

sermon notes

MULTI-POINT INSPECTION

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends You, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Psalms 139:23-24 NLT

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 10:10 NKJV

1. Change the Oil

Anyone rubbing you the wrong way? Causing friction? Getting you heated up? When we set aside time to be filled with the Holy Spirit—to be anointed—He pours His grace on us.

Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:18-20 NLT

But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil.

Psalms 92:10 NKJV

You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.”

Psalms 23:5 NKJV

2. Check Your Brakes

Life seems to travel at pretty fast speeds. If we are not careful we lose the ability to stop when we need to. Being intentional about prayer, reading the word and being in His presence help us live in His grace and strength to **say no when we need to**.

We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.

Romans 6:6-7 NLT

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age.

Titus 2:11-12 NKJV

God's readiness to give and forgive is now public. Salvation's available for everyone! We're being shown how to turn our backs on a godless, indulgent life, and how to take on a God-filled, God-honoring life. This new life is starting right now.

Titus 2:11-12 MSG

3. Check Tire Wear

A. Uneven wear: *I'm in a rut*

B. My tires are bald: *I have no traction*

Set aside time to get God's perspective – new vision and divine opportunities.

He makes my feet like Hinds' feet [able to stand firmly or make progress on the dangerous heights of testing and trouble]; He sets me securely upon my high places.

Psalms 18:33 AMP

“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Philadelphia. This is the message from the One who is holy and true, the One who has the key of David. What He opens, no one can close; and what He closes, no one can open.

Revelation 3:7 NLT

4. Wash and Wax

Spending time in God's word allows us to see how God sees us. “I am who You say I am”.

... Christ loved the church. He gave up His life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word.

Ephesians 5:25-26 NLT

“Christ's love makes the church whole. His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her, dressing her in dazzling white silk, radiant with holiness.”

Ephesians 5:26-27 MSG

CONSIDER AND DISCUSS

- Review each of the four points, and discuss how the scriptures used support the point being made.
- Is it easier for you to just “live life” and press on rather than stop and do a “multipoint inspection”? Why do you think that is? If changes are needed, how would you go about starting to change?
- Which of the four points do you most relate to? Why?
- How can spending time with the Holy Spirit help us to deal with issues such as friction, offenses, sin patterns or ruts in our lives? Do you have examples from your own life where you advanced in some area that you could share with the group?

Personal Challenge

- Consider your personal life right now: January is a great month to refocus, but are you making time in your schedule *now* to allow God to work in your life?
- Choose the one of the four points that most speaks to you, and meditate on the scriptures provided. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to apply the truth of these scriptures to your life.



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