GROWTHNOTES

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 10:10 and Others

Sermon Series:

"BUILD BACK BETTER!"
Part 4

WEEK#1—THE RULE OF FIVE

- Determine the five (5) things I must do in order to successfully reach my goals—that I must do EVERY DAY—that will bring me incrementally closer to my goals!
- The secret of your success is found in your daily agenda...
- To be successful tomorrow, I must start today!

WEEK #2—OUR CORE 5 STRATEGY – To Build A Solid Spiritual Foundation For Our Lives

- 1. Celebrate God in worship.
- 2. Connect with others in the congregation and in groups.
- 3. Cultivate our spiritual growth/development through spiritual discipline.
- 4. Care for each other and the world.
- 5. Contribute our money and our minutes to expand the Kingdom of God.

WEEK #3—FINDING YOUR FIVE BY SETTING GOALS

- 1. "Goal-Setting—is a spiritual responsibility!"
- 2. "Goals are statements of faith!"
- 3. "Goals spike our energy!"
- 4. "Goals stimulate you to keep on keeping on!"
- 5. "Goals build our character!"

6. "Goals bring a reward!"

HOW CAN I MAXIMIZE THE SKILLS GOD HAS GIVEN ME?

I must <u>DISCOVER</u> how God has specifically given me a S.H.A.P.E. me to serve...

1. $\underline{S = Spiritual \ Gifts}$. You are good at something.

1 Corinthians 7:7: "...Each person has a special gift from God, of one kind or another."

2. H = Heart. What am I passionate about...what do I love to do?

Proverbs 4:23: "Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."

3. $\underline{A = Abilities}$. (The ability to do certain things well). What am I naturally good at?

Romans 12:6: In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.

4. <u>P = Personality</u>. How do I like to do it and who do I like to do it with?

1 Corinthians 12:6: "God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us."

5. <u>E = Experiences</u>. God uses family, educational, vocational, relational, spiritual—and most importantly—our painful experiences to shape us!

Deuteronomy 11:2: "Remember today what you have learned about the Lord through your experiences with him..."

Romans 8:28: That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.

HOW DO I FIND MY S.H.A.P.E. TO SERVE?

- 1. Discover your S.H.A.P.E.
- Examine my past...and Explore my present...
- 2. Develop your S.H.A.P.E.
- Don't ask, "What did I do wrong..."
- Ask, "What do I do well!"
- 3. Delight in my S.H.A.P.E.
- 4. Deploy my S.H.A.P.E.
- 5. Distribute my S.H.A.P.E.

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