



Bible Study

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

THE ESSENTIALS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

All of this month I have been teaching on the importance of Spiritual Growth in the life of Believers. I mentioned that fasting and prayer will help us to return back to God, however Spiritual Growth will help us to stay connected to God. Tonight I want to look at a topic that will prevent us from growing spiritually.

I. Sin - The Hindrance to Spiritual Growth

1. Sin is the biggest hindrance to us growing spiritually. *Isaiah 59:1-2*
2. Believers have three enemies that will entice us to sin:
 - The world – an evil system. *1st John 5:19*
 - The flesh – our evil desires. *Romans 7:15-18*
 - The devil – an evil person. *Revelation 12:9*

II. Sin Always Separates Us from God

1. Sin affects our fellowship with God. *Genesis 3:6-8*
2. Sin affects our prayer life. *Psalms 66:18*
3. Sin affects our worship. *Psalms 122:1*

III. We Must Recognize Our Sin Before God

1. God cannot tolerate sin. *1st John 1:5*
2. Sin is a contradiction of our lifestyle. *1st John 1:6*

IV. We Need to Confess Our Sin to God

1. In order to grow spiritually we can cover sin or confess sin. *1st John 1:9*
2. Repentance and confession must take place when we sin. *Luke 15:17-18*
3. When we repent and confess our sins, God is ready to restore us. *Luke 15:20-24*

Brothers and Sisters, God is holy and will not fellowship with those who commit sin. However, when we repent and confess our sin – because of the blood of Jesus Christ we can re-establish and maintain our fellowship with God!