3. Choose the **right relationships**.

Proverbs 13:20 (NIV) Walk with the wise and **become** wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV) Do not be misled: "**Bad company corrupts** good character."

Relationship with a **local church**.
Relationship with a **small group**.
Relationship with a **team**.

4. **Make a difference** in the lives of others.

We are spiritual **contributors**, not spiritual **consumers**.
We are the church, and **we exist for the world**.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) For **we are God's workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which **God prepared in advance for us to do**.

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Church That Makes A Difference

Growing Spiritually

Saturday-Sunday, May 4-5, 2024

Becoming a Disciple: How I grow after my decision to follow Jesus.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NLT) "For I know the **plans I have for you**," says the LORD. "They are **plans for good** and not for disaster, to **give you a future** and a **hope**… If you **look for me wholeheartedly**, you will find me.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV) For it is **by grace you have been saved**, through faith—and this is **not from yourselves**, it is the **gift of God—not by works**, so that no one can boast. For **we are God's handiwork**, created in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which **God prepared in advance** for us to do.

We work serving God **because of** salvation, not **in order to get it**.

Philippians 2:12-13 (NLT) Work hard to **show the results** of your salvation, **obeying God with deep reverence and fear**. For **God is working** in you, **giving you the desire** and **the power to do** what pleases him.

Galatians 4:19 (NLT) Oh, my dear children! I feel as if I'm going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue **until Christ is fully developed in your lives**.

I'll never **get the best** of what God has to offer until I **give God my best**.

1. Make my relationship **with God public**.

Acts 2:41 (NIV) Those who accepted his message were **baptized**, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

To **demonstrate** my changed life.

1 Peter 3:21 (The Living Bible, Paraphrased) (That, by the way, is what baptism pictures for us: In baptism **we show that we have been saved** from death and doom by the resurrection of Christ; not because our bodies are washed clean by the water but because in being baptized we are turning to God and asking him to **cleanse our hearts from sin**.)

To let the world know **I belong to Jesus**.

Matthew 10:32-33 (NIV) Whoever **acknowledges me before men**, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

2. Spend time with God **every day**.

Psalm 5:3 (NIV) In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning **I lay my requests before you** and **wait expectantly**.

5 minutes reading **God's Word**
5 minutes in **Worship**
5 minutes in **Prayer**

James 1:22 (NKJV)
But **be doers of the word**, and **not hearers only**, deceiving yourselves.
James 1:23 (NKJV)
For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;
James 1:24 (NKJV)
for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately **forgets** what kind of man he was.
James 1:25 (NKJV)
But **he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it**, and is **not a forgetful hearer but a doer** of the work, **this one will be blessed** in what he does.

Time with God is **Life Changing**.

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)
And do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed** by the **renewing of your mind**, that **you may prove** what is that good and acceptable and perfect **will of God**.