

Going back to basics

Part 1 – Reading the bible

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WHY

1. We are perishing

Hosea 4: 12

Because of lack of knowledge

What knowledge do we need?

The bible was first written in the Holy Ghost

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Then translated to human languages

2Tim 16-17

16 **All Scripture** is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

There is power in the scriptures

Hebrews 4:12 NIV

¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

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Powerful

Power to grow 1

1 Pt 2:1-2 TPT

Growing in Holiness

1 So abandon every form of evil, deceit, hypocrisy, feelings of jealousy and slander. **2** In the same way that nursing infants cry for milk, you must intensely crave the pure spiritual milk *of God's Word*. For this "milk" will cause you to grow into maturity, fully nourished and strong for life —

Power to Mature 2

¹³ [That it might develop] until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection), the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ *and* the completeness found in Him. Eph 4:13
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Method of Spiritual growth

2 Corinthians 3:18

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18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate[a] the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Jesus is the standard

Heb 12:2 Looking up to Jesus

Instead of being unwise

2 Cor 10:12 Comparing with others

Read, Meditate and Do

Joshua 1:7-8

Psalm 1:1-3

Psalm 119:8-9

God is looking for Relationship not activities

Mary vs Martha - Lk 10:38-42

That I may know him – Phil 3:10

Knowing is never ending until we leave for our heavenly home – Phil 3 :13-14

Jesus said Follow me Matt 9:9

Power to Transform 3

Growth leads into transformation

Romans 12:1-2 New International Version

A Living Sacrifice

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Enablers of the transformation

1. The Holy Spirit Teacher of all things – John 14:26
2. Gifts of the outworking of the Holy Spirit - 1 Cor 12:4-26
3. Gifts of men – Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, Healers etc - 1 Cor 28-31

Some major evidences of transformation 1

1. Priorities change

looking up Col 3:1-4

Love not the world 2 John 2 :15-17

2. Boasting in God: Jeremiah 9:23-24

3. Love: heavenly not tribal love- Love God first then you can love your neighbour as yourself Mark 12:30-31

Some major evidences of transformation 2

Realisation that God's way is not our way - Isaiah 55:8-9

God's ways are not logical most times nor sensible to our natural senses but WILL always give the right result

Battle at Jericho Josh 5:13-6:27

God has a tendency to use despised people who will give him the glory

Naaman and Elisha and the slave girl 2Kgs 5:1-13

Jeremiah the young lad as prophet Jer 1:5-9

Amos the shepherd rebuking Prophets Amos 7:10-17

God's will

God's will + Gods strategy = God's dimension of results..... Apostle Selman

God's will+ man's strategy = failure or at the best mixed results

God's will come first

His strategy often comes after much prayers, meditation on his word and **WAITING**....God is not anxious, or anxiety driven but is always on time. He doesn't do short cuts

-Battle of Ai Joshua ch 7&8

Currentness of Gods will .. Abraham to sacrifice Isaac... changed to lamb Genesis 22

Moses speak to the rock vs striking the rock...don't get used to a method

Power to Heal 4

Proverbs 3:5-8....Health to your body nourishment to your bones

Psalms 107:8.. He sent forth his word and healed them

Isaiah 1Pt 2:24.By his stripes

Hindrances

1. Wrong interpretation of the word

- Don't judge - humanistic interpretation prevalent in the church "act of mindfulness"

2. Our customs prejudices are elevated above the word

- Makes the word of God powerless. Mark 7:13

- God is no respecter of persons Rom 2:11, Acts 10:34

Judgements

We are all going to be judged Ecc 12:14

All our words will be judged.. Matt 12:36-37

Judgement will start from the household of God 1 Pt 4:17-18

Those who teach will be more strictly judged : James 3:1

Our works will be judge with fire 1 Cor 3:13

Spoiler alert for the don't judge brigade

9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— 10 not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. 11 But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister[a] but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.

12 What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? 13 God will judge those outside. “Expel the wicked person from among you.”

1 Corinthians 5:9-13 New International Version

Ministration

Forgiveness .. Matt 6:15

Bitterness.... Heb 12:14-16

Anxiety.. Do not be anxious Phil 4:6-8. Heb 13:5,8

Depression...Isaiah 61:3, Romans 8:28, Psalm 84:11