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# Essentials

*sermon notes*

Roots: Session Two

*Developing the essential habits of a growing Christian*

## INTRODUCTION

### Grow with Grace

The purpose of this class is to provide the tools to help each believer further their relationship with Jesus and become spiritually mature.

THEN WE WILL NO LONGER BE IMMATURE LIKE CHILDREN. WE WON'T BE TOSSED AND BLOWN ABOUT BY EVERY WIND OF NEW TEACHING. WE WILL NOT BE INFLUENCED WHEN PEOPLE TRY TO TRICK US WITH LIES SO CLEVER THEY SOUND LIKE THE TRUTH. INSTEAD, WE WILL SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE, GROWING IN EVERY WAY MORE AND MORE LIKE CHRIST, WHO IS THE HEAD OF HIS BODY, THE CHURCH.

Ephesians 4:14-15

FOR GOD KNEW HIS PEOPLE IN ADVANCE, AND HE CHOSE THEM TO BECOME LIKE HIS SON...

Romans 8:29

Grace bridges the gap and allows us to grow.

Our separation from God because of sin

The gap between who I am now and who God created me to be.

Spiritual growth involves changing our behavior and character so it resembles and reflects Jesus.

Using Bible Study and Prayer to grow

A vibrant and healthy relationship with God is developed and sustained through Bible study and prayer.

“ALL SCRIPTURE IS INSPIRED BY GOD AND IS USEFUL TO TEACH US WHAT IS TRUE AND TO MAKE US REALIZE WHAT IS WRONG IN OUR LIVES. IT CORRECTS US WHEN WE ARE WRONG AND TEACHES US TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT. GOD USES IT TO PREPARE AND EQUIP HIS PEOPLE TO DO EVERY GOOD WORK.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

## GETTING MORE FROM MY BIBLE

### 1. I must accept its authority

We believe that the Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all truths. In its original writing it is inspired, unfailing and without error.

#### **Receive God's Word with an open heart**

“SO PAY ATTENTION TO HOW YOU HEAR. TO THOSE WHO LISTEN TO MY (JESUS') TEACHING, MORE UNDERSTANDING WILL BE GIVEN. BUT FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT LISTENING, EVEN WHAT THEY THINK THEY UNDERSTAND WILL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM.”

Luke 8:18

#### **Respond to God's Word with obedience**

“BUT DON'T JUST LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD. YOU MUST DO WHAT IT SAYS. OTHERWISE, YOU ARE ONLY FOOLING YOURSELVES.”

James 1:22

### 2. I must absorb its truths

#### **Hearing God's Word**

“SO FAITH COMES FROM HEARING, THAT IS, HEARING THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT CHRIST.”

Romans 10:17

#### **Read God's Word**

“GOD BLESSES THE ONE WHO READS THE WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY TO THE CHURCH, AND HE BLESSES ALL WHO LISTEN TO ITS MESSAGE AND OBEY WHAT IT SAYS”

Revelation 1:3

### **Study God's Word**

“AND THE PEOPLE OF BEREA WERE MORE OPEN-MINDED THAN THOSE IN THESSALONICA, AND THEY LISTENED EAGERLY TO PAUL’S MESSAGE. THEY SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAY AFTER DAY TO SEE IF PAUL AND SILAS WERE TEACHING THE TRUTH.”

Acts 17:11

### **Memorize God's Word**

“OBEY MY COMMANDS AND LIVE! GUARD MY INSTRUCTIONS AS YOU GUARD YOUR OWN EYES. TIE THEM ON YOUR FINGERS AS A REMINDER. WRITE THEM DEEP WITHIN YOUR HEART.”

Proverbs 7:2-3

### **Meditate on God's Word**

“BUT THEY DELIGHT IN THE LAW OF THE LORD, MEDITATING ON IT DAY AND NIGHT. THEY ARE LIKE TREES PLANTED ALONG THE RIVERBANK, BEARING FRUIT EACH SEASON.”

Psalms 1:2-3

## 3. I must apply its principles

“NOW THAT YOU KNOW THESE THINGS, GOD WILL BLESS YOU FOR DOING THEM.”

John 13:17

“BUT DON’T JUST LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD. YOU MUST DO WHAT IT SAYS. OTHERWISE, YOU ARE ONLY FOOLING YOURSELVES.”

James 1:22

## TALKING WITH GOD

Jesus exemplified a personal relationship with God through prayer that gave Him great strength. Every person who has ever been effective in service to God has developed this habit. The only way to be a healthy Christian is to spend time with God having frequent conversations.

### 1. The Purpose of a Daily Prayer Time

#### **To give devotion to God.**

“IN ALL THAT HE DID IN THE SERVICE OF THE TEMPLE OF GOD AND IN HIS EFFORTS TO FOLLOW GOD’S LAWS AND COMMANDS, HEZEKIAH SOUGHT HIS GOD WHOLEHEARTEDLY. AS A RESULT, HE WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL.”

2 Chronicles 31:21

**To get direction from God.**

“SHOW ME THE RIGHT PATH, O LORD; POINT OUT THE ROAD FOR ME TO FOLLOW. LEAD ME BY YOUR TRUTH AND TEACH ME, FOR YOU ARE THE GOD WHO SAVES ME. ALL DAY LONG I PUT MY HOPE IN YOU.”

Psalm 25:4-5

**To delight in God.**

“TAKE DELIGHT IN THE LORD, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU YOUR HEART’S DESIRES.”

Psalm 37:4

**To grow in my relationship with God.**

**2. The Model Jesus Gave Us for Prayer**

“ONCE JESUS WAS IN A CERTAIN PLACE PRAYING. AS HE FINISHED, ONE OF HIS DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM AND SAID, “LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY”

Luke 11:1

““IN THIS MANNER, THEREFORE, PRAY: OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME. YOUR KINGDOM COME. YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS. AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE. FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.”

Matthew 6:9-13 NKJV

**Connect with God in a personal way**

“OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN”

**Express your love to Him – worship**

“HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME”

**Agree with His agenda**

“YOUR KINGDOM COME. YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.”

**Depend on Him for everything**

“GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD”

**Keep your heart right with God and with people.**

“FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS”

**Take a stand against the enemy.**

“DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE. ”

**End whit faith by giving thanks for His ability to answer your prayer.**

“FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN”





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