. His loving discipline molds us into the image of Christ, and through the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, we are brought fully alive, finding true significance in God's eternal plan. Our future is secure with the promise of eternity and a hope that never fades. And above all, we can rest assured that Jesus will never leave us alone, accompanying us on this journey until the end of the age. Embracing these seven expectations, we find purpose, joy, and fulfillment in a life devoted to following Christ.