

**QUOTE** from "Do You Believe?" by Paul David Tripp

"No matter how long you have known the Lord, you still need His saving work acting upon your heart. No matter how much you have grown in grace, you still need to grow in grace. There simply is no such thing as a sanctification graduate."

#### **SCRIPTURE ON SIN**

<b>John</b> 17:17	Acts 20:32
<b>Romans</b> 6:5-6, 14, 19; 7:18, 23	
1 Corinthians 6:11	2 Corinthians 3:18; 7:1
Galatians 5:17, 24	Colossians 1:11
<b>Ephesians</b> 3:16-19; 4:15-16; 5:26	
1 Thessalonians 4:7; 5:21-23	
2 Thessalonians 2:13	2 Timothy 2:21
Hebrews 10:10, 14; 12:14	1 Peter 1:2; 2:11

### **BIBLE STUDIES & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1) **Read Colossians 3:1.** What does Paul mean when he tells us to "seek the things that are above?

- 2) Will we ever reach sinless perfection on earth?
- 3) Can spiritual satisfaction be a negative thing?
- **4)** How does sanctification help with marriage, parenting, and friendship?

#### **CASE STUDIES & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Jeremy is a motivational speaker. He travels all around the world and has written several self-help books. Recently, Jeremy accepted Christ as his Savior. Being hungry for knowledge, he began reading the Bible. One morning while at Starbucks, he was reading Philippians 2:12-13. Given his profession, he is eager to work on his salvation.

## Using God's Word, how would you encourage Jeremy?

Wayne owns a mechanic's shop. He is married with five children. He has a mortgage along with two car payments. His wife is a stay-at-home mom. Wayne and his family go to church at least twice a month. He would love to take his family to Europe. To be able to afford this vacation, he would have to start working on weekends. He figures that his friends at church would understand. Besides, he rationalizes, I don't even serve in the church, so I probably wouldn't be missed.

# How would you advise Wayne, if he shared his thoughts with you?

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"The Holy Spirit is at work in your heart, so surrender your heart to the wonderful work he is doing in you and for you."