

THE CHRISTIAN MAN – GROWTH

QUICK OPENER

1. What is something you really LOVE? _____
2. The things you love, you are willing to invest time in, give time and energy to
3. How many of you want to prosper?

This morning, we are going to discuss the topic of Growth for The Christian Man – Chapter Three in our book.

Last week, John talked about Life Balance / Priorities. Even in that frame of mind, there needs to be a Balance of which aspect in your life are you prioritizing?

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

What do you think is the goal of spiritual Growth is? To be a disciple

Matt. 28:18-20

To become a disciple is the highest honor to which you can aspire.

Jesus will teach you

Jesus will develop you

To grow in your knowledge of Jesus/God

We are called to live in Christ

We are challenged to Abide in Christ

We are equipped to live Like Christ

2 Peter 1:3-8

Patrick Morley says – *Today, although most men believe in God, every study I've seen shows that less than 10% of men are involved in any kind of discipleship.* (p. 80)

THREE KEY COMPONENTS / TAKE AWAYS FROM THIS CHAPTER – IN A NUTSHELL

The Bible

- to know God – Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Word of God
- this takes time, prioritizing your time to be in the Word, so the Word can be in you
- this takes time and discipline
- Warren Wiersbe said, *How you treat the Bible, is how you treat Jesus.*



Small Groups

- There is such value in being with other men, like *MOMENTUM* – to be intentional with, to grow.
- It will cost you time and effort. You will benefit from it and so will your family.
- Jesus used this method (Small Groups) and evangelist, Billy Graham, said this would be the best strategy to make disciples

Serving

- Jesus taught the disciples by serving the needs of others, as they traveled

TABLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The big idea for this chapter is, *A Bible, a small group, and serving someone else will solve 90% of your problems*. It's hyperbole, of course, but can you share an example of how one or more of these three aspects of personal spiritual growth have changed your life, or was a turning point in your life?
2. What do the following verses say **about**:
 - the Bible? Hebrews 4:12 – *For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*
 - Small groups participation Hebrews 10:25 – *...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*
 - serving someone else? Galatians 5:14-15 – *For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.* 1 Peter 4:10 – *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...*
3. Rate yourself from 1 to 10 on the following: 10=highest
 - Reading the Bible _____
 - Small groups participation _____
 - Serving others _____
4. From which of the three activities listed above might you *most accelerate* your spiritual growth/maturity; your knowledge, wisdom, impact, accountability? Do you plan to do anything differently now – and, if so – *what*?

Men, take your experience with God – that keeps you going and growing – and share it with someone else. Be The Christian Man, sharpening another Man! Proverbs 27:17
Discipleship – Be a Disciple