

Growing Faith

Series: Faith Goals

“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.” Ephesians 1:3

THE “WHY”: Why Should I Pursue Spiritual Growth?

1. Because God Will Build My Faith

“And now I entrust you to God and His care and to His wonderful words that are able to build your faith and give you all the inheritance of those who are set apart for Himself.” Acts 20:32

2. Because God Will Guide My Direction

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 119:105

3. Because God Will Bless My Life

“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” Joshua 1:8

4. Because God Will Heal My Heart

“For the word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are.” Hebrews 4:12

THE “WHAT”: What Can I Do To Experience Spiritual Growth?

1. Set My Angle Of Approach

“Like newborn babies, crave spiritual milk, so by it you may grow up in your salvation.” 1 Peter 2:2

2. Find Joy In Doing The Christian Life

Oh, the joys of those who... delight in doing everything God wants them to, and day and night are always meditating on His laws and thinking about ways to follow Him more closely. They are like trees along a riverbank bearing luscious fruit each season without fail. Their leaves shall never wither, and all they do shall prosper. Psalm 1:1-3

3. Share My Spiritual Life With Others

“These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7

4. Take Action On What I Learn

“Don’t fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear! Those who hear and don’t act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are or what they look like.” James 1:22-24

“Carry out My instructions. Don’t forsake them. Guard them for they will lead you to a fulfilled life.” Proverbs 4:13

A Plan To Get Started With

1) Get Time With God Every Day

“Quiet Time” = Bible reading and prayer

The Reason: To Get Direction From God

“Show me the path where I should go, O Lord; point out the right road for me to walk. Lead me...” Psalm 23:4

The Routine: To Get Alone

“Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.” Luke 5:16

The Result: God’s Help

Jesus said, “If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, then you may ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it!” John 15:7

2) Get Together With Other Believers Regularly

“Fellowship” = being together with others in the church family

The Reason: To Be Encouraged By Each Other

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together... instead, let us encourage each other...” Hebrews 10:25

The Routine: At Church And In Homes

“(They met) day after day, in the Temple courts and from house to house.” Acts 5:42

The Result: You Are More Effective

“Two are better off than one, because together they are more effective. If one falls down, the other can help him up.” Ephesians 4:9-10