

Jude ***Some Things Need To Change***

A Look Back: How We Got Here

Jude 1:1-4, 17-19

A Look Inward: How We Prepare

Jude 1:20-21

- Get into **the Word**
Matthew 4:1-11, 2 Timothy 3:16 & 17, Acts 20:32 & Ephesians 4:11-15
- Keep **praying**
Ephesians 6:18 & Romans 8:26-27/ Colossians 4:2
- Remain **obedient**
John 13:34-35 & 15:1-10

A Look Outward: How We Help

Jude 1:22-23

- Those who **doubt**
Matthew 5:7/ John 20:24-28
- Those who are **lost**
Matthew 28:19 & Acts 1:8/ Matthew 9:13
- Those in **rebellion**
Psalm 1:1 & Galatians 6:1/ 2 Timothy 2:24-26

Food for Thought

For the week of July 22, 2012

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

A phrase we use on occasion here at North Coast is “come as you are, but please don’t stay that way.” This is alluding to the awesome reality that when we decide to follow Jesus and give him the steering wheel of our life, God meets us wherever we’re at and wants to grow and change us, for his and our good, from the inside out. This process of change happens through the spirit of God working in our lives and us taking those steps of growth along the way (Philippians 2:12-13).

This weekend, we were given steps to take to “look inward” to help us grow, and steps to take to “look outward” to help others grow. As you read each of the passages below, identify if it’s focusing on growing yourself or helping others grow, and the specifics of how to put it into action.

Colossians 1:10-13

And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, [11] being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully [12] giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. [13] For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, [NIV]

Colossians 3:1-10

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. [3] For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

[5] Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. [6] Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. [7] You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. [8] But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. [9] Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices [10] and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. [NIV]

1 Peter 3:15-17

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, [16] keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. [17] It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. [NIV]

2 Peter 3:17-18

Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. [18] But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. [NIV]

Hebrews 12:14-17

Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. [15] See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. [16] See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. [17] Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. He could bring about no change of mind, though he sought the blessing with tears. [NIV]

2 Timothy 2:24-26

And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. [25] Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, [26] and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. [NIV]

Proverbs 24:11

Rescue those being led away to death;
hold back those staggering toward slaughter. [NIV]

Now go back and look through what you wrote down above and circle anything that caught your attention that you should add, change or keep doing in how you are growing and putting your faith into action. Take moment and thank God that he continues to work in your life to change you from the inside out.