

The Prerequisites for Spiritual Growth

Philippians 3:12-16

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Realistic Awareness (12a)

(Proverbs 27:17; Romans 8:28; Ephesians 1:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Timothy 6:11; 1 John 1:8; 1 Corinthians 10:12)

Rigorous Effort (12b)

(1 Timothy 4:7)

Riveted Focus (13)

(Psalm 86:11; Luke 9:62)

Right Motivation (14)

(Matthew 6:33; John 15:4; Mark 12:30)

Resolute Perseverance (15-16)

(John 15:1-2; Hebrews 12:1-2; 10; 2 Peter 1:3)

PRACTICAL STEPS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

“I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”
(Philippians 3:14)

*What are some key steps that you need to take to grow spiritually?
Consider these practical ideas and select which ones you need to take.*

- Seek counsel and help for an ongoing sin
- Commit to attending a small group study/fellowship
- Become involved in the ministry of the church
(Check “I’m willing to help” on your welcome card or call the church office)
- Pray for an opportunity to share Christ
- Read through the Bible—*download plan at www.bible-reading.com/bible-plan.pdf*
- Listen through the Bible on your commute or workout— *The Listener's NIV MP3 Audio Bible, narrated by Max McLean available through Amazon.com for \$32.97*
- Take a half hour one Sunday to pray with others at 8:30am before worship
- Read a Christian book that will inform and encourage spiritual growth
 - Unpacking Forgiveness* by Christ Brauns
 - Expository Listening* by Ken Ramey
 - Life in the Father's House* by Wayne Mack & David Swavely
 - Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* by Donald Whitney
 - How to Share Your Faith* by Greg Laurie
 - How to Get the Most from God's Word* by John MacArthur
 - (Or ask someone for a recommendation for something specific you are going through)

Take personal responsibility for a weakness in our church with prayer and action

Learn how to turn a conversation to sharing Christ by reading this article:

www.spiritualdisciplines.org/gospelq.html