

I'M NOT GROWING SPIRITUALLY

Sometimes it would seem that the easiest thing in the world is to get saved, because after this, many a Christian race turns into a crawl.

It seems to be a "minefield" littered with backslidings, trials, false starts, tribulations, lukewarmness, discouragements and temptations.

WHAT GOES WRONG?

We fall into the trap of thinking that because we are saved, God will make things easier for us and there is no further need for correction.

Moreover, our humble clay insists on telling God how to be the perfect potter !

TO COUNTERACT SPIRITUAL WAYWARDNESS YOU WILL BE URGED TO:

1. Use the King James Bible exclusively and forego the need to study Greek and Hebrew.
2. Believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture.
3. See that Calvinist doctrine is a threat to Christianity.
4. Praise God for all situations and glory in your tribulations whatever they may be.
5. Check yourself against a list that shows how Christians can easily fall into religious error, doctrine and practice.

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction." (2 Peter 2:1)

1. USE THE KING JAMES BIBLE EXCLUSIVELY & FORGET ABOUT THE GREEK AND HEBREW

Did you know that all you need to understand the Bible is to get a King James Bible, a concordance and a comprehensive Webster's Dictionary (prior to 1970).

To understand 100% of the Bible, you need NO Greek or Hebrew. This has been a lie that has been perpetrated on the average Christian by "clever and scholarly" academics.

There have been over 300 versions of the Bible published since 1881 and only one is the inerrant, infallible and inspired word of God - the King James. All the rest are corrupt and frauds! Pray that God will let you see this.

WHY?

Very simply, they have been based on two corrupt Roman Catholic documents (Vaticanus and Sinaiticus). This includes the New King James Version which has as much to do with the King James Bible as Saddam Hussein has to do with world peace.

QUESTION

When fixing a Holden car you don't get the Mazda manual, do you? When finding out what God says, you don't reach for Satan's words. Send for our brochure on the different translations or get Gail Riplinger's book on "New Age Bible Versions".

2. BELIEVE IN THE RAPTURE PRIOR TO THE SEVEN YEAR TRIBULATION

People say that they can't see the Rapture in the Bible. Only the King James says to "study" the word. The Pre-Tribulation Rapture is throughout the King James. Send for our brochures and pray that God reveals this to you. Do you want to grow spiritually?

3. SEE THAT CALVINIST DOCTRINE IS A THREAT TO CHRISTIANITY

Once again send for our brochure on Calvinism. Calvin was a sincere man but he was sincerely wrong. He got "justification by faith alone" right and was one of the first to pioneer Systematic Theology but he couldn't rightly divide the word. So much so, he

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didn't write a commentary on one book of the Bible - The Revelation. Why? He couldn't understand it. Want to grow spiritually? Reject Calvinism.

4. PRAISE GOD FOR ALL SITUATIONS AND GLORY IN YOUR TRIBULATIONS

Do you have a bad habit that you can't break? Does your anger not only not get better but it gets worse? Have ever been on the point of desperation with the sin and the sins in your life such that you think that you can't be saved? Let's see what Paul has to say about settings, trials and tribulations.

*"(1) Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: (2) By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (3) And not only so, but **WE GLORY IN TRIBULATIONS** also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; (4) And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."*

(Romans 5:1-5)

Imagine that! Giving glory to God when trials, tribulations or testing come along. When this happens, if anyone is carnal, weak, blind, wicked, haughty and irritable and so on, tribulations and trials will only make that person more so. Trials don't make people impatient they only prove that the person is impatient. Situations don't make a person angry, they show that the person is by nature - angry.

Put some washing powder in your hand and drip some water onto it. It gets warm! The water didn't create the heat in the powder - it only showed that there was heat hidden in the powder. Is a little aggravation by someone enough for you to bring forth heat?

Those who blame their anger on others don't understand the "nature of the criminal that lurks within". God reveals our flesh reaction to show our corruptness and to flee to Him for 100% help. Thank Him for the trials and ask Him not to take them from you but to leave them there to humble you and bring glory to Himself through the destruction of your flesh reactions. In Acts 14:22 we read "We **MUST** through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."

THERE IS NO CHOICE.

Tribulation takes from a person everything in which he or she trusts and leaves him/her naked and destitute. It prevents him from seeking help in his own spiritual good works. It causes him to despair of any other person; to look away from himself and everything else and to throw himself on God's mercy.

*"My brethren, **COUNT IT ALL JOY** when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. "*

(James 1:2-4)

DOES GOD WANT YOU TO BECOME SOMETHING?

Answer: Yes He does. God wants you to have more love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

SOME WISE WORDS

"If anyone could tell you the shortest and surest way to all happiness and perfection, he must tell you to make it a rule to yourself to thank and praise God for everything that happens to you. For it is certain that whatever seeming calamity happens to you, if you thank and praise God for it, you turn it into a blessing." William Law - English clergyman, 18th Century

"I thank God for my handicaps, for through them I have found myself, my work and my God." Helen Keller - blind and dumb since birth.

"Blessed is he who submits to the will of God; he can never be unhappy. Men may deal with him as they will - he is without care; he knows that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose." Martin Luther - the great reformer who nearly bled the Roman Catholics to death.

"Cry for grace from God to be able to see God's hand in every trial, and then for grace to submit at once to it. Not only to submit, but to acquiesce and to rejoice in it. I think there is generally an end to troubles when we get to that."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

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5. TICK ANY OF THE FOLLOWING & YOU'RE STUNTING YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- You like the modern versions of the Bible.
- You believe the music on the radio and the movies is alright.
- You like the world's fashions- hairdo's, clothes & nose rings.
- You go to a church with women pastors.
- You go to a charismatic or Pentecostal church.
- Joining together with other churches is OK.
- You believe that the King James Bible isn't the infallible, inerrant and inspired word of God.
- You believe baptism in the Spirit happens after being saved.
- You desire the "signs and wonders power" as spoken of in the Bible.
- You believe in signs and wonders are for today.
- You believe we should get back to the Ten Commandments to start living holy again.
- You believe in the Azusa Street revival and what it stood for.
- Pensacola and Toronto were good for the church.
- You believe you must be healed as a Christian.
- You desire "pentecostal" experiences and the "pentecostal" gifts.
- You look for and desire daily blessings in the Lord.
- You believe doctrine isn't important.
- You believe in evolution or theistic evolution.
- You believe you have to be baptized to be saved.
- You believe you can lose your salvation.
- Babies should be baptized to be saved.
- Tithing is taught in the New Testament.
- You believe everlasting punishment is wrong.
- You believe in the British-Israel theory.
- You believe in the World Council of Churches.
- You believe Roman Catholics are Christians.
- You involve yourself in Promise Keepers.
- Punishment in hell isn't physical.
- The Alpha Course is scripturally based.
- You believe in Inter-Faith church services.
- You believe Billy Graham is right when he instructs his counsellors to send his converts back to the religions from which they came.
- You believe in the unity of the churches.
- You believe in Benny Hinn, Joyce Meyer, Dobson, Scott Peck and Kenneth Copeland to name a few.
- You believe Christians should be prosperous
- Christians should always be healthy.
- You believe that Christians can do Martial Arts or Yoga and have Homeopathy and Acupuncture.
- You read plenty of books on Christian psychology and believe they can help.
- You believe in the Meyers Briggs Personality Test.
- You believe in written tests that can reveal the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Christians should love themselves more.
- You believe in Christian Psychology & its counselling techniques.
- You believe in The Four Temperaments teaching.
- You believe in the church offering Stress Management courses.
- You believe in the Healing of Memories.
- You liked "Boundaries" by Cloud & Townsend.
- You believe we shouldn't judge others.
- You believe homosexuality is a disease & not a sin.
- You believe in learning to love yourself more.
- You believe God is love and not wrath.
- Churches should find out what people want.
- Pastors should "share" more rather than preach.
- There should be less emphasis on doctrine.
- Self-esteem is an important part of the Gospel.
- You believe in infant baptism.

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- You believe churches should attract people to services and not just teach the Bible all the time.
- You believe toleration of all religious views is important.
- Fellowship is more important than doctrine.
- You like the term "partner" instead of husband or wife.
- You believe that dating is alright.
- You believe that Pastors should preach to needs.
- You believe that Christian Rock music is OK.
- Freemasons can be Christians and vice versa.
- You believe Amway is alright in a church.

"If Satan can't stop you from being saved, he'll fiddle with the street signs so that you take a wrong turn. You'll have the impression of making good time but you'll be going in the wrong direction."

By Harley Hitchcock.