

DEFINITION OF undamentals

a central or primary rule or principle on which something is based.

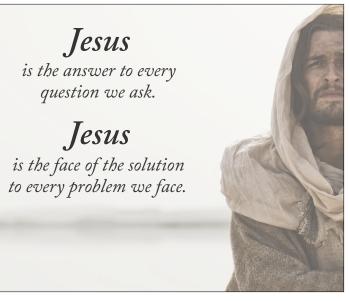
> "I discovered early on that the player who learned the fundamentals of basketball is going to have a much better chance of succeeding and rising through the levels of competition than the player who was content to do things his own way. A player should be interested in learning why things are done a certain way. The reasons behind the teaching often go a long way to helping develop the skill." JOHN WOODEN

Success is neither magical nor mysterious. Success is the natural consequence of consistently applying the basic fundamentals. JIM ROHN ENTREPRENEUR & BUSINESS PHILOSOPHER

Everyone wants to operate at a level of high-performance in some/most/all areas of their life.

definition of High Performance Christianity

Succeeding above and beyond standard norms over the long-term in living out the claims, promises and fundamental beliefs of Christian truth.



WHEN THE IDEAL IS HARD TO ATTAIN, IT'S TEMPTING TO JUST LOWER THE BAR AND REDEFINE THE IDEAL.

IN A WORLD FULL OF CHOICES, THERE IS ONLY ONE VALID STANDARD. IN A WORLD FULL OF OPTIONS, THERE IS ONLY ONE VALID CHOICE.

...the beginning, the launching pad, the starting line for becoming a high-performance Christian, for living the life of high-performance Christianity is Jesus.

COLOSSIANS 1:9

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. *"spiritual wisdom"* knowledge of first principles (fundamentals)

"understanding"

the ability to apply first principles to any given situation that may arise in life

HINDRANCES TO HIGH-PERFORMANCE CHRISTIANITY: What were the problems?

Cultural & Religious Pluralism

"melting pot" of diverse philosophies, religions, and value systems.

Syncretism

"the mingling together of different religions to make one new whole"

Intellectual novelties

"new and novel ideas which had nothing to add to the truth of the gospel"

"It is not until a man finds his faith opposed and attacked that he really begins to think about the implications of that faith. It is not until the Church is confronted with some dangerous heresy that she begins to realize the riches and the wonder of orthodoxy."

WILLIAM BARCLAY

WHAT HIGH PERFORMANCE CHRISTIANITY LOOKS LIKE

COLOSSIANS 1:10-12

And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work,... growing in the knowledge of God,...

WHAT HIGH PERFORMANCE CHRISTIANITY LOOKS LIKE

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being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might...

so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

HOW IS HIGH PERFORMANCE CHRISTIANITY POSSIBLE?

COLOSSIANS 1:13-14

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

WHY HIGH PERFORMANCE CHRISTIANITY IS NOT OPTIONAL

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

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He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

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...he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

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COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

"Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication."

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." C. S. LEWIS

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