

Growing In Christ. Seeking

Colossians 3:1-4. (Amplified Bible) IF THEN you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth. For [as far as this world is concerned] you have died, and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in [the splendor of His] glory.

Is there anything beyond where I am?

Is there anything I can experience that I haven't experienced?

Ephesians. 3:19 (Amplified Bible) [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

2 Pet.1:2-4 May grace (God's favor) and peace (which is perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in [the full, personal, precise, and correct] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue). By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.

Do I want anything more? Hunger. Thirst.

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Am I willing to move out of my comfort zone to new experiences?

Is there anything I feel I should give myself to?

Acts 6:2-4. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

Is there something more that would help me help others?

Is there an area where I feel inadequate or unprepared?

Is there a void that leaves me unfulfilled?

Is there a deep longing?

Is there something I want but don't have enough time or energy to pursue it?

I really want to do or experience it someday.

Is there a lack of direction in how to get where I want to be?

How do I go about getting from here to there?

In what areas do I need the most help?

What can I do to help myself in these areas?

Solutions:

Determine the need.

What do I need for my own growth and victory?

What do I need so I can help others?

What do I need to be fruitful?

Living without limits.

How far am I willing to go to achieve these?

Is there any limit?

Are people without experience or knowledge setting limits for me.

What if someone who had never tasted peppermint was outside a candy store trying to explain to you what it tastes like.

Am I allowing church doctrine or teachings to set limits for me.

How will I know what is possible?

Scriptures.

What does God's word have to say on the subject.

Make an honest assessment by looking up all the verses on the subject. Don't pick and choose verses.

Keep pencil and paper ready as God talks to me about what I am reading in the Bible.

The Bible is the best commentary on the Bible. Pay attention to cross references.

Listen to the testimony of those who have had real experiences.

Have personal contact with people who have gone where I want to go.

What guidelines and rules am I going to follow to follow to keep on track.

Is it Scriptural? Are there many verses saying the same thing?

Does it look like Jesus? Can you picture Jesus doing or saying this?

What will be my motivation and discipline that will keep me moving forward?

Much time in the Word.

Much time in prayer.

Much time in fasting.

Meeting often with God in the secret place. What we do in the secret place when no one but God is looking and listening, determines our direction of movement. This holds true for both sin and sanctification.

Growing my garden.

There will be many topics that will help me along the way.

Prepare a notebook with tabs for each topic.

Leave room so I can add to each topic as it develops.