

Sunday Evening January 10, 2010

Seven Steps to Spiritual Health (II Peter 1:5-8)

1. Faith + Effort = GOODNESS.

- Goodness is knowing what is right and having the **COURAGE** to do it.

2. KNOWLEDGE.

- Biblical knowledge is: absorbing **TRUTH** into your heart.
- The concept of knowledge means to have an **INTIMATE** relationship with the truth.

3. Self-control

4. PERSEVERANCE.

- Actively stay on **COURSE**.
- The determination to keep on without **QUITTING**.

5. Godliness.

- **REFLECTING** the personality of Jesus.

6. KINDNESS.

- Treating someone better than they **DESERVE**.

7. Love.

- Seeking to **PLEASE** rather than to be **PLEASED**.

Sunday Evening January 17, 2010

“In-Tents Living” (II Peter 1:12-15)

- Our PRESENT “Tents” (bodies) are **IMPERFECT** “Tents” (like a leaking pup tent)

I Corinthians 4:16, 18, 5:4

HUMAN LIFE CONSISTS OF:

➤ The **INVISIBLE**—(spirit & soul)

➤ The **VISIBLE**—(body)

- Death is the **DEPARTURE** of the spirit from the body (like leaving a tent).

II Corinthians 5:6-8

- Our FUTURE “Tents” will be **PERFECT** “Tents” (like trading a pup tent for a mansion)

II Corinthians 5:1, 6-8

Sunday Evening March 21, 2010

“How to I.D. Counterfeit Christians” (II Peter 2:10-16)

- They Behave Like **ANIMALS.**
- They Blaspheme **HEAVENLY** Beings.
- They Blemish The **CHURCH**
- They are Blinded by **GREED**

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- It's not our job to **ROOT OUT** false Christians, God will deal with them
- Make sure there isn't a counterfeit Christian in your **MIRROR!**

Sunday Evening April 4, 2010

“How to Answer a Sarcastic Skeptic” (II Peter 3:1-8)

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Sunday Evening April 11th

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Sunday Evening April 18, 2010

“How to Answer a Sarcastic Skeptic”(Cont). (II Peter 3:1-8)

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GOD’S PERSONALITY PROFILE.

- God is INFINITE--not limited by time or space.
- God is PATIENT--not slow in keeping His promises
- God is LOVING--not wanting anyone to perish
- God is JUST--will not excuse those who refuse to repent

Sunday Evening May 2, 2010

“What Kind of Person Should I Be?” (II Peter 3:10-18).

I SHOULD BE....

- **LOOKING forward to the Future.**
 - To the day of the **LORD**.
 - To a **NEW** heaven and earth.

- **LIVING differently in the present.**
 - Maintain **PURITY** in a corrupt world.
 - Maintain **PEACE** with God.

- **LEARNING more about Jesus.**
 - Growing in **GRACE**.
 - Growing in **KNOWLEDGE**.

Sunday Evening May 9, 2010

Be Great In God's Eyes (Phil 4:8-9)

Thinking Great Thoughts.

- God COMMANDS great thoughts.
- You are what you THINK.

Sources of Great Thoughts.

- Start with SCRIPTURE.
- Take time to notice BEAUTY.
 - Consider the enormity and goodness of GOD.
 - Focus on the PROMISES of the Promiser.
- Meditate on SPIRITUAL insights.
 - Look for SECURITY in Christ rather than in the opinions of others.
 - God LOVES ME at this moment as much as He ever had or ever will.
 - COMPARISON is at the core of carnality.

Tips to Get You Started to Greatness.

- Memorize and meditate on SCRIPTURE.
- Use your DRIVE time.
- Listen to great MUSIC.
- Take WALKS in nature.
- PERSONALIZE scriptural truth and promises.

Sunday Evening May 23
Dream Great Dreams (Selected Scripture)

The Birthing of Great Dreams.
When we begin to believe:

- God is **ABLE**.
- God is **DESIROUS**.
- God has **PROMISED**.
- God **INVITES** us.

Principles to Dream and Live by.

- God commands us to step out of our **COMFORT ZONE**.
- God puts His **DREAM** in your heart.
- God teaches us through adversity to love the **DREAM-GIVER** more than the dream.
- God often uses our worst **FAILURES** as the platform of His future fulfillment.

Getting Started on Dreaming Great Dreams.

- **WRITE** your dream down.
- Read dreams over **REGULARLY**.
- **PRAY** over your dreams.
- Watch for God's **INTERVENTION**.

Sunday Evening May 30

No Evening Service

Sunday Evening June 6

Pray Great Prayers—Part I. (John 16:22-24)

God's Sacred Invitation.

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 - They line up perfectly with the WILL of Jesus.
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Sunday Evening June 14, 2010

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Sunday Evening July 11, 2010

“Take Great Risks” (Jeremiah 29: 11-13: Luke 8: 41-42, 49-56)

Radical Step of Faith.

- Every Christian’s life is marked by windows of opportunity that demand a RADICAL STEP of faith.
 - The Lord will bring you to the edge of a DECISION.
 - Where there is no risk there is no FAITH.
 - At a critical point in life you will have a decision that pits OBEDIENCE against comfort or convenience.

Consequences of a Risk Free Life.

- Remember where there is no:
 - Risk there is no FAITH.
 - Faith there is no POWER or JOY or intimacy with God.
 - Risk there are no supernatural MIRACLES.
 - Risk there is no REWARD.
 - Risk there is no PLEASING God.
- The common denominator of all great Christians and all great churches is RADICAL FAITH.
 - Radical steps of faith always have in common:
 - They involve RISK.
 - They fit with God’s clearly defined WILL.
 - Greatness only comes through OBSTACLES.

Becoming a great Risk-Taker for God.....

- REFOCUS your fear.
- REJUVENATE your faith.
- RECALL God’s Faithfulness.

Sunday Evening July 18, 2010

“Make Great Sacrifices” ([Acts 5: 40-42](#))

The Magnetic Pull of Sacrifice.

- Sacrifice is the clearest EVIDENCE of the extent of one’s love and devotion.
- The measure of our sacrifice demonstrates what MATTERS MOST.
 - The degree of sacrifice corresponds to the degree of our LOVE.
 - Great Christians demonstrate great love by MAKING great sacrifices.
- FEAR is the primary reason most have a difficult time unreservedly offering ourselves as a living sacrifice.
- God always TAKES CARE of the one who signed a “blank check.”

Motivation to Make Great Sacrifices.

- An understanding of God’s UNCONDITIONAL love.
- A desire to embrace opportunities to GIVE extravagantly.
- The conviction and certainty of God’s eternal GOODNESS.
- A recognition and acceptance of God’s sovereign OWNERSHIP.

A Measure of Your Love.

- How GREAT is your love God’s kingdom?
- A great Christian, sacrifices everything with a PASSION.