GROWTH

- 1. Glorify God
- 2. Love Others
- 3. Walk by the Spirit

- -2 Corinthians 5:1-10
- -Haggai 1:1-4

"One of the main reasons the Jews had neglected the temple was because they had become so busy with their own interests. Ironically, they had given plenty of attention to finishing and furnishing their own homes while totally disregarding the House of the LORD."

"But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

-Matthew 6:33

"His disciples remembered that it is written: 'Zeal for Your House will consume me.'"

-John 2:17

"'My food,' said Jesus, 'is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work. Do you not say, four more months and then the harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together."

-John 4:34-38

"Thus the saying 'One Sows and another reaps' is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefit of their labor."

-John 4:34-38

"For I have come down from heaven not to do My will but to do the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that He has given me,"

-John 6:38-40

"but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise Him up at the last day."

-John 6:38-40

"As long as it is day, we must do the work of Him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work."

-John 9:4

- -1 Corinthians 1:12-17; 3:1-17
- -Haggai 1:5-15

"Even though the people may have been working hard, they were not enjoying the success they could have had. They had lost God's blessing because their lives were self-centered; they showed little to no interest in God's GOALS and PURPOSES."

"We cannot expect to experience God's blessing and help in our lives if we are not vitally concerned with and active in His work. This includes participating in and contributing toward ministry efforts."

"We have gotten so focused on our earthly tents that we have neglected the Sanctuary. We're more focused on feeding ourselves or building up our own lives that we've neglected the key principles of what scripture says about how the church should be built together, unified, accountable, carrying burdens, etc."

"We've allowed the "Digital Bible/Church" to become a spiritual Idol that can "help" us in "our needs". But really the purpose of the Body of Believers is not to be focusing on just ourselves, but focused on being built together as we focus on Jesus."

Hebrews 10:19-25

"As you come to Him, the living Stone rejected by men BUT chosen by God and precious to Him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

-1 Peter 2:4-5

"A Royal Priesthood"

1. Believers have direct access to God through Christ.

2. Believers are obligated to live holy lives.

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- 3. Believers must offer spiritual "sacrifices" to God.
- a. Living in obedience to His Word rather than being conformed by the pattern of the world.
- b. Praying and Praising God

- c. Serving God with whole hearts, willing hands, and doing so passionately/zealous d. Doing good works
- e. Giving possessions (material or otherwise)
- f. presenting our earthly tents to God as instruments of righteousness. (doing what is right according to God's standards, plans, and purposes)

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4. Believers are to intercede and pray for one another.

5. Believers are to do God's work and spread its message while praying for its effect on the hearers.

REFLECTION QUESTION'S

-How much am I spending on/ investing in myself, and how much am I spending on God's Kingdom?

Diligently devote yourself to stay on the road to true faith by spending time resting in the Lord.

SPEND TIME:

Find 30 minutes of time each day this week to spend personal time with the Lord. Read His Word, spend time praying, Worship, etc.

BE ACCOUNTABLE:

Call someone up this week and ask them how God has been speaking to them this week. Spend time praying with that person and see if there is anyway you can come alongside them to help them.

DISCIPLE/MENTOR:

Find someone in the church that you can meet with once a week to disciple/mentor. Start this week over a walk, cup of coffee, dinner, etc.

BUILD THE HOUSE OF GOD:

Find a way you can SERVE,

SUPPORT, PRAY, CONNECT, or USE

your gifts within the church.