

January 7, 2018 – STATE OF THE HEART

Philippians 2:12–13 – So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Hebrews 12:14 – Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

Colossians 1:10 – so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

2 Corinthians 13:5 – Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?

PERSONAL DEVOTION

Bible Intake

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Psalm 1:1–3 – How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! ²But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

Psalm 19:10 – They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

Prayer

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1 Thessalonians 5:17 – pray without ceasing;

Affections for Christ

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Matthew 22:35–37 – One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

PURPOSE

Evangelism

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Matthew 28:19 – Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Proverbs 24:11 – Deliver those who are being taken away to death, And those who are staggering to slaughter, Oh hold them back.

Service

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Spiritual Investment

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Ephesians 4:11–13 – And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

HOLINESS

Confessing Sin

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Bridges on Respectable Sin – “Acceptable” sins we tend to tolerate

Brokenness

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Psalm 51:17 – The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Fighting Sin

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Matthew 5:29–30 – If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

Finding Partners

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Galatians 6:1 – Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

SCHOOL / WORK

Evangelism 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Testimony / Conduct 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1 Peter 2:12 – Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Work 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Colossians 3:22–24 – Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

HOBBIES / SPORTS / CLUBS / ETC.

Evangelism 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Testimony / Conduct 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Colossians 3:17 – Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

First Love 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Revelation 2:2–4 – ‘I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; 3and you have perseverance and have endured for My name’s sake, and have not grown weary. 4’But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

HOME

Obey and Honoring Parents 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Colossians 3:20 – Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. Ephesians 6:1–3 – Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

Serving Siblings 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

CHURCH

Sundays 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Colossians 3:16 – Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Involvement 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Discipleship 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Hebrews 10:24–25 – and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

1 Peter 4:10 – As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

WHAT TO DO?

#1 – EVALUATE: Determine which areas need to change.

Jeremiah 17:9 – The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?

Psalms 139:23–24 – Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; 24 And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

#2 – PLAN: Determine what specific steps need to be taken for change.

#3 – PARTNER: Find people who can hold you accountable.

Proverbs 27:17 – Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another.

#4 – PRAY: Ask the omnipotent Lord to help you.

Hebrews 4:15–16 – For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. 16Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.