



Just give it to the Lord?

The belief that all I have to do in order to grow or change is "just give it to the Lord" can drive Christians crazy.

I. The Reflective Nature of Release

- Our _____ is not a partnership but our _____ is. (II Corinthians 3:18)
- God requires us to be active _____ in our own _____.
- We are _____ of our own _____.
- There are certain things that only God _____ do and there are some things that God _____ not do.
- Many Christians adopt a passive attitude about their _____. (Philippians 2:12-13)
- The Christian walk is learning to _____ and _____ what God has secured for us. (Numbers 33:51-53, 55)
- Many believers fail to experience a release because they never fully embrace their responsibility of _____ their _____.

Truth: God has secured a position of spiritual health (Christ-likeness) for us, but we must fight the fight with him to possess that position.

II. Understanding the Garden of Growth (Mark 4:26-27)

- A. We can take an active role in protecting our _____ (Proverbs 4:23)
- B. We can commit ourselves to the process of _____.
- We do not will growth but with the right ingredients of _____, truth, and _____, growth supernaturally happens. (Galatians 6:8-10)

C. We can own our own problems: _____.

- We will never _____ unless we _____ what is true about ourselves. (I John 1:9)
- _____ is the ignition to cleansing.
- We have the ability to confess that we are incapable of _____ our _____. (II Corinthians 12:9)
- Attempting to fly solo in our _____ will _____.

D. We have the ability to ask for help from God and others: _____ (Matthew 7:7 & James 4:2)

- We have the ability to continue _____ and _____ God and others what is in our souls. (Psalm 139:23b-24)

E. We have the ability to find out what needs were not met when we grew up in our _____ and take those needs to the family of _____ where they can be met. (Psalm 68:6 & Romans 15:1)

- God heals through people; since our _____ very often come through people, God's _____ also comes through people.
- Satan's goal is to _____ and _____.

F. We have the ability to seek out those whom we have injured and, when it is helpful, _____, admit our wrong, and ask for _____. (Matthew 5:23-24)

- The Bible teaches us that to have _____ with God we must make _____ with each other.
- We cannot claim to be right with _____ if we are not doing everything in our hearts to be right with _____. (I John 4:20-21)

G. We have the ability to _____ others who have _____ us. (Ephesians 4:32)

- Only the _____ can truly _____.
 - Our _____ is intimately tied to our _____ of others.
 - It is counterproductive to receive _____ on one hand and deal out _____ on the other.
 - Those who _____ one another as God commanded _____; those who hold onto revenge, self-centeredness, hatred and revenge do not.
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