

Net Mending Week 4

Recap of Fellowship:

1. Fellowship begins when _____ ends.
2. Fellowship is a product of _____.

John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

3. Fellowship is derailed when we want _____ to come before _____.

Matthew 16:24

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

- Resurrection power only works in the midst of _____.

Philippians 3:10

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

Part 1: Maturity - Three Stages of Growth

John's progression of spiritual growth: relationship, fellowship, and maturity

Stages of Maturity

Stage One: _____

John 3:7

You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'

- The first stage of Christianity is understanding the _____ of our sins.

Immature
Christians
have always
been the
curse of the
church.

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Hebrews 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

- Grace is more than a means of _____, it is a means to _____.

2 Peter 3:18

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

Colossians 1:28

We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

- Christ saved us not to merely miss hell but to mature into his _____.

Stage Two: _____

- Victory starts with an understanding of your _____.

Ephesians 6:10-12

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

- Growing in Christ is learning the difference between being strong _____ Christ vs. trying to be strong _____ Christ.

Spirituality is the process while maturity is the product.

- Young men tend to obey _____ while fathers obey _____.
- Spiritual growth is automatic when you _____, _____, and _____.

Stage Three: _____

- Knowing Christ involves a _____ over a long period of time.
- Fathers reflect the _____ of Jesus.
- Maturity is to put away _____ things.

1 Corinthians 13:11

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.

- Maturity is moving from _____ to _____.
- _____ is a sign of spiritual maturity.

Part 2: The World - The Enemy of Spiritual Growth

John warns us against those things that would hinder us – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

- "The world" is Satan's _____ for opposing the work of Christ on Earth.

John 5:44

How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God?

John 15:18

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.

"The kingdom" is Christ's philosophical system beckoning us to live in light of eternity.
 "The world" is Satan's philosophical system beckoning us to live in light of the moment.

Ephesians 2:1-2

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

Three Reasons Why We Are Not to Love the World:

1. Loving God and loving the world are _____.

Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

2 Timothy 3:1-2

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ²People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

2. The world is _____ and the Kingdom is _____.

3. The world never _____.

- The flesh is _____ by the world but never satisfied.
- The world affects us _____, _____ and _____.