

The Persistent Actions of Growth

In our passage today, Paul is not trying to build an argument FOR growing in godliness. Nor is Paul trying to discourage us from certain behaviors. He simply wants to describe for us what a person who is growing in godliness looks like. Our question, "Do we look like that person?"

Scripture(s): 1 Timothy 4:11-16

Today's truth - A person who truly wants to grow in Jesus cares deeply about saying yes to _____.

I. The first command which describes for us what it means to discipline ourselves to grow in godliness is _____ it on. Godly people give applicable _____ counsel to those in their circle.

II. The second command which describes for us what it means to discipline ourselves to grow in godliness is be an _____. Our _____, not our perceived capacity to bring about change, should be the focus.

III. The third command which describes for us what it means to discipline ourselves to grow in godliness is value the _____. Whether it is our private or public time with God, godly people want to hear what _____ has _____.

1 Corinthians 1:18-21 18 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE." 20 Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

Romans 10:14-15 14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? 15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!"

Now what? Pass on the glorious work of God in you by being an example and by planting intentional seeds of the _____.

1. Keep coming back to each of Paul's areas of Christian example and honestly call yourself to _____ way of living.

2. See your interactions with people in your circle as divine _____ to share seeds of God's word.

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