



2007 is the Time to...
Strengthen Your Faith

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HOW TO BE A GROWING CHRISTIAN

1. _____ with God _____.
 [_____] vs. 1-8

Joshua 1:7,8--Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; mediate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

See also Ezra 7:10; 2 Timothy 3:16,17

TEN MINUTES WITH GOD

.5		Ps. 143:8
.5		Ps. 46:10
4.0		Ps. 119:18
2.5	-	1 Chron. 29:11
	-	1 John 1:9
	-	Eph. 5:20
	-	Matt 7:7
2.5		

2. Give your _____ to God _____.
 [_____] vs. 1-8,10,16

1 Corinthians 16:2--On the first day of the week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.

>> Three Principles

1. God is the _____.
2. He's entrusting _____ to us.
3. We are to manage them according to His _____.

HOW WE SHOULD GIVE

	Ex. 25:2
	2 Cor. 9:7
	1 Cor 16:2
	2 Sam. 24:24
	2 Cor. 9:6
	Luke 6:38

3. _____ with God's people _____.
 [_____] vs. 9-17

Hebrews 10:25--Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

>> Three Principles

- PRINCIPLE #1: _____ "Meet together"
- PRINCIPLE #2: _____ "Encourage one another"
- PRINCIPLE #3: _____ "All the more as you see the Day"

4. _____ your life _____.
 [_____] vs. 1-3

Psalms 139:23,24--Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways do you want to strengthen your faith this year?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. What are the keys to building spiritual muscle? How do we become more fully devoted disciples of Christ?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.