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LIVING WHAT WE LEARN

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDITION OF MY SOUL?

Time doesn't produce maturity... intentional pursuit does.

What God has placed within us, must now be lived out through a life of faithful obedience.

Have you had the mindset that TIME was equivalent to GROWTH, as far as someone's walk with Christ?

"Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him." (Philippians 2:12-13, NLT)

Just as in life there are some responsibilities no one else can carry FOR you, same for your spiritual life.

How does it make you feel when you realize Only You can decide whether you will pursue Christ?

Becoming a Christian and growing as a Christian are not the same thing.

What is the difference?



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1. SALVATION IS INSTANT. MATURITY IS PROGRESSIVE.

**Becoming like Jesus does not happen in a moment. It happens over a lifetime.
(SANCTIFICATION)**

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS IN YOUR WALK WITH CHRIST?

WHAT CHANGES WERE MADE WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR OF YOUR SALVATION?

(IF YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED AT LEAST A COUPLE YEARS) WHAT CHANGES WERE MADE WITHIN THIS PAST YEAR?

The Christian life is not measured by how fast you grow.

It is measured by whether you are growing.

LOOKING BACK ON YOUR WALK WITH CHRIST SO FAR, HAVE THERE BEEN SEASONS OF GROWTH AND SEASONS THAT HAVE SEEMED STAGNANT?

CAN YOU SEE A REASON OR A PATTERN TO THE PITS AND PEAKS OF YOUR GROWTH?

2. WHAT DOES "WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION" MEAN?

Ephesians 2,

"God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God."



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The phrase "work out" carries the idea of bringing something to completion or allowing something already present to become visible.

Paul is saying...

"Let what God has already done inside of you become evident in the way you live."

HOW HAVE YOU LIVED OUT YOUR FAITH?

HOW HAVE YOU PRACTICED YOUR FAITH?

HOW HAVE YOU DEVELOPED YOUR FAITH?

3. GOD'S PART AND OUR PART

"For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him."

Verse 12 says, "Work out..."

Verse 13 says, "For God is working in you..."

Our responsibility never competes with God's grace. It depends on it.

Growth happens when God's power and our willing response come together.

HAVE YOU EVER FELT THAT GOD ASKED YOU TO GROW ALONE?

-GOD SUPPLIES THE POWER: WE SUPPLY THE SURRENDER.

-GOD PROVIDES THE STRENGTH: WE CHOOSE OBEDIENCE.



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-GOD CHANGES THE HEART: WE RESPOND IN FAITH.

Your failures do not cancel God's faithfulness.

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU MESS UP?

The question is not whether God is committed to your growth.

The question is whether you are willing to cooperate with His work.

**4. GOD HAS ALREADY GIVEN US
EVERYTHING WE NEED**

2 Peter 1:3

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.

AS EVIDENCE OF GOD'S GENEROSITY:

- a. God Has Given Us His Word**
- b. God Has Given Us Prayer**
- c. God Has Given Us the Holy Spirit**
- d. God Has Given Us the Church**

**ARE YOU READING THE BIBLE? HOW OFTEN?
HOW ARE YOU STUDYING IT? DO YOU FIND IT
CORRECTING YOU? DO YOU FIND IT
COMFORTING YOU?**



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HOW IS YOUR PRAYER LIFE? ARE YOU SPENDING TIME DAILY SPEAKING TO GOD? ARE YOU SPENDING TIME DAILY LISTENING TO GOD? ARE YOU WORSHIPPING? ARE YOU CONFESSING?

GOD IS PRESENT WITHIN YOU THROUGH THE POWER OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT. HOW DOES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL? HOW DOES IT HELP YOU IN YOUR WALK? HOW HAS IT CHANGED YOUR LIFE?

HOW HAS THE CHURCH BECOME PART OF YOUR FAMILY? HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED ENCOURAGEMENT? CORRECTION? CELEBRATION? ARE YOU SERVING? ARE YOU GROWING ALONGSIDE OTHERS?

We Have More Than Previous Generations Ever Imagined

- **Thousands of Bibles.**
- **Bible apps.**
- **Podcasts.**
- **Livestreams.**
- **Christian books.**
- **Bible software.**
- **Worship music available every hour of every day.**
- **Commentaries.**
- **Discipleship classes.**



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- **Life Groups.**
- **Children's ministries.**
- **Youth ministries.**
- **Mission opportunities.**

WHAT TOOLS DO YOU USE? WITH ALL THESE RESOURCES AVAILABLE, HAVE YOU MATURED IN YOUR WALK?

HAVE YOU FOUND YOURSELF 'KNOWING' BUT NOT 'DOING'?

HAVE YOU NEGLECTED WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY PROVIDED TO YOU?

ARE YOU A TEACHABLE CHRISTIAN?

ARE YOU QUICK TO REPENT?

ARE YOU DIFFICULT TO OFFEND?

DO YOU LOVE WHAT GOD LOVES?

ARE YOU PART OF THE CHURCH, NOT JUST ATTENDING?

5. THE INVITATION TO WALK WITH GOD

"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him."

Those two verses have been walking side by side this entire morning.

One reminds us of our responsibility.



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The other reminds us of God's provision.

If you separate them, you end up in error.

If all you read is verse 12, you'll think the Christian life depends entirely on you.

You'll become exhausted trying to earn what God has already given by grace.

If all you read is verse 13, you may become passive, waiting for God to do what He has called you to do.

But when you put them together, you discover the beauty of the Gospel.

ARE YOU DAILY FOLLOWING CHRIST?

AS PART OF THE CHURCH BODY, ARE YOU DOING EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO DO AS A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF GOD?

Who is taking responsibility for your walk with God?

What has God already provided that you have been neglecting?

What is one step of obedience you need to take this week?

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND DO YOUR PART IN YOUR WALK? BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PART OF THE CHURCH?

What was the biggest take away from today's lesson?