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Living a worldly lifestyle is natural and instinctive to us. We don't have to choose it. It's automatic. But it's impossible to live supernaturally through human means.

Supernatural living is based on our relationship with God and requires the right mindset.

Our frame of mind toward God, the future, and others has a profound effect on how we live our lives. Having the right mindset is a choice, but first, we must clearly understand how God defines spiritual faith, divine hope, and Christian love.

Faith - Lens to Look at God

God is the object of spiritual faith. We trust in Him and His character. Because He is trustworthy, we believe what He says with confidence. We follow through on our trust in God and belief in His Word by taking the appropriate action. As we persevere in doing what God has told us, He brings about the fulfillment of what He said He would do.

“So do not throw away your confidence, because it has great reward. For you need endurance in order to do God's will and so receive what is promised. For just a little longer and he who is coming will arrive and not delay. But my righteous one will live by faith, and if he shrinks back, I take no pleasure in him.” - Hebrews 10:35-38

Hope - Lens to Look at the Future

Human hope is often nothing more than wishful thinking. On the other hand, divine hope is based totally on the goodness of God and His faithfulness to keep His promises.

“Not only this, but we also rejoice in sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance, character, and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” - Romans 5:3-5

Difficulties in life are like a gym for spiritual exercise. Troubles, pressures, afflictions, and hardships are the exercise equipment designed to build us spiritually.

Whenever we have to face difficulties, our muscles of endurance will be developed if we hang on to God and His words of truth and refuse to give in. Then we will have even more fortitude and stamina for future challenges. Increased endurance helps us to press on so God can burn away the impurities of our character.

It is only as we walk through these tough times with God that we may experience His presence, strength, goodness, and faithfulness to a greater degree. Only with God and by His grace, we can emerge from all the trials as more than conquerors. So, we face the future with this hope in our ever-present heavenly Father through the Holy Spirit in our life.

Love - Lens to Look at Others

God is love. This divine love is an act of self-sacrifice. True love does what is good for others. It is more than feelings. It is an action and also a choice.

“I give you a new commandment—to love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. Everyone will know by this that you are my disciples—if you have love for one another.” - John 13:34-35

1 John 4:18 says there is no fear in love. As we experience God’s perfect love for us, it replaces all the fears in us. When your motivation is love, you are bold and secure. “If we love one another, God resides in us, and his love is **perfected** in us” (1 John 4:12).