

PURSUING GROWTH DAILY How can I make 2015 the best year ever?

Sunday Afternoon: 5: Scripture Reading: 2 P

on: 5:00 pm ng: 2 Peter 3:18

Sunday: December 21, 2014 Speaker: Brent Hunter

Introduction:

A. Let's begin with **12 steps of personal evaluation**.

B. Then let's look at **5 positive steps** to help us to grow in the new year.

I. HOW AM I DOING IN THESE FOLLOWING 12 PRINCIPLES OF LIFE?

- A. **Communication**. Do I let the Lord speak to me, and do I speak with Him in prayer on a regular basis?
- B. **Balance**. Does my family and brethren have the proper priority?
- C. Industriousness. Am I using my t_____ wisely? (Ps 90:12)
- D. **Stewardship.** Am I using my **m**_____ wisely? (Hag 2:8)
- E. Worship. Am I spending quality time praising God?
- F. Integrity. Am I giving my best to my employer?
- G. Attitude. Am I more p_____than negative? (I Thess 5:18)
- H. Health. Am I taking care of my body as a temple? (I Cor 6: 19-20)
- I. Citizenship. Am I praying for and working to be a good citizen?
- J. Service. Am I using my God-given abilities to s_____ others?
- K. Surrender. Am I a living sacrifice surrendered to Him? (Rm 12:1)
- L. **Compassion/Evangelism.** Do I pray and work to save others?
 - 1. Are we committed *to excellence*? OR
 - 2. Are we too often satisfied with *mediocrity*?
 - 3. "When the glory of Jesus Christ is at stake mediocrity is not an option!"

II. GOD DESIRES THAT WE GROW (2 Peter 3:18, I Cor 15:58, II Peter 1:8)!

III. FIVE SIMPLE THINGS WE CAN DO TO GROW DAILY.

- A. We must **choose a life of growth** and make that our focus.
- B. We must take *i_____*. What are we doing *today*?
- C. We must maintain a *teachable spirit* (Prov 9: 8-12).
- D. We much accept that growth requires *discipline and sacrifice*.
- E. It takes **p_____** (Phil 1:3-11).

Conclusion:

A. *It is time!* 2015 is upon us!

B. With God's help, what are we willing to do to *grow* in the coming year and accomplish our congregational vision for the future?

Notes:

ANSWERS: positive serve time money prayer initiative