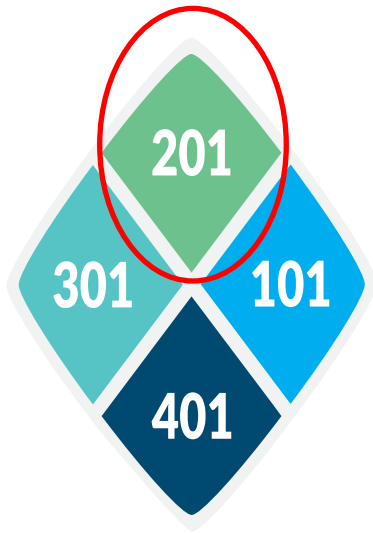


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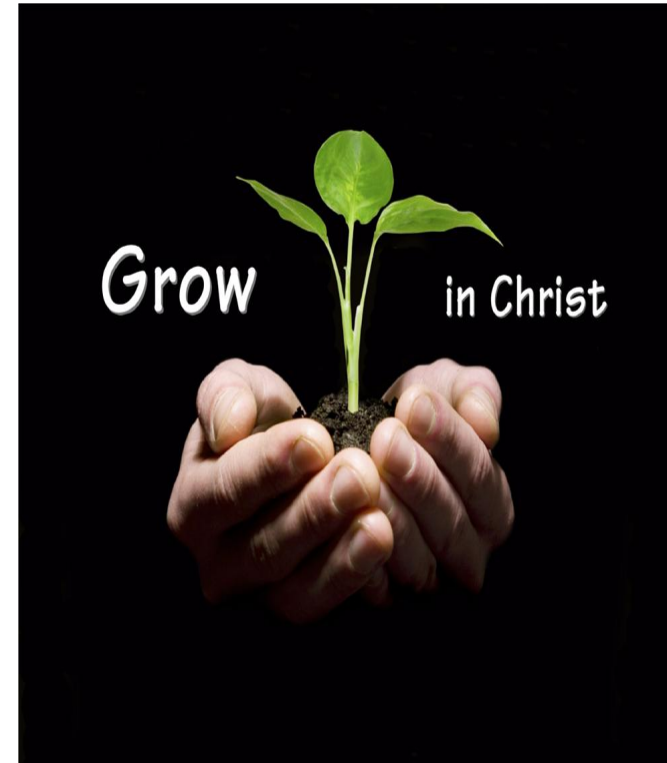
*“That you may stand firm in
all the will of God, mature
and fully assured.”
Col 4:12 NIV*



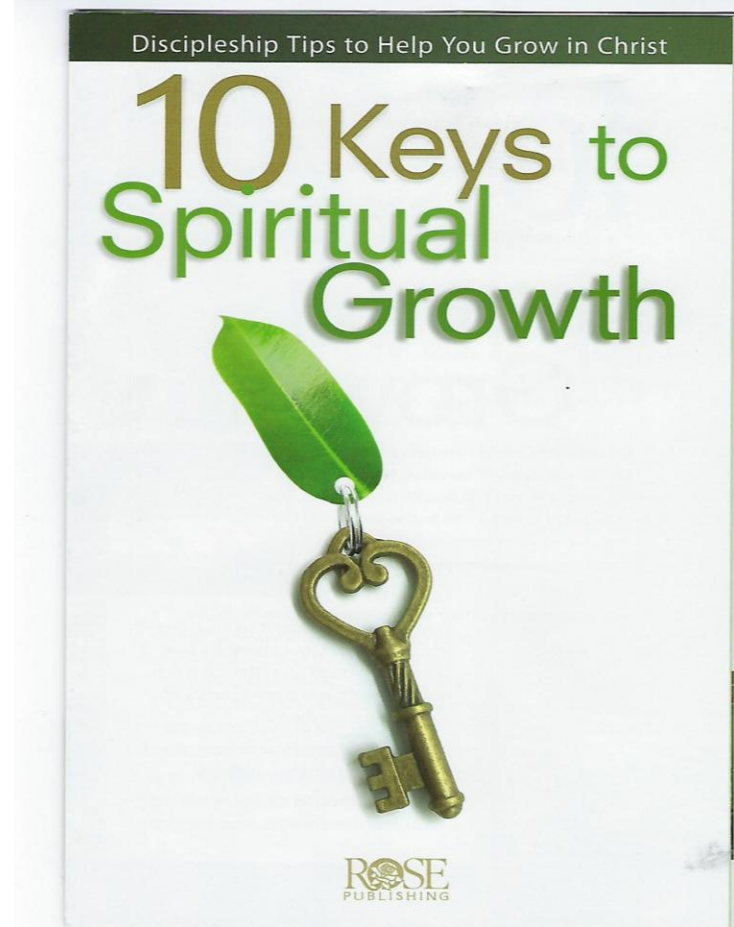
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*“We are not meant to remain as infants . . . But we are meant. . . to **grow up into Him**, who is the Head, that is, Christ..”*

**EPHESIANS 4:14-15
(NIV)**



Great Recommended Resource!



THESIS:

- 1: Overview
- 2: Understanding Discipleship
3. The Four Habits
4. Definition and Importance

The Discipleship Journey

Six Keys to Grasp the Word of God

Sunday 5:00 p.m.



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October Focus on **Growing**
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New Fall Series

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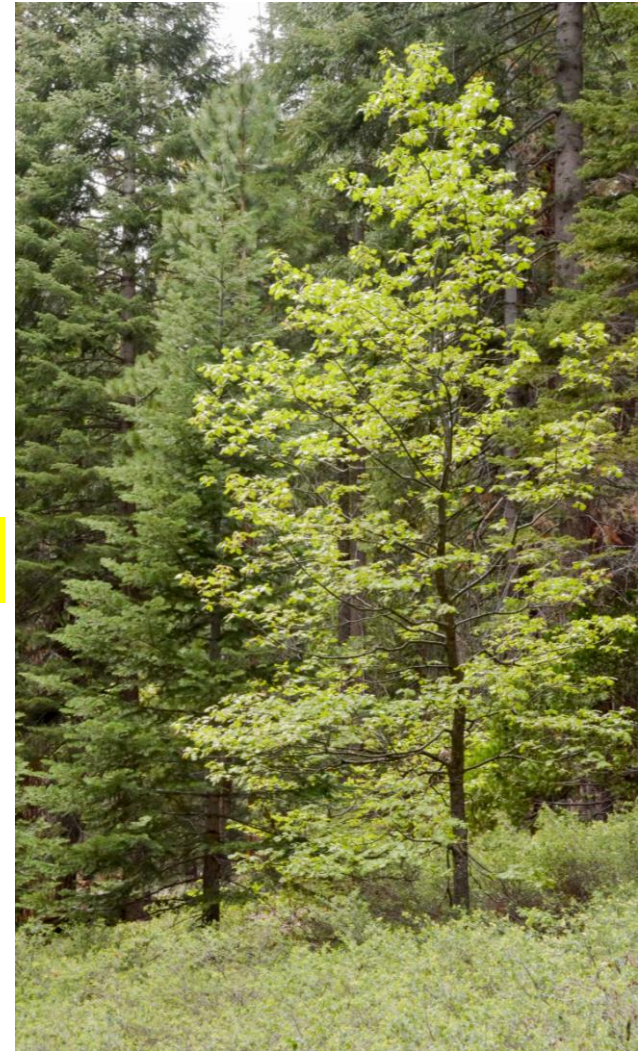
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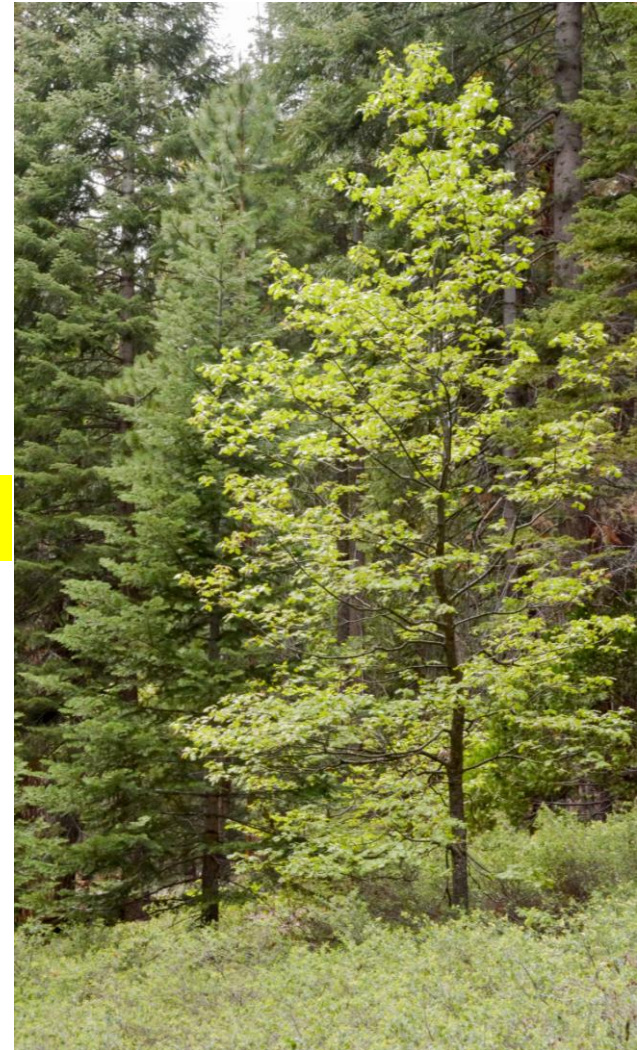
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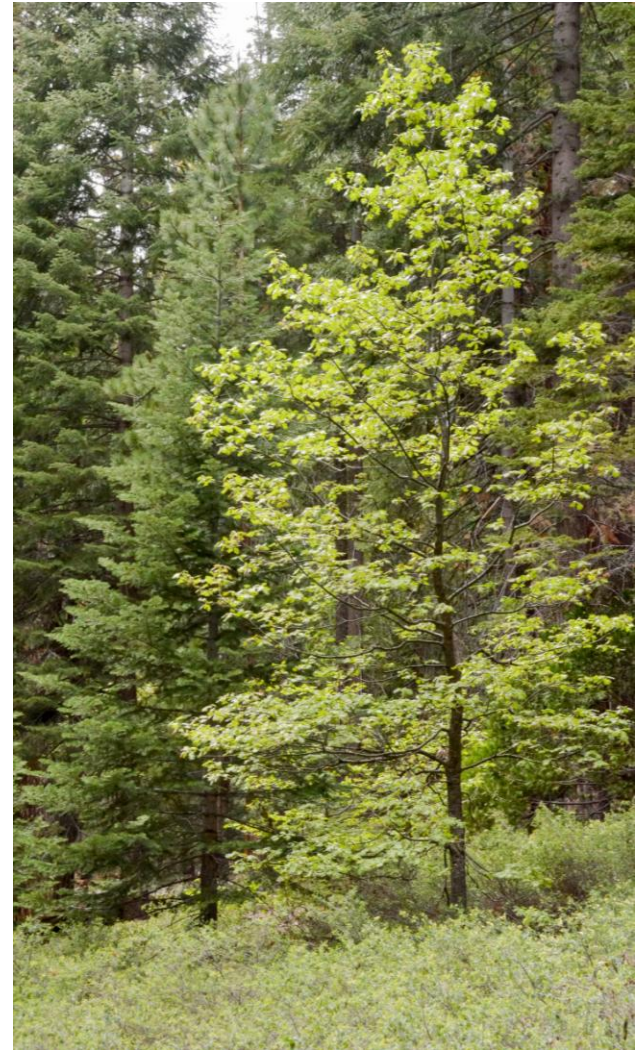
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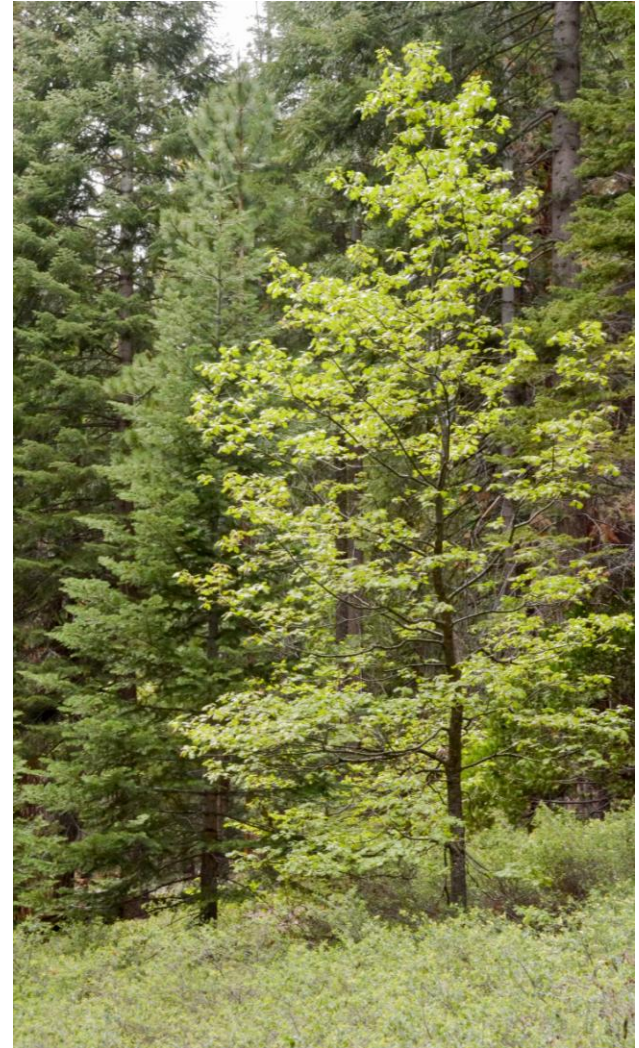
Rom 8:29-30 NIV

“For those God foreknew
He also predestined to be
conformed to the likeness
(image) of his Son . . .”

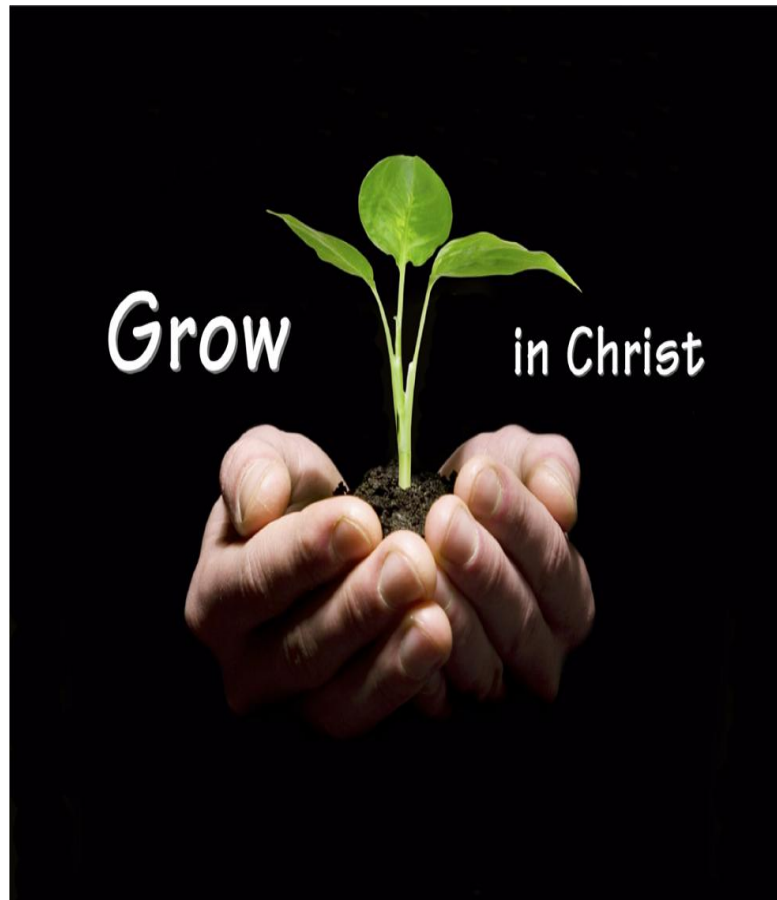


Facts about Spiritual Maturity

1. It's not ***automatic***.
2. It's a ***process***.
3. It takes ***time***.
4. It takes ***discipline***.

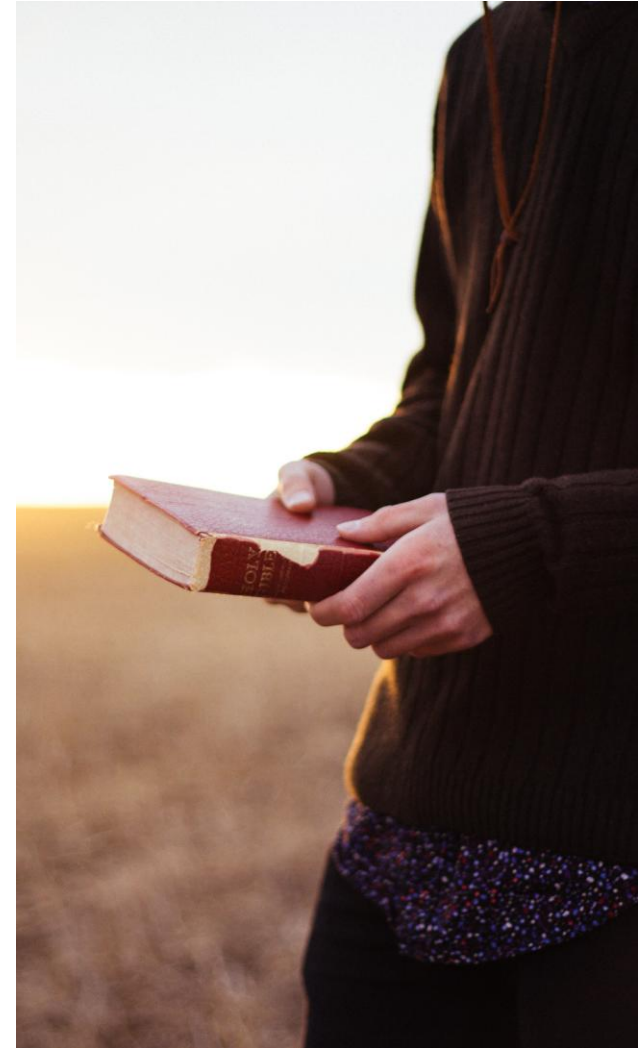


Understanding Discipleship



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1. Mature believers are
called DISCIPLES.



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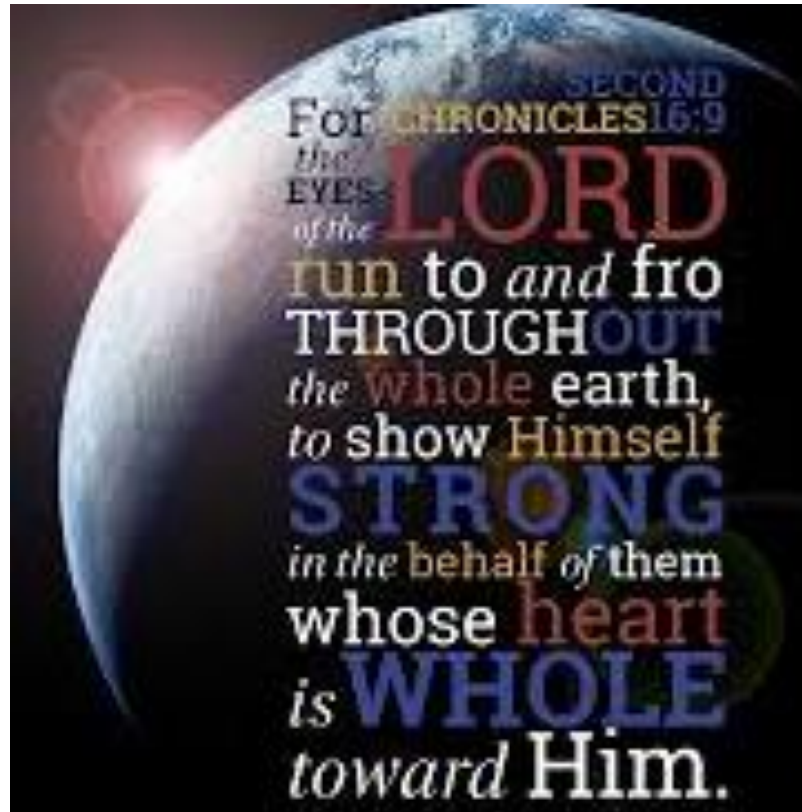
2. I cannot be a disciple
without being DISCIPLINED.



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3. The more disciplined I
become, the more God can USE

ME.
2 Chronicles
16:9



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4. The mark of a disciple is

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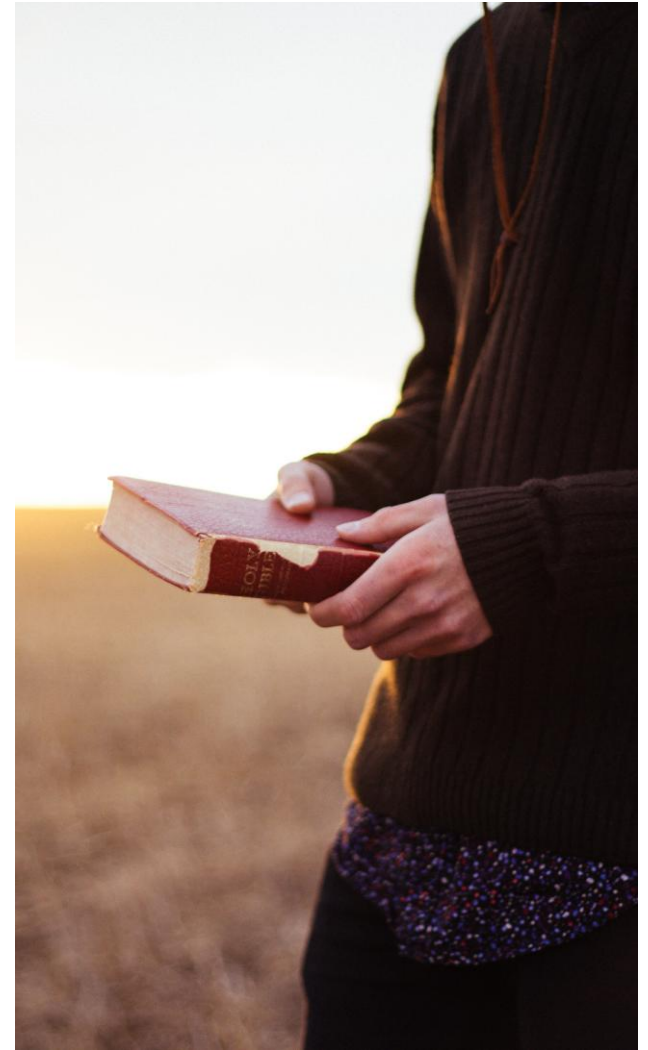
CROSS-BEARING Lk 14:27



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5. How often am I to do this?

DAILY. Lk 9:23

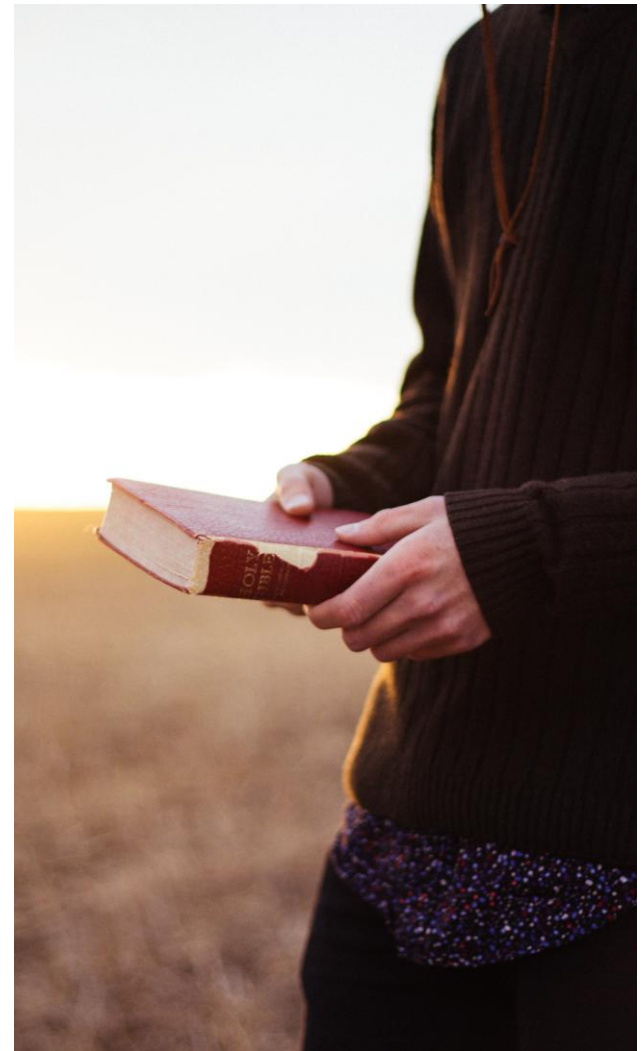


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6. What is involved in “cross-bearing?”

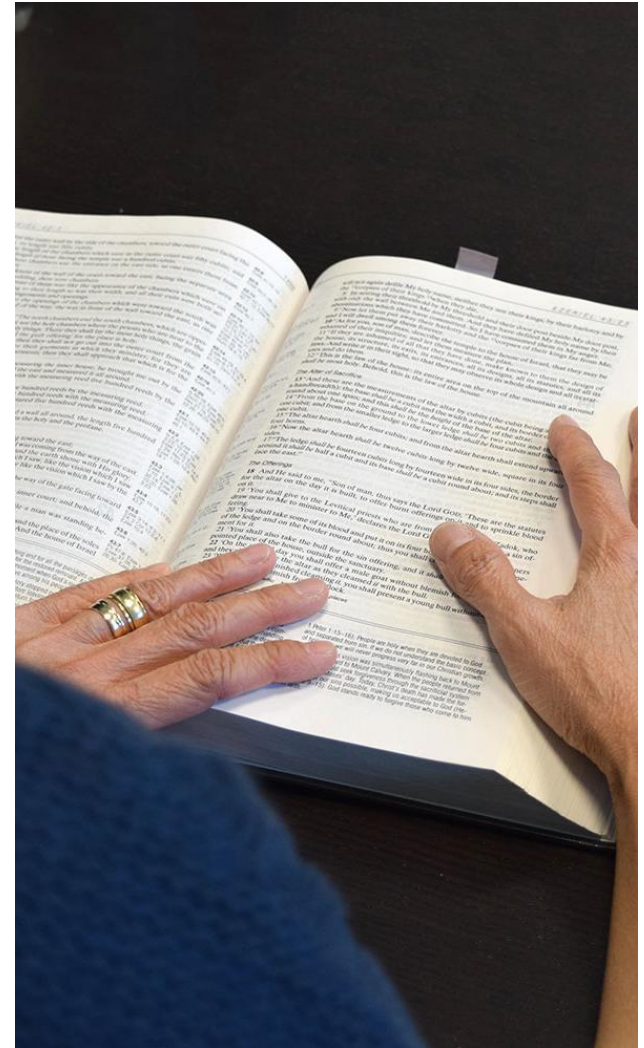
WHATEVER IT TAKES

to give Christ first place in
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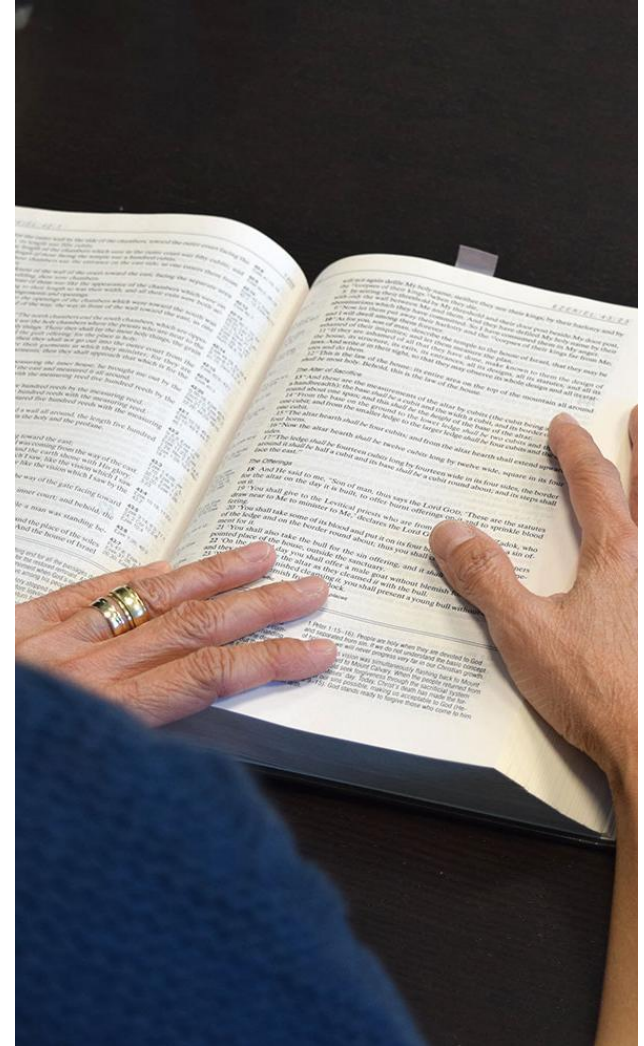
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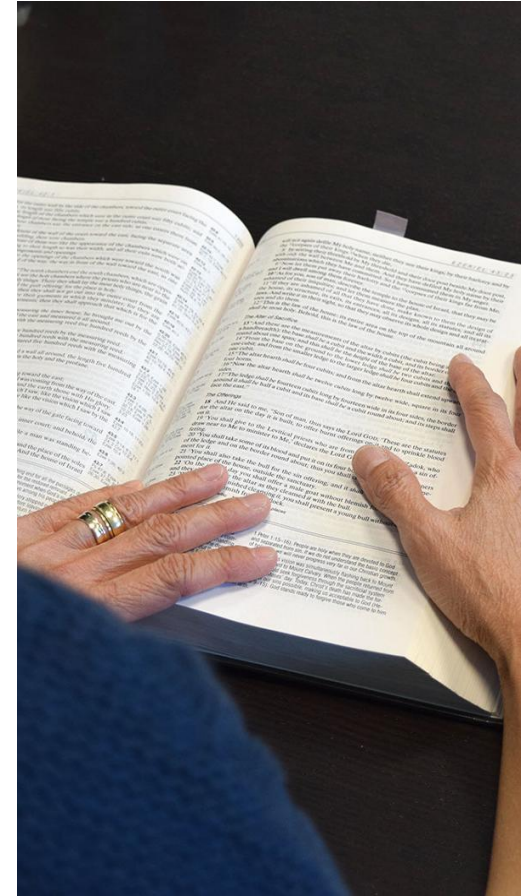
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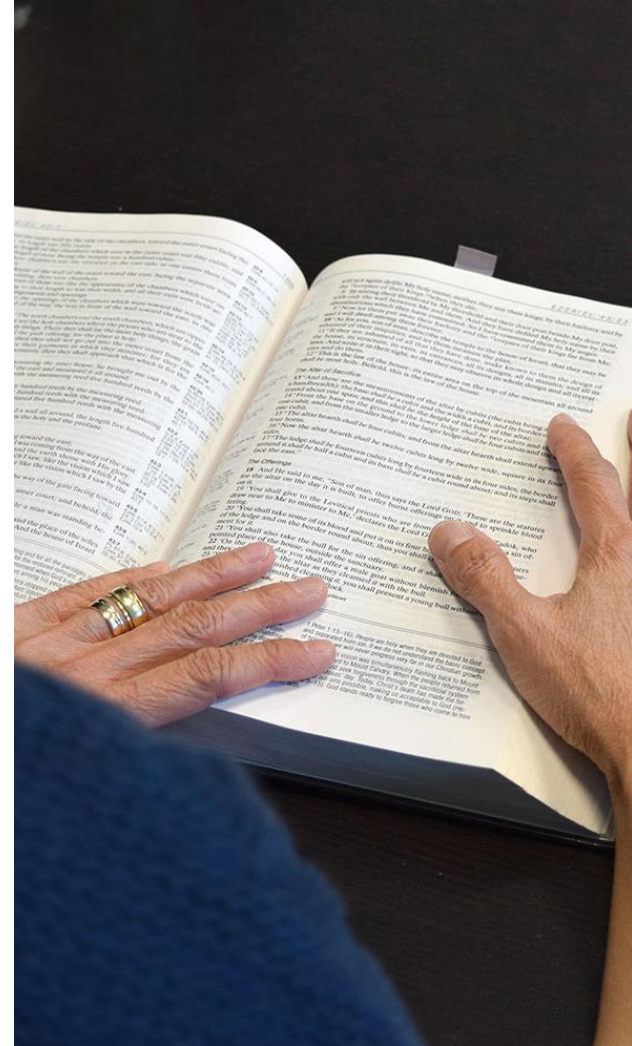
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1. **Daily Time**: In God's Word
2. **Prayer**: Talking with God
3. **Giving**: Offering sacrifices to God
4. **Fellowship**: Enjoying God's Family



Definitions of Habit

- “A continual, often unconscious inclination to do a certain activity, acquired through frequent repetition.”
- “An established disposition of the character.”
- “A customary practice.”
Webster's II Dictionary



WATCH YOUR **THOUGHTS**,
FOR THEY BECOME **WORDS**.

WATCH YOUR **WORDS**,
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WATCH YOUR **ACTIONS**,
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WATCH YOUR **HABITS**,
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WATCH YOUR **CHARACTER**,
FOR IT BECOMES YOUR **DESTINY**.

Discipleship 201=Growing

The **Four Basic Habits** to develop in order to grow to *spiritual maturity*.

Ideally, we will during October:

- Equip you with the **skills** you need to begin these habits.
- Explain the **tools** you need to maintain these habits.

A Goal for Every Christian

I will COMMIT to the habits necessary for spiritual maturity!

“For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as **slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.**”

ROMANS 6:19 (ESV)



**Tonight at
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