

March Bible Study Series:

RE-EXAMINING YOUR LIFE

(PRINCIPLES FROM THE LIFE OF JOSEPH)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS NEVER EASY.

Lesson Nine:

**GODLINESS: HINDRANCES TO
SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

I. PARTIAL SUBMISSION

19 Chronicles 16:9

**THE EYES OF THE LORD RANGE THROUGHOUT THE EARTH TO
STRENGTHEN THOSE WHOSE HEARTS ARE FULLY
COMMITTED TO HIM.**

A. GOD WANTS YOU TO BE COMMITTED TO HIM SO THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW HE IS IMPORTANT TO YOU.

**PARTIAL OBEDIENCE IS
DISOBEDIENCE.**

B. GOD WANTS YOU TO BE COMMITTED TO HIM SO THAT HE CAN STRENGTHEN YOU TO BECOME WHAT HE CREATED YOU TO BE.

1 Kings 8:61

**LET YOUR HEART THEREFORE BE WHOLLY DEVOTED TO THE
LORD OUR GOD, TO WALK IN HIS STATUTES AND TO KEEP HIS
COMMANDMENTS, AS AT THIS DAY.**

II. IGNORANCE

Hosea 4:6

**MY PEOPLE ARE DESTROYED FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE:
BECAUSE THOU HAST REJECTED KNOWLEDGE, I WILL ALSO
REJECT THEE.**

1 Peter 1:14

**AS OBEDIENT CHILDREN, DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THE
PASSIONS OF YOUR FORMER IGNORANCE.**

**“WHEN PURPOSE IS NOT KNOWN, ABUSE IS
INEVITABLE.”**

III. LAZINESS

**“LAZINESS TRAVELS SO SLOWLY THAT
POVERTY SOON OVERTAKES HIM.”**

Proverbs 13:4

**THE SOUL OF A LAZY MAN DESIRES, AND HAS NOTHING; BUT
THE SOUL OF THE DILIGENT SHALL BE MADE RICH.**

**“LAZINESS AND COWARDICE ARE TWO OF
THE GREATEST ENEMIES OF THE SPIRITUAL
LIFE.”**

IV. INDIFFERENCE TO THE THINGS OF GOD

Isaiah 42:20

**YOU HAVE SEEN MANY THINGS, BUT YOU DO NOT OBSERVE
THEM. YOUR EARS ARE OPEN, BUT NONE HEARS.**

Matthew 13:15

FOR THE HEARTS OF THIS PEOPLE HAVE GROWN DULL. THEIR EARS ARE HARD OF HEARING, AND THEIR EYES THEY HAVE CLOSED, LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, LEST THEY SHOULD UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEARTS AND TURN, SO THAT I SHOULD HEAL THEM.

V. SIN

1 John 1:6

**IF WE SAY THAT WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM, AND WALK IN DARKNESS, WE
LIE AND DO NOT PRACTICE THE TRUTH.**

Isaiah 59:2

**BUT THERE IS A PROBLEM—YOUR SINS HAVE CUT YOU OFF FROM GOD. BECAUSE
OF YOUR SIN, HE HAS TURNED AWAY AND WILL NOT LISTEN ANYMORE.**

Hebrews 12:1

WHEREFORE SEEING WE ALSO ARE COMPASSED ABOUT WITH SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, AND THE SIN WHICH DOTHS SO EASILY BESET US, AND LET US RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US.

VI. RELATIONSHIPS

1 Corinthians 15:33

BAD COMPANY CORRUPTS GOOD MORALS

VII. DISTRACTIONS

VIII. LACK OF SELF- EVALUATION

1 Corinthians 11:31

**FOR IF WE SEARCHINGLY EXAMINED OURSELVES [DETECTING OUR
SHORTCOMINGS AND RECOGNIZING OUR OWN CONDITION], WE SHOULD
NOT BE JUDGED, AND PENALTY DECREED [BY THE DIVINE JUDGMENT].**

**WHAT HAS BEEN HINDERING
YOU FROM GROWING
SPIRITUALLY?**

**“DON’T ASK GOD TO GUIDE YOUR
STEPS IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING
TO MOVE YOUR FEET.”**

Bible Study

FOLLOW UP CHAT QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT WAS YOUR GREATEST TAKEAWAY IN TODAY'S LESSON?

2. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO IDENTIFY THE OBSTACLES THAT IMPEDE SPIRITUAL GROWTH?

3. WHY DOES GOD WANT US TO BE COMMITTED TO HIM? LIST THE TWO REASONS MENTIONED IN THE LESSON.

4. EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INTEREST AND COMMITMENT.

5. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE INDIFFERENT?

6. WHAT IS MEANT BY "BESETTING SINS"?

7. HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU SELF-EVALUATE YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE?