

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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ESSENTIALS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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God expects His children to grow up and be strong! The apostle Peter declared, *“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ...”* (2 Pet. 3:18). Here are some essentials for spiritual growth:

BEING BORN. The new birth is a prerequisite of spiritual growth (Jn. 3:3-5). One is begotten by the Spirit through the word of God. Peter revealed, *“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever”* (1 Pet. 1:23). James stated, *“Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth...”* (Jas. 1:18).

A HEALTHY DIET. Some fail to grow spiritually because they are on a spiritually unhealthy diet! We need to desire the spiritual food of God’s word. *“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby”* (1 Pet. 2:2). The Lord taught, *“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled”* (Mt. 5:6).

LOTS OF EXERCISE. Paul wrote, *“But refuse profane and*

old wives’ fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things...” (1 Tim. 4:7-8). In order to grow and mature spiritually, it is essential that folks get lots of spiritual exercise!

A GOOD ENVIRONMENT. Some do not grow spiritually because they are not in an environment that is conducive to spiritual growth! The Corinthian Christians were told, *“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners”* (1 Cor. 15:33).

THE PROPER WEIGHT. How much do you weigh? Daniel told King Nebuchadnezzar, *“Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting”* (Dan. 5:27). Further, *“...the Lord weigheth the spirits”* (Prov. 16:2). God will weigh each of us on the great scales!

THE RIGHT TEMPERATURE. God said to the Laodiceans, *“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth”* (Rev. 3:14-16). We need a zeal that is on fire for the Lord (Titus 2:14). Have you checked your temperature lately?

STAYING FREE FROM DISEASE. Sin is a disease that will keep a lot of people from growing spiritually. Paul announced, *“For the wages of sin is death...”* (Rom. 6:23).

PUTTING AWAY CHILDISH THINGS. Paul proclaimed, *“When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things”* (1 Cor. 13:11).

FREQUENT EXAMINATIONS. *“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves...”* (2 Cor. 13:5). We need to be constantly checking ourselves to make sure we are continuing in the faith (Col. 1:23).

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU VISIT

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We cordially invite you to visit the services of the church of Christ at Terre Haute. Here are some things you can expect when you make your visit:

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING. The only type of music God authorizes in His worship today is vocal music (Eph. 5:19). There is no need to expect a choir or mechanical instruments. When you visit,

you will find the members engaged in singing praises to God.

PRAYER. The early church “continued steadfastly...in prayers” (Acts 2:42). When Peter was in prison, “prayer was made without ceasing unto God for him” (Acts 12:5). When you visit, you will find prayer. Prayers will be led by men of the congregation reverently and orderly.

THE LORD’S SUPPER. Disciples met upon the first day of the week to observe the Lord’s supper (Acts 20:7). The Lord’s supper consists of two elements: unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine (Mt. 26:26-29). When you visit upon the first day of the week, you can expect the Lord’s supper to be observed.

THE COLLECTION. God ordered, “Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come” (1 Cor. 16:2). Upon the first day of the week, every Christian contributes towards the work of the Lord. The work is wholly supported by freewill offerings

of the church members.

TEACHING. Jesus commissioned, “...teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...” (Mt. 28:20). The early church “continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine” (Acts 2:42). Doctrine is teaching. “It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God” (Jn. 6:45). In Acts 20:7, we find a good example of the church meeting for worship and Paul preaching unto them. This is why Bible classes are offered and sermons are preached.

We strive to pattern ourselves after the church that you read about in the Bible. A warm welcome is extended to one and all to visit the church of Christ at Terre Haute.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT MARRIAGE

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America has laid aside the teachings of the Bible regarding marriage. It’s time that we are awakened to what God’s word says about this subject:

MARRIAGE IS OF GOD. God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him” (Gen. 2:18). God put Adam asleep, and by taking one of his ribs, made a woman for the man (Gen. 2:21-22). This woman became the wife of Adam and they were “one flesh” (Gen. 2:24). This marks the beginning of marriage.

MARRIAGE IS FOR LIFE. Marriage is looked upon by many as being something one may do today and undo tomorrow. Jesus said, “What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder” (Mt. 19:6).

MARRIAGE IS HONOURABLE. The Holy Spirit revealed, “Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge” (Heb. 13:4). It is a precious thing when a man and a woman agree to live together as husband and wife under the laws of the land and the laws of God.

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