The Five Fingers of Faith

2 Peter 3:18 – "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"

God enabled: 2 Peter 1:3

Eph 3:20

It is our responsibility to apply the effort. 2 Peter 1: 5-7

Romans 12: 1-2

How do we grow and renew our mind?

1. Word Hear: Romans 10:17

Read: Rev 1:3

Study: Acts 17:11

Memorize: PS 119: 9,11

Meditate: PS 1:1-3

2. Worship

Humility-James 4:10

Purpose: 1 Chr 16:29

Spirit and Truth: John 4:21-24

3. Prayer

What prayer is. The Most unexplored, powerful, hell-feared, secret, underestimated, untaught, demanding, neglected, conquering, far-reaching, opposed, honorable, divine, fruit bearing gift of the Christian life.

What pray does.

Relieves our Burdens - Ps 102:17

Nehemiah 9:27

John 16:24

Sharpens our Focus - 1 Pet 4:7

<u>Helps us resist temptation</u> - Luke 22:40 Page 1 of 4 It brings results - James 5:6

Strengthens our Faith - James 4:8

Changes our Perspective - Luke 18:13

Enriches our Purpose - Ps 109:26-27

Helps us to Stand - Luke 21:36

Position of prayer Where are we? Eph 2:6

Where is Christ? Heb 8:1

Therefore, we are in Christ seated at the right hand of God 1 Cor 1:2

2 Cor 1:2

1 John 5:20

How do we pray?

With the Spirits help - Romans 8:26-32

Pray the WORD - Hebrews 4:12 *Spirits filling* Luke 11:13

As to be more Christ like in what we you say, do, and think. Eph 5:1-2

<u>With Desire</u> To please God. James 4:2 To Glorify God . 1 Cor 10:31

Ask for wisdom, knowledge, insight, understanding, sound judgement, Spiritual armor, Everything. Prb 2:1-7

To be armored. Eph 6:14-18

Where? In private Matt 6:6,

When? Always Luke 18:1

Everywhere 1 Cor 1:2

In everything. Phil 4:6

What Hinders prayer?

<u>Sin</u> - Isaiah 59:2

Ps 66:18

Broken fellowship: Matt 5:24

Doubt: James 1:6-8

4. Fellowship

Whom do we Fellowship with? 1 John 1:3

2 Cor 13:14

Why do we fellowship?

Phil 1:25 -joy of faith Heb 10:24,25 stir up love and good works, exhorting one another, James 5:16 Confess your trespasses, pray for one another, for healing Romans 12:13 distributing to the needs of the saints Romans 15:25 minister Colossians 3:16 teaching, admonishing

5. Ministry

Purpose: Hebrews 10: 24-25 Encourage each other.

Eph 4:12 Equip each other

Matt 25: 37-40 Obey God

<u>How do we serve?</u> Using Spiritual Gifts - 1 Cor 12:7, 1 Cor 12:28

How Manifested?

How do we serve?

Characteristics:

Spirit filled Life

Spirits purpose is to glorify Christ. John 16:14 My purpose then if filled would be the same. Done through abiding in Christ. John 15:1-8

Commanded: Eph 5:18 Page **3** of **4** Received as part of salvation John 1:12

Acts 2:38

Ask for Filling (more control by) Luke 11:13

2 Cor 12:10 For His sake.

What does filling of Spirit do? Power – Acts 1:8 Wisdom – 1 Cor 2:10 Comfort – John 14:26 Protection – Act 16:6 Freedom from the Flesh – Eph 2:3-6 Hope – Rom 15:13 Liberty – Luke 4:18

We need to have the Spirit and his reign in our life.

Desire Him – Matt 6:33

Confess sin – 1 John 1:9

Pray – Matt 21:22

Put our Faith (all of yourself) in God. James 1:6

We pray for the filling of the Holy Spirit so there is less of us and more of Him.

Where you end, God Begins