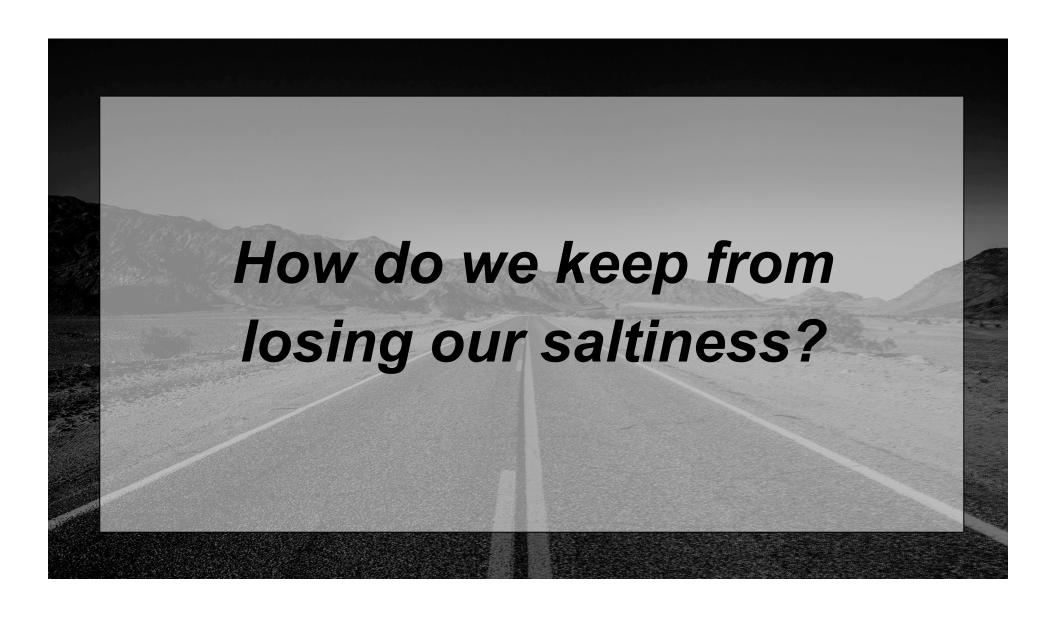
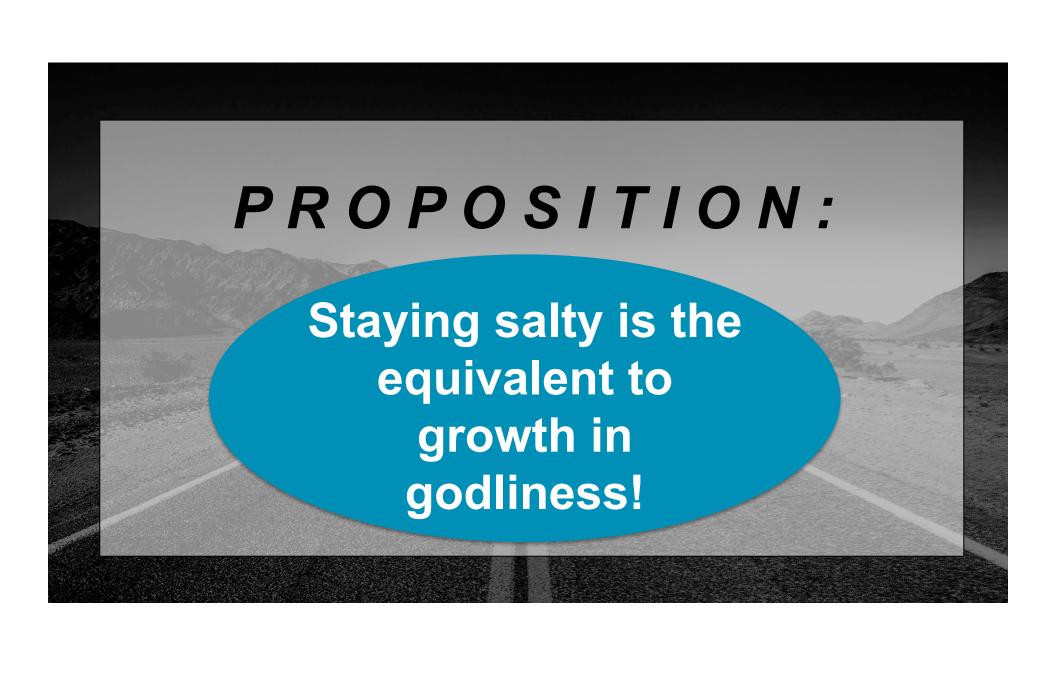
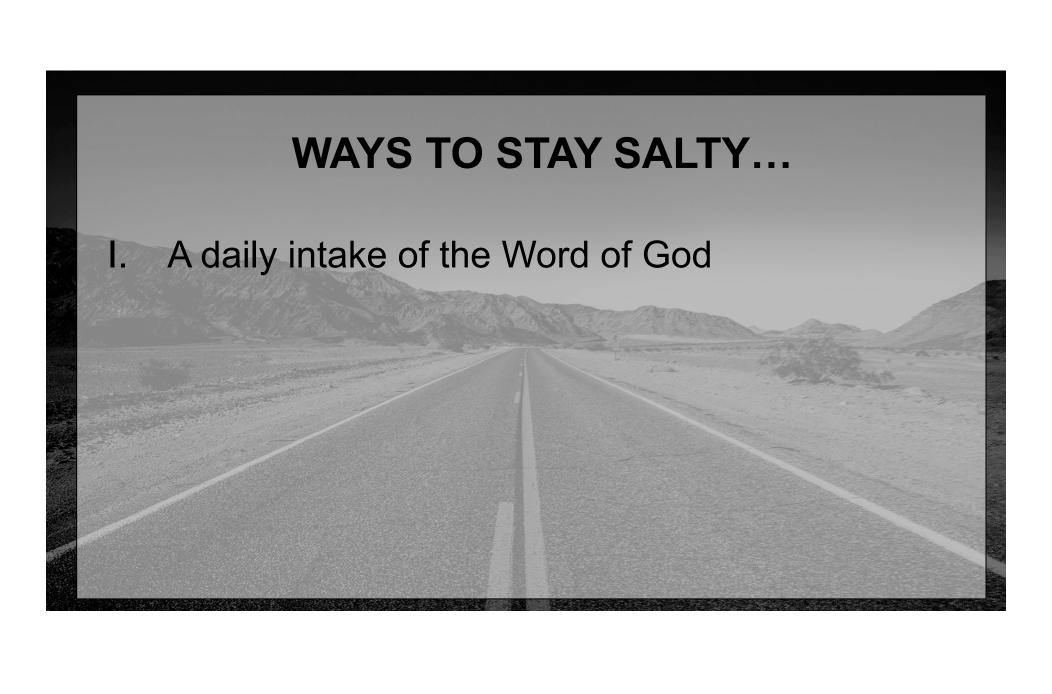


How do we influence the world without being influenced by the world?





"Christianity has not so much been tried and found wanting...
As it has been found difficult and left untried."



Romans 12:2

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Are you spending more time in the WORD or the WORLD?

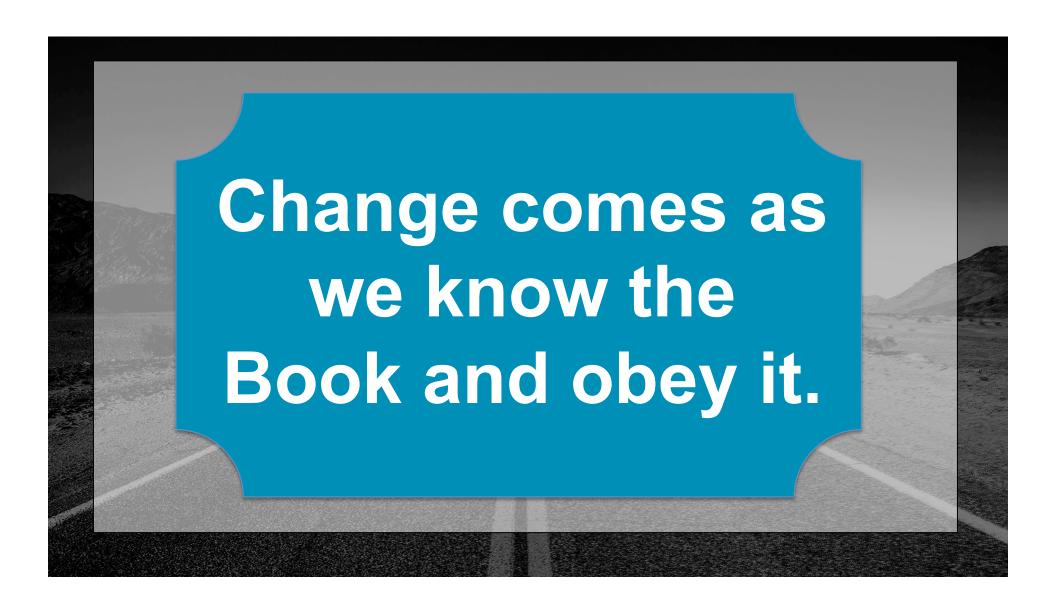


- I. A daily intake of the Word of God
 - A. I Peter 2:2 Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment.

Don't just be under good teaching.... BE IN THE WORD!

A great price is paid for a lack of personal exposure to the Word.

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 - B. II Corinthians 3:18: So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord who is Spirit makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.



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 - C. Il Timothy 2:15 Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

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 - D. 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. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

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 - D. Psalm 1: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither whatever they do prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the Lord watched over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.



I. A daily intake of the Word of God

D. Psalm 119

- I. A daily intake of the Word of God
 - D. II Timothy 3:16-17: All Scripture is Godbreathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

PROFITABLE FOR:

- 1. Teaching
- 2. Reproof Shows you where you are out of line.
- 3. Correction It will bring you back and conform you to the image of Christ.
- **4. Training in Righteousness** Training in Godly living.

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 - John 14:15

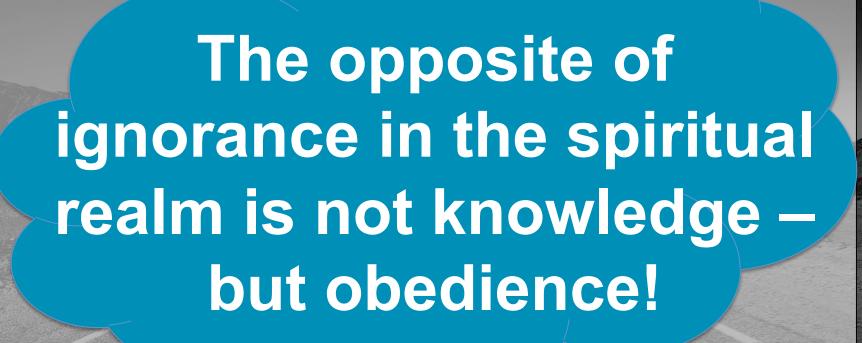


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 - Matthew 7:21

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"Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter."



FORMULA FOR GROWTH:

- 1. Input Phrase
 - WORD
- 2. Obedient Phase
 - John 14:15
 - Matthew 7:21 -
- 3. Time

Philippians 1:6

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

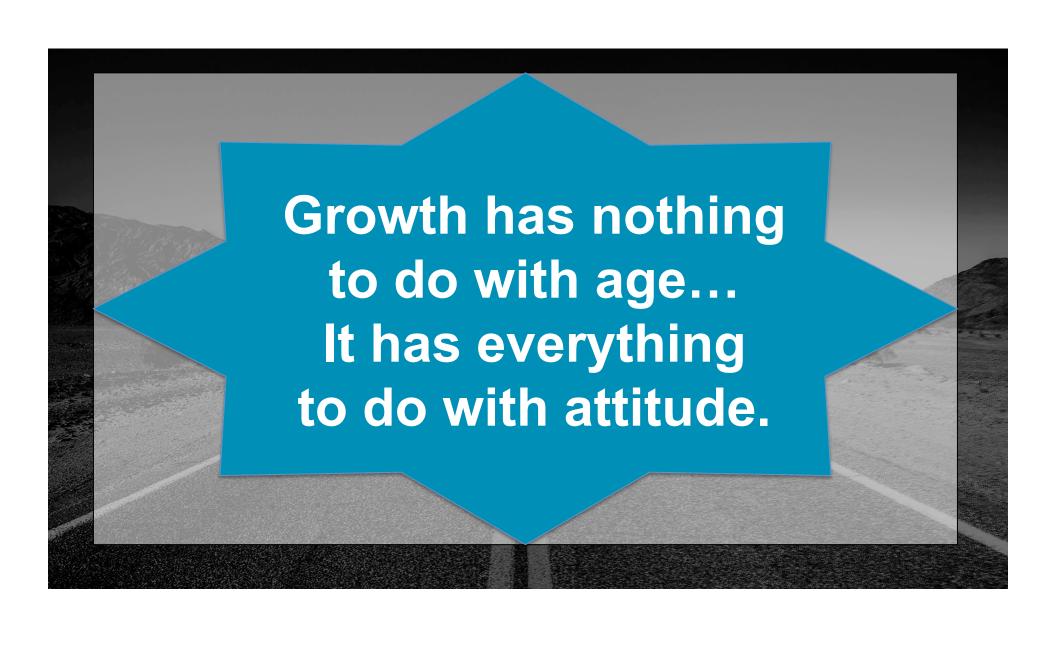
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GROWTH



OBEY SCRIPTURE!

How many people over 55 are really moving for Christ?



APPLICATION:

- ✓ Start getting into the Word
- ✓ John 1 7

FOR 30 DAYS

- II. Constant communication with the Father
 - A. Take advantage of routine activities to pray.
 - B. Be consistent.
 - C. PRAY!

- III. Dynamic public worship!
 - 1. Be rested
 - 2. Be receptive
 - 3. Be awake
 - 4. Be note-taking
 - 5. Be thankful
 - 6. Be obedient

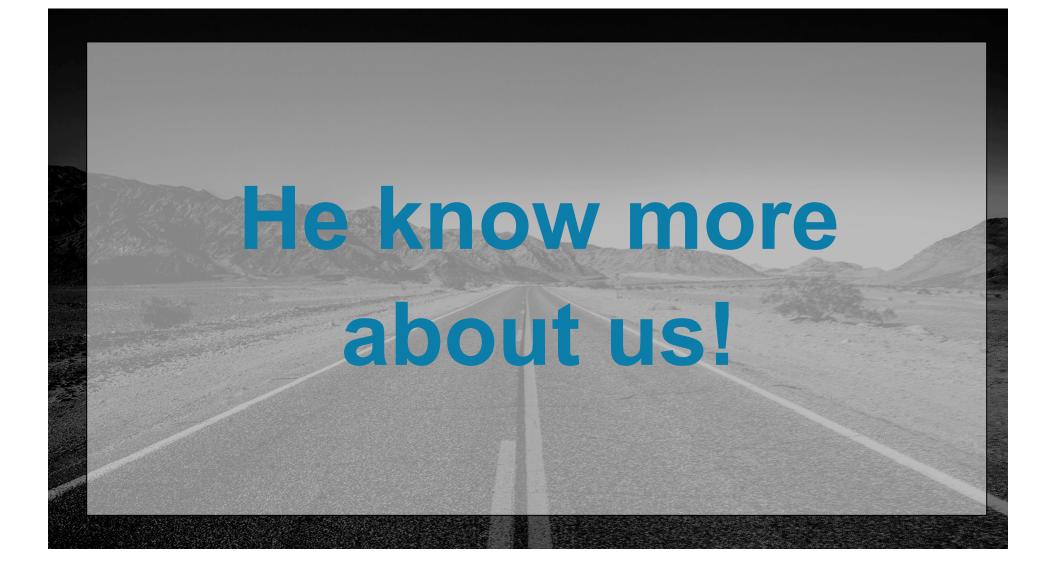


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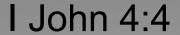
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Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

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You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

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Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven – if there was anything to forgive – I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.



- V. Band together
 - With other followers of Jesus

- VI. Take a periodic evaluation
 - Reading
 - Think time (Philippians 4:8)
 - Priorities
 - Progress
 - Objectives
 - Rest

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.



- 1. What are your objectives?
- 2. Am I making my salt ministry a high priority?

Failure comes from foggy objectives.

