

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

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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.

Sunday Evening July 25, 2010

Enjoy Great Moments (Ecclesiastes 3:1-13)

Reasons to enjoy great moments

- It reminds us of God's GOODNESS.
- It sustains us in ADVERSITY.
- It honors God as the SOURCE of joy.
- It connects our hearts to those WE LOVE.
- God uses the joy of great moments to RENEW US.

Factors that undermine our ability.

- A DISTORTED view of God.
- A WARPED theology of pleasure.
- Unwillingness to face false BELIEFS and unhealthy BEHAVIOR.

How to enjoy great moments.

- SLOW down.
- SLIM down.
- SIT down.
- LOOK around.
- PLAN in.

Sunday Evening August 1, 2010
No Evening Service

Sunday Evening August 8, 2010
No Evening Service

Sunday Evening August 22, 2010

Life As It Was Meant To Be (I Thess 5:16-18)

The Secret of A Joy-Filled Life.

- Joy is an **OUTWARD** sign of **INWARD** faith in the promises of God.
 - Joy is a path you **CHOOSE** to travel each day.
 - Never again settle for anything less than **REAL JOY**.
- Joy is within us, but it must be **RELEASED**.

Keeping Thoughts Fixed on God.

- **MENTAL DISCIPLINE** is the ability to keep your thoughts consistently focused.
 - Concentrate on **PROGRESS**.
 - Focus on **DAILY** improvement.

The Power of Your Thoughts.

- Almost everything that happens to you, good or bad, originates with a **SINGLE THOUGHT**.
- The **SECRET** conversations you hold in the privacy of your own mind are shaping your destiny, little by little.
- What you persistently think eventually but inevitably crystallizes into the words you **SPEAK** and the things you **DO**!
- **RIGHT THINKING** is a choice you have to make for yourself for the rest of your life.
- When our minds are renewed, circumstances **TAKE CARE** of themselves.
 - You are writing your own **LIFE STORY** with each subtle and soundless thought you think.

Sunday Evening – September 19, 2010

A New Beginning (Phil 4:8).

Food for Thought.

- **DESTRUCTIVE** things limit the big things God wants to do through us.
- Where you have **BEEN**, what you have **DONE**, and where you are **NOW** matters far less than where you are **HEADED**.

To-Think List.

- Seek out and dwell on the **POSITIVES** in your life.
 - You always have a **CHOICE**.
 - There will always be some **JUNK** and **GREATNESS** in your life.
 - When you focus on the good in your life, you **CREATE** more good.
- Each moment is a **NEW BEGINNING**.
 - Your future is not defined by your **PAST**.
 - Your thoughts often **MISREPRESENT** reality.
 - God is positive to everything but **SIN**.

If you want a better future.

- Do not allow **THOUGHTS** that steal your joy to make themselves at home in your mind.
- Choose where you focus your **“SPOTLIGHT.”**
 - Whatever you give your attention to will be **ELEVATED** in your consciousness.
 - Aim your spotlight on **OPPORTUNITIES**, not on obstacles.
 - Your only limitations are the ones you **THINK YOU HAVE**.

Positive thought questions for the shower.

- What are five things I am thankful for right now?
- What are five of my strengths or positive traits?
- What are five of my best achievements so far?
- Who are the five people who love me the most?
- What five things am I looking forward to in the next seven days?

SUNDAY EVENING OCTOBER 3, 2010

Conquest and Commitment (Joshua 1-24)

Conquest.

- Seeks to do **GREAT** things for God.
- Starts with a view of what **CAN BE**.
- Takes **COURAGE**.
- Means trusting in God's power, not **YOUR OWN**.
- Means when we ignore God's **DIRECTION**, we get in trouble.
- Means when you follow God's plans, **MIRACULOUS** happen.
- In conquest, you don't always **ACCOMPLISH** all that you want.
- Means God's **FAITHFULNESS** is always true and consistent.

Commitment.

- Means being willing to change our **LIFESTYLE** to obey God.
- Is built by using **REMINDERS** in our lives.
- Needs to be periodically **RENEWED**.
- Means we need to reexamine our lives for **SINFUL** influences that need to be eliminated.

SUNDAY EVENING OCTOBER 10, 2010

**The Valley of Decision
Joshua 8**

Elements of God's character.

- He **FORGIVES** sin.
- He **JUDGES** sin.
- He lets us **CHOOSE**.

Reasons to choose blessings over curses.

- Immediate **JOY**.
- Impending **DEATH**.
- Imminent **RAPTURE**.
- Increasing **HARDNESS**.

OCTOBER 24, 2010

Be Ready--Jesus is Coming. (Matthew 25:1-13)

The Text and Context.

- People have made predictions about the SECOND COMING.
- The only thing to remember is prepare for a DELAY, but be ready TODAY.

Here Comes the Bridegroom.

- The BRIDEGROOM is coming to get His bride.
- When you are READY you can go through anything in this life.
- Extinguishing the "flame" is a GRADUAL process.
- Those who are UNPREPARED were unable to enter.

Becoming ready today.

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- Get ready to GROW.
- Watch and PRAY.
- Tell the LOST about the Lord.
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OCTOBER 31, 2010

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NOVEMBER 7, 2010

Reasons to Get and Stay Excited!

Ps. 122:1

- Jesus Caused Excitement to **HAPPEN**
 - His triumphal entry into Jerusalem
 - His birth
 - Everywhere He went

- The **PEOPLE** Got Excited About Jesus.

- We Should Be Excited About **BEING SAVED**
 - Greatest thing that ever happened to me
 - Nothing could ever take the place of knowing you have a right standing with the Lord.

- We Should Be Excited About Seeing **OTHERS** Saved.

- We Should Be Excited About Our **CHURCH**

- We should be excited about **THE FUTURE!**

POSITIVE THINKING: **EXPECTATION** creates Enthusiasm:

NOVEMBER 14, 2010

Church on Fire (Acts 4:31-33)

A church on fire is. . . .

- **ENDOWED** with power.
 - When a pastor and a people are endowed with power:
 - Souls will be **SAVED**.
 - Worship services will be **INSPIRING** and the music will be **UPLIFTING**.
 - World outreach missions programs will be divinely **DIRECTED** by God.
 - Divine wisdom accompany all our church **DECISIONS**.
 - When a pastor and a people are NOT endowed with power:
 - The result is always **BURNOUT**.
 - Serving God will be a **CHORE**.
- **EQUAL** in position.
 - Dangers members can fall into:
 - **MAGNIFYING** our importance.
 - **MINIMIZING** our importance.
 - **MISPLACING** our importance.
- **EVANGELISTIC** in priority.

NOVEMBER 21, 2010

When We Make A Mistake. (Matthew 16:21-26)

Recovering from our mistakes.....

- “If any man.” – The CANDIDATE.
 - YOU are a candidate to be the person Jesus is talking about.

- “Will follow Me” – The COMMITMENT
 - Commitment must come from MAN’s will.
 - It has to be a SURRENDERED will.

 - Commitment must consist of BLIND faith.

- “Let him deny himself” – The CRITERIA
 - “Deny himself”
 - Is the HARDEST thing you will ever do.

 - Means to be DECEASED.

 - Means that you make yourself NON-EXISTENT.

 - Means you will either deny YOURSELF or you will deny CHRIST.

 - “Take Us His Cross”
 - The cross is always a place of EXECUTION.
 - There is no other PURPOSE for a cross.
 - The execution must be done DAILY.

 - The cross is a place of IDENTIFICATION

 - The cross is a place of VINDICATION.
 - Victory over SIN.
 - Victory over SELF.

 - “And Follow Me”

- Jesus is to REPLACE everything in our life;

NOVEMBER 28, 2010