

A STRATEGY FOR GROWTH

(Philippians 3:10-14)

- As we are at the beginning of a new year, we must understand that we have been blessed with a _____. I believe this means God is introducing us to new _____.
- The greatest possibility of them all; the possibility that can literally shape and chart the trajectory of our lives, is the possibility of _____.

1. _____

- Opportunities are like doors in a house or building. They don't _____, they _____ access. We, as individuals, have to _____ to walk through the door, in order to gain entrance into a particular space.

- Growth is a _____ process.

- We have before is now an opportunity to:

_____ in every area of our lives.

2. _____

- Growth requires _____ and a _____ comfort and complacency.

- Growth involves _____; and change can be _____

- We must then, embrace a _____ that sets us on a path to growth.

3. _____

- In Philippians 3:10-14, Paul describes his journey of faith as a _____. He shows us that we must adopt a _____ and intertwine that with _____ and _____.

I. _____ (10-11)

- Paul's ultimate goal is to know Christ, experience His _____ and _____.

- **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO KNOW CHRIST?**

- **Ginoskó (GK)** – knowledge that goes beyond mere _____. It implies a deep _____ knowledge or understanding. It is often used to describe _____ knowledge.
- **Ginoskó in this passage (3:10)** is in the present, active form – indicating an _____. It suggests that knowing is _____, but a continual _____.
- **Our growth process starts when we have a high appetite for knowing Christ, intimately. It goes beyond knowing Christ cognitively as a historical figure, but encompasses a _____ with the King of Kings and Savior of humanity.**

- Knowing Christ is a _____, and there can be no spiritual growth without an _____ personal _____.
- **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO KNOW THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION?**
 - The power of His resurrection is a reference to the power that _____.
 - For the Apostle Paul, resurrection power enables believers to do three things:
 1. _____ (Romans 6:6-7)
 2. _____ (1 Corinthians 15:57)
 3. _____ (2 Corinthians 4:8-10)
 - The good news is, _____ to the resurrection power required to live transformed lives.
- **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS?**
 - Koinónia (GK) – means partnership.
 - Paul sees _____ as a way for believers to _____.
 - Suffering and struggle is a _____ as it allows believers to _____ and _____.
 - _____

- **Spiritual growth involves _____ and _____ with an _____.**
- **WHAT SHOULD OUR END-GOAL ENTAIL?**
 - 1. Pursue Christ above all else.**
 - 2. Embrace God's power.**
 - 3. Find meaning in suffering.**
 - 4. Keep an eye on our eternal hope.**