GROWTH

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

BEING LED BY THE SPIRIT

Romans 8:9-17

"It is not enough for us to have the Spirit; the Spirit must have us!"

We have NO obligation to the flesh! It has only brought you trouble in life.

We DO have an obligation to the Holy Spirit!

BEING LED BY THE SPIRIT

You can WALK!
So, be led by the Spirit!

The verb here means "willingly led". We yield to the Spirit and He guides us by His Word day by day.

You can SPEAK! We can cry out to "Abba Father".

The Spirit enables us to overcome and leads us closer to our Lord and Savior and our Heavenly Father.

WHYBETHANKFUL

"Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever."

-Psalm 106:1

Romans 8:5-8

"Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires."

-Romans 8:5

"Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only."

-Matthew 4:10

Materialism:

Desire for more possessions, attaining things to be the source of happiness and status, feeling lost when you don't have something tangible.

Relationships:

Elevating spouse, family, romance, friendships as a primary source of identity and security.

Career/Success:

Combining our identity or our worth with our achievements, titles, or status.

Opinions:

Devotion to political beliefs, ideologies, conspiracy theories, and traditions.

Self-worship:

Placing value on image, personal desires, pleasure and comfort.

Technology/Social Media: Excessive amounts of time on phone, social media, and digital content.

"These deceptions misdirect our worship from God toward something or someone else." Being disguised as positive aspects of life (career, hobbies, comfort) make them easy to lead us in a path away from God.

"Idols over time become the source of our identity and security."

"Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid."

-Proverbs 12:1

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life."

-Proverbs 13:12

"Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.' Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame."

-1 Corinthians 15:33-34

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."

-1 Timothy 6:10

Hebrews 12:14-17

These idols also lead us to be restless, stressed, anxious, afraid and deceived.