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### **The Church Must Grow Up Spiritually**

God's creation; men, animals, and plants, were created to develop and grow to maturity. Mankind grows physically, mentally and we should also grow up spiritually. Growing up spiritually has not happened in the majority of people because of a lack of teaching. The Bible is a spiritual book, and through it we contact God; because He is Spirit.

If we just develop in the body and mind, God will be completely left out. We will have to try to navigate through life without the help of God. Let me give you an example in the natural to compare to something in the spiritual realm. If a baby is born with brain damage, what do you think is in store for this child as he or she grows? You guessed it; he will have limited abilities to achieve success in this world. Well think about a person that never develops spiritually. What will they be able to achieve in the spiritual world? Even though God has planned so many things for man to receive and enjoy, they will never receive them without spiritual maturity. So today we will be sharing with you how to mature spiritually.

Let's put first things first. God is beyond, and cannot be comprehended by, our five senses. The way we have learned mentally basically comes from the outside in. The material world is realized through our five senses. God is realized through faith. Just like God gave us five senses to contact this natural world, He gives us faith to contact the things of the spirit. Let's look at some Scriptures that bear this out.

Romans 12:3 KJV For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Notice that God has dealt to every man the measure of faith. We have faith in the spiritual, just like we have eyesight in the natural. Through the faith that God has given us, we can start the process of growing and developing spiritually. As we read the Bible in faith, our spiritual life will take off. We will become all that God wants us to grow into.

In this natural world, we have highly-developed people in many different types of vocations. All of them have used something God has given them to achieve success; that is their five senses. Just think about a person that plays a musical instrument, the majority have at least three senses in operation as they play; they use their senses to see, hear, and touch. Now we know that there are many blind musicians, but that's not the norm. Now let me take you over into spiritual development. God gave you the measure of faith to start connecting to His world; the world of the spirit. Faith gives you the ability to see God, hear God, and understand Him. This is always tied to the Bible. Faith takes what the Bible says and acts on it. Let me give you an example from Scripture

Matthew 14:25-33 KJV And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. [26] And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. [27] But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. [28] And Peter answered Him and said, Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water. [29] And He said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. [30] But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. [31] And immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? [32] And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. [33] Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped Him, saying, Of a truth Thou art the Son of God.

Peter walked on the water by faith. He went beyond his five senses and did something supernatural. If he had been operating just by his five senses, he would have never gotten out of that boat. He walked on the water by faith. Peter had said if it's You Lord bid me to come on the water, and Jesus said for him to come. Now I want you to see what caused him to start sinking. He saw the wind boisterous. His five senses produced fear; and when fear came, faith left, and he needed Jesus to save him from drowning. This was one day in Peter's spiritual development. If you do a search on Peter's life in the New Testament, you will see a man that shook the known world at that time. Peter had appeared as just a natural man who had grown and developed physically, mentally, and spiritually. He did things that natural man hardly ever does. I will leave you with a couple of Scriptures that, if you apply them to your life, you will also grow up spiritually.

Ephesians 4:11-15 KJV And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; [12] For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: [13] Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: [14] That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; [15] But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

We can grow up and be like Jesus.

Love you,  
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday  
Psalm chapters 5-6

Tuesday  
Psalm chapters 7-8

Wednesday  
Psalm chapters 9-10

Thursday  
Psalm chapters 11-14

Friday  
Psalm chapters 15-17

Saturday  
Psalm chapter 18

Sunday  
Psalm chapters 19-20

#### STAY CONNECTED

\*\*Here is our NEW link for The Christian Center app -  
<http://my.itexttoday.net/apps/2323/8833/indexm.html>

\*\*There will be no women's aerobics October 10-14

\*\*Women's Fellowship: Saturday 9am in the Fellowship Hall

\*\*If you're not registered to vote, tables are set up at each entrance with voter registration information and party platforms

\*\*WOW Women's Conference October 28-29. Cost is \$40. The deadline for registration and money is Sunday, October 16. Ushers have forms

#### Sunday Schedule

- \* Prayer: 9am Lee Blvd entrance
- \* Fellowship in Café 9:15-9:45 am.
- \* Services 10:45 am

Adult, Youth, and Children  
classes 9:45-10:30 am

Faith Class: -  
Michael Whitley

Foundation 1 Class: -  
Pastor Paul

Foundation 2 Class: -  
Mike Wiggins

Healing Class: -  
Lester/Monica Witherspoon

Marriage Class:-  
Danny/Demetrice Williams

Prayer Class: -  
Joe Cunningham

Children's Sunday School:  
6 months - 5th grade

Youth Service:  
6th - 12th grade

Young Singles/College&Career:-  
Eliav/Kim Nash

#### REGULAR ACTIVITIES Daily

\* Early Morning Prayer in Sanctuary: Monday-Friday 6:15-7:15am

\* Noonday Bible Study: Mon-Fri 12:15 in Sanctuary or 91.1fm or live stream on TCC app

\* Women's Dance Aerobics: cancelled next week

#### Weekly

\* Monday Night Care Group: In Sanctuary under balcony 7pm

\* Wednesday night: Adult and Youth Services 7pm (Youth meet in Youth area)

\* Mobile Prayer: Wed 2-3pm Lee Blvd parking lot; Fri 2-3:30pm Sam's Warehouse

\* Friday Night Prayer: 7pm in Sanctuary under balcony

#### Monthly

\* Men's Meeting: 1st Saturday in Sanctuary 9-11am

\* Crosses at the Corner: 1st Saturday 11am-1am corner of Sheridan and Cache Rd.

\* Women's Meeting: 2nd Saturday 9am in Fellowship Hall

\* Women's Discipleship: 3rd Thursday 5pm in Sanctuary

\* Horse Ministry: 3rd Saturday 10am-1pm at Camp Faith

