Spiritual Growth

- · Want to grow / be stronger
- · Don't want to become weak

Yet, Times feel – weaker Not grown as should Wonder if making progress

All Christians Should Be Growing

- 1 Pet. 2:2 desire milk as babes grow
- 2 Pet. 3:18 grow in grace & knowledge
- Eph. 4:14 do not be tossed to and fro
- 1 Thess. 3:12 increase and abound
- 1 Thess. 4:10 increase more and more
- Heb. 5:11-14 time ought to be teachers

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Principles of Spiritual Growth

- Simple
- · Nothing New
- Involves Doing What Already Know
- · Takes Time
- · Takes Work
- · Takes Patience

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I. Faithful in Study

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A. Word is the source of growth

Acts 20:32 – able to build you up Rom. 10:17 – faith – hearing – word 1 Cor. 14:1-5 – edified by revelation. cf. 1 Cor. 15:1-3

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Mt. 5:6 – hunger & thirst after righteousness 1 Pet. 2:1-2 – as babes desire milk Psa. 119:16, 72, 127, 162

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- C. Regular & consistent study

Regular & Consistent

Acts 13:27 – Jews read law every Sabbath

Mt. 19:4; 22:31 – Rebuked – should have read

Acts 17:11 – searched scriptures daily

1 Tim. 4:13 – give attention to reading

Ps. 1:1-3 – meditates day and night

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- C. Regular & consistent study
- D. Will accomplish:

Faithful Study of the Word Will:

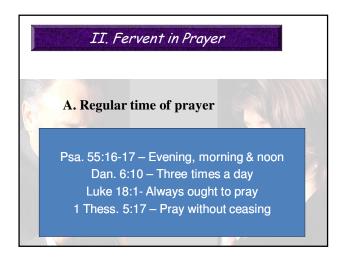
- · Give greater knowledge (1 Pet. 3:16-18;
- 2 Tim. 3:16-17)
- Give Wisdom (2 Tim. 3:15)
- Discourage sin (Psa. 119:11)
- Equip us for service (2 Tim. 3:17)

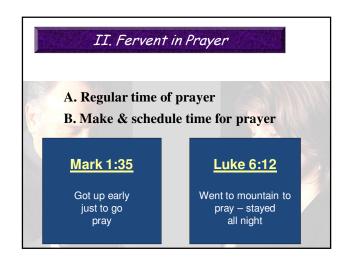
Diligent & Faithful Study

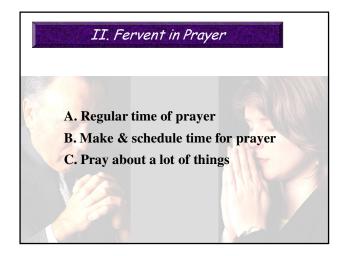
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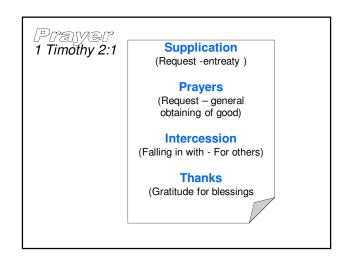
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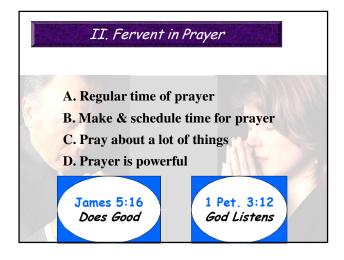


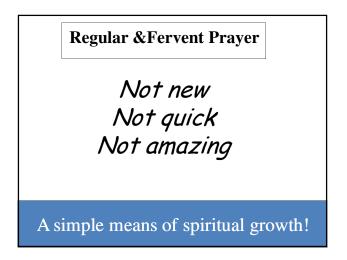














III. Focus in Worship

A. Worship take work

- Easy to let minds wander
 - Concentration takes work / effort
 - The outward motions is not the hard part
 - Many things call for attention
 - ▶People around us
 - ➤ Those leading
 - ➤ Traffic in / out

III. Focus in Worship

- A. Worship take work
- B. Worship is to be sincere / from heart

John 4:24 Must Worship In Spirit & In Truth

III. Focus in Worship

- A. Worship take work
- B. Worship is to be sincere / from heart
- C. Focus on:
- What we are doing (song, words, etc)
- What is being said (prayer, sermon)
- The One we worship (God almighty)
- Meaning of the Lord supper (body, blood, death, etc.)

Sincere &Focused Worship

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IV. Fruitful In Love

Mt. 22:36-40

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? And he said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second like (unto it) is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments the whole law hangeth, and the prophets."

IV. Fruitful In Love



- · More than acknowledging God
- Keep commands (Jno. 14:15; 1 John 2:2ff; 5:3)
- Practice what know (Lk 17:6-10; James 1:22)

Brethren

- Can't grow without love (1 John 4:21)
- Fruit: fulfill responsibility (Rom. 13:8f) Weep & rejoice (Rom. 12:15)

Restore (Gal. 6:1) Encourage (Heb. 10:24)

Honest & Fruitful Love

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I. Faithful in Study II. Fervent in Prayer III. Focus in Worship IV. Fruitful In Love V. First In Spiritual Matters

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Mt. 6:33 Seek First Kingdom & Right.

1 Pet. 3:15 Sanctify Lord God Above Pleasure
Above Family
Above Jobs
Above Education
Above Self
Mt. 16:24

First & Foremost Priority

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