

# DISCIPLESHIP: 4 TO GROW ON

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- \*1: BUSH...in charge of our country. GOD-in charge of everything.
- \*2. BAKING...helps to have recipe. Do you have a plan?
- \*3. BASKETBALL...Practice, Practice, Practice to stay in the game
- \*4. BEST COPY...Zerex. Do I look more like Jesus day by day?

“Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ.” - Ephesians 4:15 NIV

Waylon Moore, Multipling Disciples: “. . .establish long-range leadership training in order to produce carefully discipled multipliers capable of building still more ‘laborers for the harvest.’”

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There are **FOUR SIMPLE THINGS** we can do to promote continuous growth.

## ONE: KNOW GOD. KNOW THE ONE IN CHARGE.

Paul looked at a great city filled with brilliant minds and spoke to them of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
“You have been worshiping him without knowing who he is, and now I wish to tell you about him.” - Acts 17:23  
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“The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people.” -Richard Foster

“For my determined purpose is that I may know Him...” - Philippians 3:10 Amplified

There is a false assumption in the Christian life that the accumulation of facts is the same as a \_\_\_\_\_.

If you know Bush personally, do you brag about it?

God tells us to brag about knowing him.

“Don’t let the wise brag of their wisdom. Don’t let heroes brag of their exploits. Don’t let the rich brag of their riches. If you brag, brag of this and this only: That you understand and know me. . . .” -Jeremiah 9:23-24 Msg

Activity: List some of the longings of your heart. How can God meet those desires?

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“May not the inadequacy of much of our spiritual experience be traced back to our habit of skipping through the corridors of the Kingdom like children in the marketplace, chattering about everything, but pausing to learn the true value of nothing.” - A. W. Tozer

You want to be excellent? Practice with a \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus: “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.” -Luke 9:23 NAS

Paul: “And for your souls I will gladly spend my all and be spent myself.” -2 Corinthians 12:15

We develop skill as we practice what we have \_\_\_\_\_,  
2 Timothy 2:2

Developing a plan to teach someone else may require sacrifice and \_\_\_\_\_.

“For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake.”  
- 2 Corinthians 4:5 NIV

**FOUR: BEST COPY - ZEROX - BE LIKE JESUS**

How does a Person Trying to Copy Jesus Benefit? Fruit of the Spirit More Prominent: Gal. 5:22-23

Below are questions from Claire Musters in Taking Your Spiritual Pulse:

**THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT TEST**

**Love**—Can I love people I don't naturally like?

**Joy**—Am I a happy Christian?

**Peace**—Am I at peace with myself, others, and God?

**Patience**—Am I able to be patient with those around me or do I find they exasperate me easily?

**Kindness**—Do I go out of my way to perform acts of kindness for those I come across day by day?

**Goodness**—Is my life characterized by doing good?

**Faithfulness**—Would I trust God whatever happens, whatever He allows to be done to me, or would I turn my back on Him if He did something I didn't like?

**Gentleness**—Do I confuse this with weakness?

**Self-control**—Is there any area of my life in which I lack self-control, either in my thoughts or elsewhere?





TWO: HAVE A PLAN

\_\_\_\_\_ are important. Sleepovers, Chemistry Class, Cooking

"For David, after he had served God's will and purpose and counsel in his own generation, fell asleep [in death]" -Acts 13:36 Amplified

Most of us know recipes for spiritual growth, yet still take the pinball approach to life.

A basic tool for Follow-Up is the Flower (feminine version of The Wheel)

The root - Eph. 3:17 \_\_\_\_\_

The stem- Gal. 2:20 \_\_\_\_\_

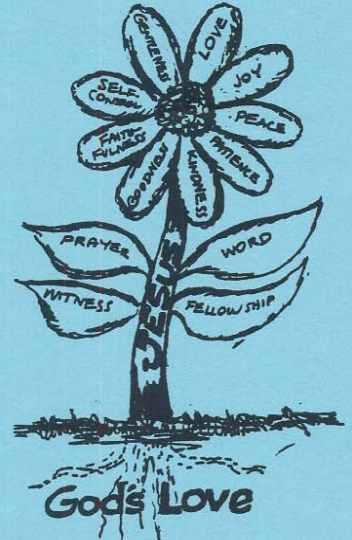
The leaves- 2 Tim. 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_

John 16:24 \_\_\_\_\_

Heb. 10:24-25 \_\_\_\_\_

I Peter 3:15 \_\_\_\_\_

The blossom- Gal. 5:22-23 \_\_\_\_\_



A super aid for those ministering to others is a tool called "Cans and Shelves" Small Group Activity with the 12 areas on the "Cans and Shelves" sheets

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God [all the while] was making it grow, and [He] gave the increase." - I Corinthians 3:6 Amplified

Salt, Butter, Sugar, etc.

THREE: BASKETBALL - PRACTICE,

How do you become a good basketball player? Library? Films? Papers? No. \_\_\_\_\_

The key to training ourselves in godliness is \_\_\_\_\_.

"But prove yourselves DOERS of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves." -James 1:22

In which arena of life do you sense the greatest need for more Biblical application:

| GUIDELINES FOR THE ARENAS OF LIFE |           |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Arena                             | Guideline | Key Scriptures                         |
| Attitudes<br>(Mental presets)     |           | Pro 22:4; Pro 16:20;<br>Pro 16:32      |
| Authority                         |           | Lead: Matt 20:26-27<br>Follow: Ro 13:1 |
| Relationships                     |           | Luke 6:31; Eph 5:1-2                   |
| Decision-<br>making               |           | Eph 5:15-18                            |
| Words                             |           | Eph 4:29                               |
| Work                              |           | Eph 6:7; Pro 14:23                     |
| Possessions,<br>Money             |           | 1 Thes 4:11-12; Matt 6:19-20           |
| Calamity                          |           | 2 Cor 1:11                             |

Sharper Strokes: Living Smarter . . . Not Harder



Why the Need to Continue to Grow?

“The world has changed.”  
-Opening line of movie “Lord of the Rings:  
The Fellowship of the Ring” (2001)

“Society . . . was regarded [by the Desert Fathers]  
as a shipwreck from which each single individual man  
had to swim for his life . . . These were men who believed  
that to let oneself drift along, passively accepting the tenets  
and values of what they knew as society, was purely and simply a disaster.”  
-Thomas Merton in The Wisdom of the Desert



Application for Growing As a Disciple

Would you choose ONE from the four growth possibilities we discussed that you think needs your attention. Which of the disciplines would aid you? Do you have someone you could share your decision and ask for accountability with them?

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Other Sources for your Some Day Reading:

- The Lost Art of Disciple Making by LeRoy Eims
- Desiring God by John Piper
- Renovations of the Heart by Dallas Willard
- Secrets of the Vine by Bruce Wilkerson
- Seizing Your Divine Moment by Erwin McManus
- The Dynamics of Personal Follow-Up by Gary W. Kuhne
- Jesus Changes Women by Helene Ashker
- Becoming a Titus 2 Woman by Martha Peace
- Out of the Question. . . Into the Mystery by Leonard Sweet
- Time for Truth: Living Free in a World of Lies, Hype, & Spin by Os Guinness

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