



Nuggets of Treasure

Change



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Our life as believers does not just happen. We need to put forth effort or diligence in our walk with the Lord, along with the empowering of the Holy Spirit. How do we accept salvation from Jesus Christ by faith, as we must continue in faith, trust, and reliance? As we continue to exercise faith, we will develop virtue, excellence, and integrity. What does develop? It means growing, building, or making progress. Developing shows we are changing, maturing, and progressing. It suggests we are fostering things in our life.

II Peter 1:5-8 (AMP) "For this very reason, adding your diligence [to the divine promises], employ every effort in exercising your faith to develop virtue (excellence, resolution, Christian energy), and in [exercising] virtue [develop] knowledge (intelligence), 6 And in [exercising] knowledge [develop] self-control, and in [exercising] self-control [develop] steadfastness (patience, endurance), and in [exercising] steadfastness [develop] godliness (piety), 7 And in [exercising] godliness [develop] brotherly affection, and in [exercising] brotherly affection [develop] Christian love. 8 For as these qualities are yours and

increasingly abound in you, they will keep [you] from being idle or unfruitful unto the [full personal] knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)." Faith progresses into virtue (excellence and integrity), knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love. It is not necessarily a stair step of each building on the other but each character of something we need to develop. Peter is just pointing out the importance of these qualities in our life. The Lord God wants us to have a balanced or well-rounded life. These things are not just poured into us but something we must diligently do. How do we do this by the enabling power of the Holy Spirit? Through the Holy Spirit's daily work in our lives, we can cultivate these qualities in our lives. We should be zealous to have these qualities. As we progress as a believer, we are to become more Christ-like.

We need spiritual knowledge (insight) in our walk with the Lord, but we also need self-control—self-control- behavior, actions, and words. We also need perseverance and steadfast endurance. It is a never

give up attitude, even in the face of adversity. Godliness refers to piety which is reverence towards God. Allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us will show in our behavior towards others as in brotherly kindness, which shows caring for others and their needs. Next is love which means we want the highest good for others. We begin with faith, and by building on that foundation, we develop qualities that develop into love toward others. II Thessalonians 1:3 (AMP) "We ought and indeed are obligated [as those in debt] to give thanks always to God for you, brethren, as is fitting because your faith is growing exceedingly and the love of every one of you each toward the others is increasing and abounds."

We will be productive and effective as we grow, develop, and progress in our walk. Many people profess salvation but lack the fruit of the Spirit and do not advance in their walk. They stay like infants, still needing spiritual milk.

Change in us does not happen by doing anything and just floating along. We need to read and hear the Word of God, pray, and fellowship with other believers. We need to look honestly at our-

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Upcoming Events 2023

July 4 Independence Day



August 11 Last Day of Summer Feeding

September 4 Labor Day



“We must not confuse the Kingdom of God with our country. To say it another way: “We should not wrap our Christianity in our national flag.” —Francis A. Schaeffer

“We must not get the impression that the Christian life is one continuous conflict, one unbroken irritating struggle against the world, the flesh and the devil. A thousand times no. A heart that learns to die with Christ soon knows the blessed experience of rising with Him, and all the world’s persecutions cannot still the high note of holy joy that springs up in the soul that has become the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.”—A.W. Tozer

“God knew it would come to this. And it will be okay. He has a plan.”—Toby Mac

“If you wake up feeling fragile, remember that God is not, and then trust Him to be everything you need today.”—C.S. Lewis

Happy Birthday

7/5 Barbara McDonald
7/11 Allison McKay
7/30 Rodney McDonald



Happy Anniversary

7/7 Joe & Megan McHenry



Our Helping Hands Show A Loving Heart

Get involved, find a place to help. We all have something to give. We need greeters, ushers, maintenance, socials, visitations, children, youth, food center, music, socials, driving etc.

VOLUNTEER



Oasis Food Center Update

May 2023

Families: 1,245
New Families: 71
Total People: 4,824

Year to Date 2023 (as of 6/1/23)

Families: 6,461
New Families: 361
Total People: 25,331

Year to Date 2022

Families: 15,288
New Families: 766
Total People: 60,604

Church Offices

The Administrative Office is not located at the church building.

Ministry Office is at the church by appointment only:
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Phone 208-459-6000
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JULY



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4TH OF JULY MAZE

START

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| Liberty | Family | Anthem |
| Parade | Boating | Seashore |
| Swimming | Suffrage | Recreation |
| Band | Conjoint | Hiking |
| Fireworks | Euphoria | Camping |
| Fourth | Holiday | Picnic |

Bring Your Friends and Join
the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning
10:30 am





RECIPE CORNER

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selves and see how we progress to become more Christ-like. We need to develop all the qualities mentioned in II Peter 1:5-8. II Peter 1:3 (AMP) "For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His glory and excellence (virtue)." It is knowing the Lord that we can receive the power that we need to be more Christ-like, to be able to have the qualities found in II Peter 1:5-8 and to be able to walk in love. The fruit we bear, we reveal our relation to Christ. As believers, we have everything we need to be what we ought to be. It is a matter of developing it. Colossians 3:14 (AMP) "And above all these [put on] love and enfold yourselves with the bond of perfectness [which binds everything together completely in ideal harmony]."



Black Bean and Corn Salad

Ingredients

- 4 ears corn, husks removed
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- 3/4 cup diced red onion
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 cup snow peas, julienned
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper



Directions

Preheat the grill to medium.

Grill the corn until lightly charred, about 2 minutes, turning frequently. Transfer the corn to a cutting board and using a serrated knife remove the kernels. Set aside.

In a medium saute pan over medium-high heat, add the olive oil, then the red bell pepper and the red onion. Saute for 3 minutes, then add the vinegar, beans and corn and saute for 2 minutes. Stir in the garlic and the snow peas and saute for 1 minute more. Remove from the heat to a serving bowl and season with salt and pepper. Serve warm or cold.

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Luke 6: 27-36 “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. 31 And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. 32 “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. 35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.” Do we think about loving our enemies, those who are against us, treat us improperly, or have hurt us deeply? Loving our enemies seems extreme; to love those who hate us. Our instinct is to hate those who hate us, to get even, and to wish bad things happen to them. As we look to

Everyday Godly Living

Jesus, He lived out what He told us to do. He prayed for the individuals who were crucifying Him. In Luke 23:34, He prays, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

What is our idea of love? Is it the same as the Lord’s? We combine love with loving puppies, ice cream, and people. Do we only love people as long as they do everything we want, and they love us? Jesus is telling us to love those who mistreat and hurt us.

Jesus does not want us to run around trying to give our enemies a dose of their own medicine. When talking about “enemy,” He is not just talking about someone who stole something from your house or automobile. It is people who are not for us but opposing us; it could be a co-worker, even a boss, and a person who has been our friend in the past. This kind of love is when the rubber meets the road. Sometimes these are the hardest to love. It could even be a family member.

Jesus is telling us to be different than the world. He is telling us to love instead of getting even. He is telling us to return kindness for hurt, to show mercy. Loving others is not easy when we have been deeply wounded, but it is possible with the grace and strength of the Lord, enabling the Holy Spirit. We can also hold on to what the Lord

states in His Word, “For it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord. The Lord God is telling us not to be concerned. He will take care of the situation we do not have to. We need to put ourselves into His care. We are to do what He says, love, do good, and pray.

The scripture also tells us to pray for those who mistreat or hurt us. That is the last thing we want to do if we are truthful. Jesus does not suggest that we pray if we feel like it, but He commands us to pray. We might think this is unrealistic, but if we rely on the Lord for help, He will give us strength. Jesus does not want us to pray for our enemy to be punished or cursed but to be blessed. It is the opposite of how we feel when we have been hurt.

The Word of God tells us to treat others how we would like to be treated. It is not simply a command to avoid unfair treatment we might not wish for ourselves. Instead, giving the same sensitive consideration to others that we might want others to provide us with is a command. We are to be showing unconditional love, agape love. Unconditional love is the love that the Lord God has given us.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	3	4 Independence Day	5 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	6 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	7	8
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