

Oasis Sunday School Class

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES FOR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE--PERSEVERANCE

3 MATTERS THAT PLAY A ROLE IN OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

1. THE ROLE OF THE _____

ROMANS 8:29 FOR THOSE WHOM GOD FOREKNEW, HE ALSO PREDESTINED TO BECOME CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON

PHIL 1:6 FOR I AM CONFIDENT OF THIS VERY THING, THAT HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL PERFECT IT UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS.

- IT IS THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO PRODUCE WITHIN US THE _____ AND THE _____ FOR THE DISCIPLINES THAT LEAD TO GODLINESS.

2 TIM. 1:7 FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR BUT OF POWER AND LOVE AND **DISCIPLINE**.

ROMANS 5:1 THEREFORE, HAVING BEEN JUSTIFIED BY FAITH, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THROUGH WHOM ALSO WE HAVE OBTAINED OUR INTRODUCTION BY FAITH INTO THIS GRACE IN WHICH WE STAND.

GAL. 5:22 BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, **SELF-CONTROL**.

2 TRUTHS:

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BE EVER FAITHFUL TO HELP EACH OF GOD'S ELECT TO _____ TO THE END IN THOSE THINGS THAT WILL MAKE US LIKE CHRIST.
2. WE MUST NOT _____ OUR HEARTS BUT INSTEAD RESPOND TO HIS PROMPTINGS IF WE WOULD BE GODLY.

2. THE ROLE OF _____

- MATTHEW 22:37-40 AND HE SAID TO HIM, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREAT AND FIRST COMMANDMENT. AND A SECOND IS LIKE IT: YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHTBOR AS YOURSELF. ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS DEPEND ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS.

- 1 JOHN 1:3 THAT WHICH WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD WE PROCLAIM ALSO TO YOU, SO THAT YOU TOO MAY HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH US; AND INDEED OUR FELLOWSHIP IS WITH THE FATHER AND WITH HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST.

NEW TESTAMENT FELLOWSHIP IS WITH:

- THE TRIUNE _____
- HIS _____
- HEBREWS 10:24-25 AND LET US CONSIDER HOW TO STIMULATE ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS, NOT FORSAKING OUR OWN ASSEMBLING TOGETHER AS IS THE HABIT OF SOME, BUT ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER; AND ALL THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY DRAWING NEAR.
- PROVERBS 27:17 IRON SHARPENS IRON, SO ONE MAN SHARPENS ANOTHER.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (KOINONIA):

- RESTRICTED TO ONLY THOSE WHO ARE INDWELLED BY THE _____ OF GOD

- FELLOWSHIP: A SEEKING TO SHARE IN WHAT GOD HAS MADE KNOWN OF HIMSELF TO OTHERS, AS A MEANS TO FINDING STRENGTH, REFRESHMENT, AND INSTRUCTION FOR ONE'S OWN SOUL. J I PACKER
- EPHESIANS 4:16 THE WHOLE BODY, BEING FITTED AND HELD TOGETHER BY WHAT EVERY JOINT SUPPLIES, ACCORDING TO THE PROPER WORKING OF EACH INDIVIDUAL PART, CAUSES THE GROWTH OF THE BODY FOR THE BUILDING UP OF ITSELF IN LOVE.
- IS ALL ABOUT _____ EACH OTHER UP
- HEBREWS 3:13 BUT ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER DAY AFTER DAY, AS LONG AS IT IS STILL CALLED "TODAY", SO THAT NONE OF YOU WILL BE HARDENED BY THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN
- CALLS US TO _____ EACH OTHER
- THOMAS WATSON: ASSOCIATE WITH SANCTIFIED PERSONS THAT THEY MAY BY THEIR COUNSEL, PRAYERS AND HOLY EXAMPLE BE A MEANS TO MAKE YOU HOLY.

3. **THE ROLE OF _____**

1 TIM. 4:7 DISCIPLINE YOURSELF FOR THE PURPOSE OF GODLINESS.

V. 8 FOR BODILY DISCIPLINE IS ONLY OF LITTLE PROFIT, BUT GODLINESS IS PROFITABLE FOR ALL THINGS, SINCE IT HOLDS PROMISE FOR THE PRESENT LIFE AND ALSO FOR THE LIFE TO COME.

V. 9 IT IS A TRUSTWORTHY STATEMENT DESERVING FULL ACCEPTANCE.

V. 10 FOR IT IS FOR THIS **WE LABOR AND STRIVE**, BECAUSE WE HAVE FIXED OUR HOPE ON THE LIVING GOD, WHO IS THE SAVIOR OF ALL MEN, ESPECIALLY BELIEVERS.

THE WORD "LABOR" MEANS:

- _____
- TO WORK TILL A PERSON IS _____
- WE GET OUR ENGLISH WORD _____ FROM IT
- LITERALLY MEANS TO _____
- COL. 1:29 FOR THIS PURPOSE ALSO I LABOR, STRIVING ACCORDING TO HIS POWER , WHICH MIGHTILY WORKS WITHIN ME.

OUR ENEMIES:

- THE _____
 - 1 JOHN 2:15 DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD, NOR THE THINGS IN THE WORLD. IF ANYONE LOVES THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM. FOR ALL THAT IS IN THE WORLD, THE LUST OF THE FLESH AND THE LUST OF THE EYES AND THE BOASTFUL PRIDE OF LIFE, IS NOT FROM THE FATHER, BUT IS FROM THE WORLD. THE WORLD IS PASSING AWAY, AND ALSO ITS LUSTS; BUT THE ONE WHO DOES THE WILL OF GOD LIVES FOREVER.
- THE _____
 - GAL. 5:12 FOR THE FLESH SETS ITS DESIRE AGAINST THE SPIRIT, AND THE SPIRIT AGAINST THE FLESH, FOR THESE ARE IN OPPOSITION TO ONE ANOTHER , SO THAT YOU MAY NOT DO THE THINGS THAT YOU PLEASE.
- THE _____

- 1 PETER 5:8 BE SOBER MINDED; BE WATCHFUL. YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL PROWLs AROUND LIKE A ROARING LION, SEEKING SOMEONE TO DEVOUR.
- QUOTE FROM J I PACKER SO WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT ANY IDEA OF GETTING BEYOND CONFLICT, OUTWARD OR INWARD, IN OUR PURSUIT OF HOLINESS IN THIS WORLD IS AN ESCAPIST DREAM THAT CAN ONLY HAVE DISILLUSIONING AND DEMORALIZING EFFECTS ON US AS WAKING EXPERIENCE DISPROVES IT. WHAT WE MUST REALIZE, RATHER, IS THAT ANY REAL HOLINESS IN US WILL BE UNDER HOSTILE FIRE ALL THE TIME, JUST AS OUR LORD'S WAS.