SERMON NOTES

Sunday, August 26, 2007

"<u>CHECKLIST FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH</u>" (2 Peter 3:18)

Are you a growing believer in Christ? Are you becoming more spiritually mature? We all need some means of measuring our relationship to God. As we begin a new season of church ministry, let's take some time for reflection.

1. Are you more ______ than ever before? (Psalm 42:1, NIV).

2. Are you more and more _____? (1 John 4:7, NIV).

3. Are you more ______ God than ever before? (Romans 6:11, NIV).

4. Are you governed more and more by _____? (2 Timothy 3:16, NIV).

5. Are you concerned more and more with the physical and spiritual _____? (Luke 9:11, NIV).

6. Are you more and more concerned with the ______ and the ______? (Ephesians 5:25, NIV).

7. Are the ______ of the Christian life more and more important to you? (1 Timothy 4:7, NIV).

8. Are you more and more aware of _____? (1 Timothy 1:15, NIV).

9. Are you more and more willing to _____? (Ephesians 4:32, NIV).

10. Are you thinking more and more of ______ and of being with the Lord Jesus? (Philippians 1:23-24, NIV).

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1. Are you more thirsty for God than ever before?

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God" (Psalm 42:1, NIV).

"I want to know Christ" (Philippians 3:10, NIV).

2. Are you more and more loving?

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God" (1 John 4:7, NIV).

3. Are you more sensitive to and aware of God than ever before?

"alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11, NIV).

4. Are you governed more and more by God's Word?

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16, NIV).

5. Are you concerned more and more with the physical and spiritual <u>needs of others</u>?

"He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing" (Luke 9:11, NIV).

6. Are you more and more concerned with the <u>Church</u> and the <u>Kingdom of God</u>?

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" (Ephesians 5:25, NIV).

7. Are the <u>disciplines</u> of the Christian life more and more important to you?

"Train yourself to be godly" (1 Timothy 4:7, NIV).

8. Are you more and more aware of your sin?

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst" (1 Timothy 1:15, NIV).

9. Are you more and more willing to *forgive others*?

"Just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32, NIV).

10. Are you thinking more and more of <u>heaven</u> and of being with the Lord Jesus?

"I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body" (Philippians 1:23-24, NIV).