

“Still More and More”

The continual need for spiritual growth

Paul's Letters to the Church in Thessalonica

- Paul commended them for their growing faith and love – 2 Thess. 1:3
- This was a hard-working church – 1 Thess. 1:2-4, 8
- Paul was not satisfied and did not want them to be satisfied.
 - They needed to have a healthy discontent and do “still more and more.”
 - They needed to love one another more – 1 Thess. 4:9-10
 - They needed more holiness – 1 Thess. 4:1-5

Paul's Letter to the church at Ephesus

- Paul was thankful for their faith and love – Eph. 1:15-16
- Paul was not satisfied and did not want them to be satisfied.
 - Paul made requests to God that they would grow spiritually – 1:16-19
 - Paul desired their growth in *every* aspect of their service to Christ – 4:14-15
 - Paul wanted them to put on the “whole armor of God” that they might stand against Satan and his assaults – 6:11, 13

Paul's Letter to the church at Philippi

- This church was an outstanding church!
 - Paul's prayers for them were full of joy and confidence – Phil. 1:3-4, 6; 2:12
 - These brethren were special – 4:1
- Paul was not satisfied and wanted them to do “still more and more” – 1:9-11
 - They needed growth in love, knowledge, and discernment – 1:9
 - This was needed to live blameless in righteousness – 1:10-11

Peter's Letters to Christians Everywhere

- Peter encouraged growth in knowledge – 1 Pet. 2:2
- He commanded growth in the virtues of Christ – 2 Pet. 1:5-7
- Growth in these areas is needed to assure one's spiritual health and salvation – 2 Pet. 1:8-12

Application

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Doing Still More and More

- We cannot fall into the pit of being content with things we shouldn't, or vice versa – 1 Tim. 6:6-8, 11
- We must continually bear fruit to stay connected to Christ and the life He gives – John 15:1-2
- If you want to be successful in your service to God, there are things you need to be committed to pursuing!
 - We must commit to greater faith, love, knowledge, and holiness.
 - We must commit ourselves to certain tasks to achieve these goals.

You Must Commit to...

- Attending all the services of the church – Gal. 4:18; Psa. 92:1; 122:1
- Making Christians your best friends – Prov. 12:26; 1 Cor. 15:33; Jn. 15:14
- Listening to God every day – Acts 20:32; Jas. 1:21; Psa. 119:11
- Speaking to God every day – Phil. 4:6-7
- Speaking of God to others every day – 1 Pet. 2:9; 2 Cor. 1:3-4

Grow “still more and more!”