

Growing Disciples

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INTRODUCTION: The P.B.S. Emphasis

2 Peter 3:18 (All verses from the New International Version 1984)

***But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.***

Growing Disciples

1. Growing Disciples are anxious for nothing.
 - Philippians 4:6 ***Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.***

2. Growing Disciples cultivate the fruit of the Spirit.
 - Galatians 5:22-23 ²² ***But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*** ²³ ***gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.***

Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. – Part of John Stott's Morning Prayer

3. Growing Disciples grow healthy hearts and homes.

- John 15:5 ***I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.***

4. Growing Disciples build lives on God's Word.

- Luke 24:44-45 ⁴⁴ ***He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."*** ⁴⁵ ***Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.***

CONCLUSION: Growing Disciples with...

Questions

1) Who is discipling you?

2) Whom are you discipling?

G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.

Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

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Day 1: Read 2 *Peter* 3:18. In the past 12 months, how have you grown in your prayer life? Blessing others? Making your mark by serving others? What have your answers to the first three questions taught you about **Complete Love**?

Day 2: Read *Philippians* 4:6. Paul says do not be anxious about anything. What anxieties do you tend to hold tightly? From what Paul writes, what might help you let go of your anxiety?

Day 3: Read *Galatians* 5:22-23. When you think of the fruit of the Spirit, what comes to mind? Why? Take some time today to pray the excerpt from John Stott's prayer: Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Day 4: Read *John 15:5*. When do your spiritual habits move from “routine” to “routine”? What helps get you out of the rut or dry places in your spiritual life? How does God’s Word help you to grow on a daily basis and to live life each day?

Day 5: Read *Luke 24:44-45*. What Bible verses do you think Jesus used to explain who He is to the disciples? What Bible verses are guiding lights for your faith?

Day 6: Read *2 Peter 3:18*. Who is discipling you? Whom are you discipling?

Going Deeper:

Book: *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World* by Max Lucado

Next Week: Philippians 4:4 – **Anxious for Nothing: Rejoice Always**