SERMON NOTES

Sunday, January 5, 2014

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What would you hope your relationship with God would come to reflect by the end of this new year? What spiritual growth goals are you setting? Today we will look at some key steps to becoming more like Christ.

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- **2.**_____(1 John 3:1, ESV).
- **3.**_____(2 Timothy 3:16, ESV).
- **4.**_____(Galatians 5:22-23, ESV).
- **5.**_____(Colossians 4:6, ESV).
- 6. _____ (Deuteronomy 6:4-7, ESV).
- 7. _____ (1 Peter 4:7-11, ESV).
- **8.**_____(Jude 24-25, ESV).

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"As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty" (Matthew 13:23, ESV).

1. Devote -

"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act" (Psalm 37:5, ESV).

2. Declare –

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 John 3:1, ESV).

3. Develop –

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16, ESV).

4. <u>Display</u> –

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23, ESV).

5. Defend –

"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person" (Colossians 4:6, ESV).

6. Disciple –

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise" (Deuteronomy 6:4-7, ESV). a discipleship group at your **church**, at **work**, or in your **home**.

7. <u>Deploy</u> –

"The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen" (1 Peter 4:7-11, ESV).

8. <u>Depend</u> –

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen" (Jude 24-25, ESV).