

A scenic landscape at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. In the foreground, a path made of large, flat stones leads from the bottom right towards the horizon. The path is flanked by green grass and small white flowers. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

**BUILDING
GODLY
INPUTS**



A wide-angle photograph of a field at sunset. A dirt path leads from the foreground into the distance, lined with large, flat, grey stepping stones. Numerous circular metal mine covers are scattered across the field, some on the path and some in the grass. Two weathered wooden signs with white backgrounds and red and black text are positioned on either side of the path. The sky is filled with soft, golden light from the setting sun, with scattered clouds. The background shows a line of trees and rolling hills under a hazy sky.

WARNING
MINEFIELD
AHEAD

STAY ON THE PATH
GUARANTEED TO
AVOID THE MINES

THE MECHANISM — FEASTING, NOT FIGHTING

“He that is satisfied with the kindness of God, as with marrow and fatness — that is, every day entertained at the banquet — has a holy contempt of the baits and allurements that lie in prevailing temptations, and is safe.”

— John Owen, *Overcoming Sin and Temptation*

You cannot fight what you do not replace.
Feast on God’s goodness and the baits lose their power.

How strong do you want your pillars?

THIN PILLAR

Still lifts you off the ground.

Doing the minimum, just getting by.

Crisis-only prayer.

Occasional Bible reading.

Sunday-only worship.

THICK PILLAR

Raises you above the fray.

**Grows by time and trust,
enabled by God.**

Daily prayer.

Consistent Scripture.

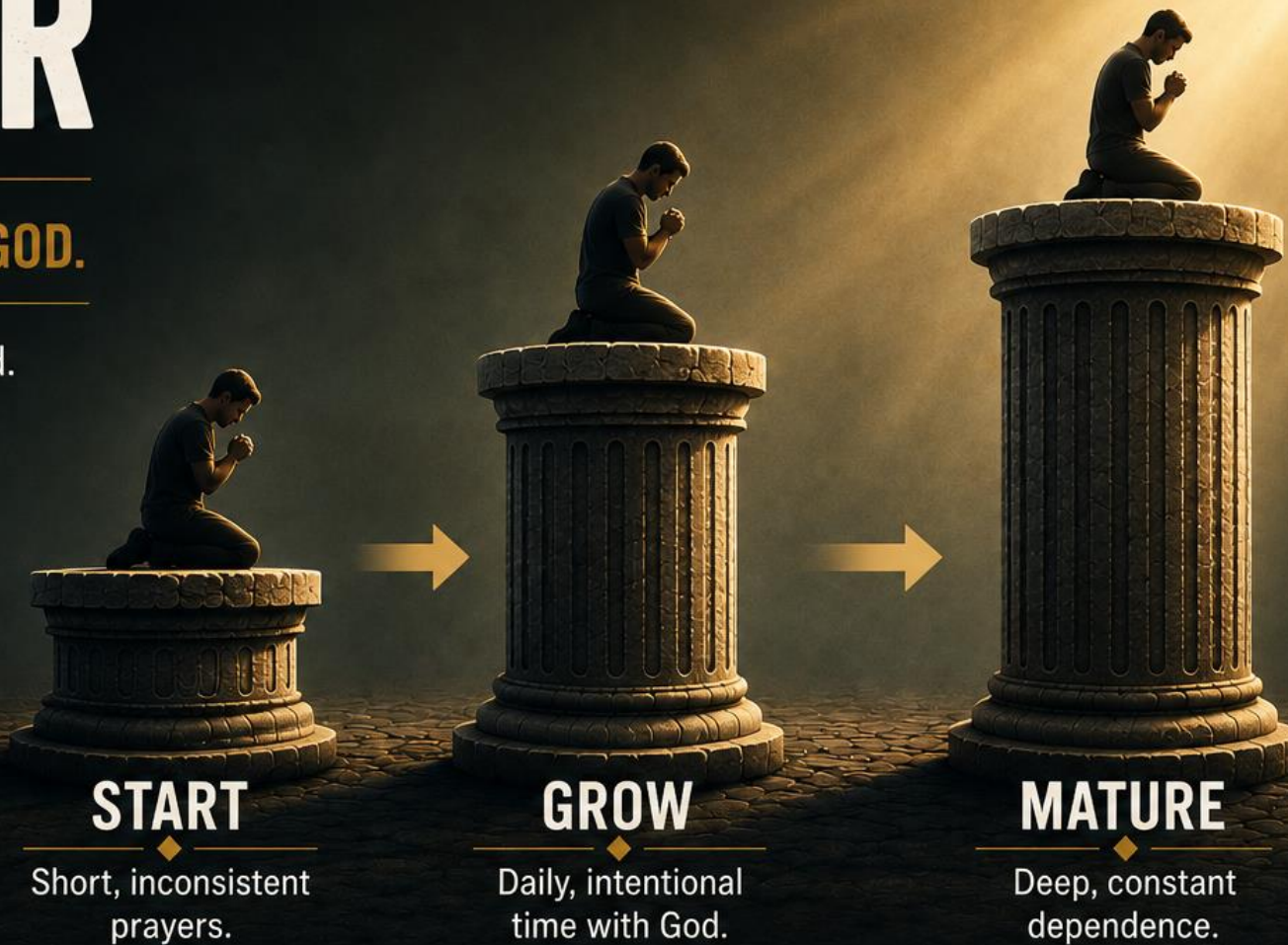
Worshiping when you don't feel it.

You cannot climb higher than grace allows. But you will not climb at all if you never step on the pillar.

PRAYER

YOUR DIRECT LINE TO GOD.

Prayer is how we speak to God. It builds intimacy, strengthens our faith, and changes us.



“Pray without ceasing.”

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17 (LSB)

◆ PRAYER IS THE ONGOING CONVERSATION WITH YOUR CREATOR AND FATHER. ◆

BIBLE

GOD SPEAKS TO YOU.

Through His Word, God reveals who He is, what He has done, and what is true.



START

Occasional reading.

GROW

Regular study and application.

MATURE

Life shaped by God's Word.



“Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.”

— PSALM 119:105 (LSB) —

◆ THE BIBLE IS GOD-BREATHED, THE ONLY TRUTH WE HAVE. ◆

SERVICE

YOU LOVE OTHERS THROUGH ACTION.

Jesus didn't come to be served—
He came to serve.
We follow His example by
putting others before ourselves.



START

Small acts of
obedience.

GROW

Consistent
serving.

MATURE

A life poured out
for others.



“The Son of Man did not come to be served,
but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

— MARK 10:45 (LSB) —



YOU DON'T GROW BY CONSUMING—YOU GROW BY GIVING.



WORSHIP

YOU GIVE YOUR WHOLE
HEART TO GOD.

Worship is more than a song.
It's our response to who God is
and all He has done.



START

Worship in
moments.

GROW

Worship becomes
a priority.

MATURE

A life of
worship.



“You shall love the Lord your God with all your
heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

— MATTHEW 22:37 (LSB) —

✦ WORSHIP IS NOT A MOMENT—IT'S A LIFE AIMED AT GOD. ✦

COMMUNITY

**WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER.
BUILT FOR CONNECTION.**

God created us for community.
Together, we encourage,
support, and grow in faith.



START

Find your people.

GROW

Encourage and
support one another.

MATURE

United in love,
on mission together.



“For where two or three gather in my name,
there am I with them.”

MATTHEW 18:20 (LSB)



You don't grow alone—God uses His people to shape you.

THE PILLARS

GOD ORDAINED. SIMPLE. POWERFUL.



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BIBLE

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our foundation.

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PSALM 119:105



SERVICE

We reflect
Christ’s love
through action.

“Whatever you
did for one of the
least of these
brothers and sisters
of mine, you did
for me.”

MATTHEW 25:40



WORSHIP

We give our hearts
fully to God.

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Lord your God with
all your heart and
with all your
mind.”

MATTHEW 22:37



COMMUNITY

We grow
together in
God’s family.

“Let us not give up
meeting together,
as some are in the
habit of doing, but
let us encourage
one another.”

HEBREWS 10:24-25

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

WALKING BY FAITH. STANDING ON TRUTH. GROWING CLOSER TO GOD.



RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD
OUR ULTIMATE GOAL



1. THE WORLD IS DANGEROUS

Stay alert. The enemy sets traps.



2. GOD OFFERS A BETTER WAY

He gives us pillars—His ways—to stand on.



3. WE INVEST AND GROW

As we commit to Him, the pillars become stronger and move us higher and nearer to God.



4. WE DRAW NEAR TO GOD

Greater intimacy, greater peace, greater purpose.

“DRAW NEAR TO GOD,
AND HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU.”
JAMES 4:8



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Pride

Greed

Anger

Selfishness

Lust

Envy

Bitterness

Gluttony

Fear

GODLY INPUTS

EVERYTHING YOU TAKE IN SHAPES WHO YOU BECOME.



ENTERTAINMENT



Music • TV • Movies



ENTERTAINMENT

Choose what builds up, inspires, and strengthens.

Music • TV • Movies



THOUGHTS



Reading • Quiet Time



THOUGHTS

Fill your mind with truth, wisdom, and godly perspective.

Reading • Quiet Time



FRIENDSHIPS



The people you surround yourself with.



FRIENDSHIPS

Surround yourself with people who encourage and challenge you to grow.



GOD'S PROVISION



Rest • Nature



GOD'S PROVISION

He designed rest to refresh you and His creation to remind you of His greatness.

Rest • Nature



YOU BECOME
WHAT YOU
CONSISTENTLY
TAKE IN.



“Be careful what you think, because your thoughts run your life.”

PROVERBS 4:23 (LSB)

◆ GUARD YOUR INPUTS. PROTECT YOUR HEART. PURSUE WHAT IS TRUE, GOOD, AND BEAUTIFUL. ◆

DISCERNMENT

WHAT FEEDS YOUR DECISIONS
AND DRIVES YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.



**RECOGNIZE
THE BATTLE**

It takes discernment
to see what's really
going on.



GROW IN SCRIPTURE

Discernment is built
by knowing God's Word
deeply and personally.



DISCERNMENT

Sees clearly.
Understands deeply.
Chooses wisely.



**USE SCRIPTURE
TO CHOOSE**

The right path is found
by applying God's Word
to every decision.

DISCERNMENT FEEDS ALL FOUR PILLARS



STRENGTHENS

It builds spiritual
resilience and helps
you stand firm.



STABILIZES

It roots you in truth
so you are not
easily shaken.



DIRECTS

It guides your steps
and keeps you on
the right path.



**HELPS YOU
NAVIGATE**

It helps you avoid
deception, distractions,
and dangerous paths.

LIVE WITH PURPOSE.

FOUR ACTIONS. ONE FOCUS.



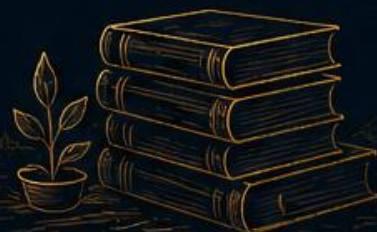
GUARD YOUR HEART.

Be alert to what you allow in.



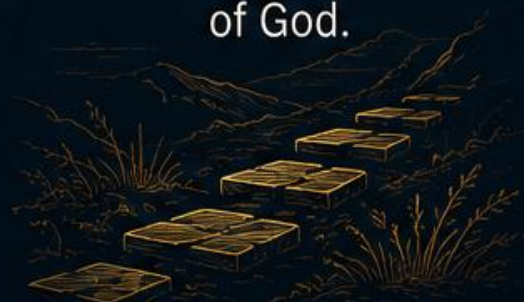
FEED YOUR MIND.

Fill your mind with what is true.



TAKE THE NEXT STEP.

Obey today. Grow in the direction of God.



SEEK HIS PRESENCE.

Draw near to God every day.



THE PATH OF LIFE



“You will make known to me the **path of life**;
In Your presence is **fullness of joy**;
In Your right hand there are
pleasures forever.”

— PSALM 16:11 (LSB) —



FULLNESS OF JOY IS FOUND IN HIM.



“Let him who boasts boast of this,
that he understands and knows Me.”

— JEREMIAH 9:24 (LSB)

**GOD IS NOT THE PATH
TO SOMETHING BETTER—
HE IS THE REWARD.**

MATTHEW 11:30

*“For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light.”*

Not because the path costs nothing.

Because the destination is worth everything.

And because the one walking with you is making it possible.