

Text: 1 Corinthians 3:9 and 2 Peter 1:1-11
Topic: Spiritual Growth in the Church
Study: The Church is a field: Guide to Maturity
First Corinthians
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The Eight Spiritual *Values* of Highly Effective Christians “Love”

Definition: unconditional love desires the highest good for everyone you meet.

LOVE IS

1) Unselfish _____

2) Not _____

3) God _____

Text for today: 2 Peter 1:1-11

Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the **righteousness** of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory

(Manifestation of the divine character of Christ) and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Fruitful Growth in the Faith 5 *But* also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance

godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness

love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Take time this week to study and write out your response to each of these questions. This will help drive home the point of today's message and will help you to apply the principles to your life situation.

1) How Do I Do It? How do I make the 2nd. Peter Principle work for me?

- a) 1st. Agree that these 8 spiritual values of highly successful Christians are truly VALUABLE.
- b) 2nd. Agree that they are God-breathed.
- c) 3rd. Make a personal commitment to the 2nd Peter Principle. Rely on the Holy Spirit.
- d) 4th. Memorize "Just For Today" and repeat it every morning and several times during the day.
 - ***Just for today*** I will believe that my God shall supply all of my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Therefore, I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.
 - ***Just for today*** I will maintain integrity in every area of my life.
 - ***Just for today*** I will wake-up and pay attention because knowledge is the vehicle for change.
 - ***Just for today*** I will exercise self-control.
 - ***Just for today*** I will be patient because God is sovereign (He transcends my limited view point)
 - ***Just for today*** I will be God-conscious. (Sensitive to spiritual things)
 - ***Just for today*** I will be kind to other people.
 - ***Just for today*** I will desire the highest good for every one I meet.

2) CHALLENGE

- a) Read Phil. 2:1-4 and personalize it by filling in the name of one person you are struggling to get along with right now. (See c & d for example)

"Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, 2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. 3 *Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;* 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others." Phil 2:1-5 NASU

- b) Vs 3: "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard _____ as more important than yourself."
- c) Vs 4: "Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of _____."