

1. _____ is necessary for us to grow in our faith in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 1:3-5) I Thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

2. _____ is necessary for us to grow in our faith in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 1:6) For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work among you will complete it by the day of Christ Jesus.

3. _____ is necessary for us to grow in our faith in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 1:7) For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me.

BIG IDEA: Our growth _____ is how we see _____ concerning the Gospel of Christ.

(Philippians 1:12) Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel,

--- Beware of the dogs ---

(Philippians 3:1-3) Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble for me, and **it is a safeguard for you. Beware of the dogs,**

(Philippians 3:17-19) Brothers and sisters, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even as I weep, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who have their minds on earthly things.

“end is destruction”

1. **Beware of people who profess Christ but _____ Christ.**

(Matthew 7:15-17) Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they? So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.

- ✓ **Look for ways to align all my _____ with the Gospel.**

(Philippians 2:14-16) Do all things without complaining or arguments; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding firmly the word of life,

“god is their appetite”

2. **Beware of people who are hungry for _____.**

(Matthew 6:24) No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

- ✓ **Look for ways to use our wealth to serve _____.**

(2 Corinthians 9:11-13 NLT) Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God. As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.

“glory is in their shame”

3. **Beware of people that call good _____ and evil _____.**

(Isaiah 5:20-21) Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes And clever in their own sight!

- ✓ **Look for ways to bring _____ to the _____ of the Gospel.**

(Ephesians 4:15) Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, that is, Christ,

“minds on earthly things”

4. **Beware of people that are consumed with gaining _____.**

(Matthew 16:26) For what good will it do a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul?

- ✓ **Look for ways to be consumed with _____ of the Gospel.**

(Philippians 1:21-24) For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sakes.