

DISCIPLE'S QUEST

*If you continue in My word, then you are
truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31

August 4, 2024

A Prayer for Sanctification

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

Main Idea:

Having commended the Thessalonians for their perseverance in the face of persecution and affliction and then soothing them with the strengthening reassurance of the Lord's return, the missionaries now remind the believers of their constant prayer for their continuing growth in sanctification.

Outline:

- The missionaries 3 prayer requests for the believers:
 - That God would make them worthy of their calling
 - That God would fulfill their every desire for goodness
 - That God would fulfill their work of faith with power

- 3 instructions for cooperating with God in our sanctification
 - Focus on your calling in Christ
 - Cultivate a thought life grounded in God's Word
 - Determine to live your faith out day by day

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

- #1 In the message, Pastor Vaughn said that they study and understanding of God's Word is the foundation of spiritual growth. Do you agree? Why?

What Scripture passages can you think of that specifically affirm this to be true?

- #2 Why is the accurate understanding of a Bible passage necessary before one can benefit from its application?

- #3 Pastor Vaughn said in the message that the goal of Christian living is to live life that glorifies Christ. Do you agree? Why?

How can living such a life impact the unbelieving according to 1 Peter 2:12?

- #4 How would you explain the Christian's sanctification to a new believer?

When does it begin and end?

Can we hasten or slow our sanctification? How?

- #5 Do you agree with Pastor Vaughn that whatever dominates a person's thinking will also control his heart and dictate the course of his life? Why?

What action/actions should this inspire us to take as disciples of Jesus?