

Cultivating Fruitfulness
Bible Study
Lesson 6: Intentional Faith Development in
Action!

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We Have the Vision to be a LEARNING Church!
We are Rooted in Christ and Reaching the One!

Intro: In last week's lesson, we discussed the idea of Intentional Faith Development beginning with an understanding that it begins with an understanding of God. In Psalms 73: 26-28, the writer describes what it means to have an intentional relationship with God. You will remember, we discussed three key understandings.

1. We realize God is our strength (source of everything)
2. We realize without Him, we will fail
3. We realize that closeness to God ensures we have a refuge (place of safety) we can run to and know we are safe. (We exist in the refuge versus looking for it when an emergency comes)

As we understand and have a growing understanding of God, we find that He will help us to develop into what He intends for us. This week, we are faced with a challenge. HOW DO I DO IT?

STEPS TO DEVELOPING FAITH



CONSISTENT COMMUNICATION WITH CHRIST!

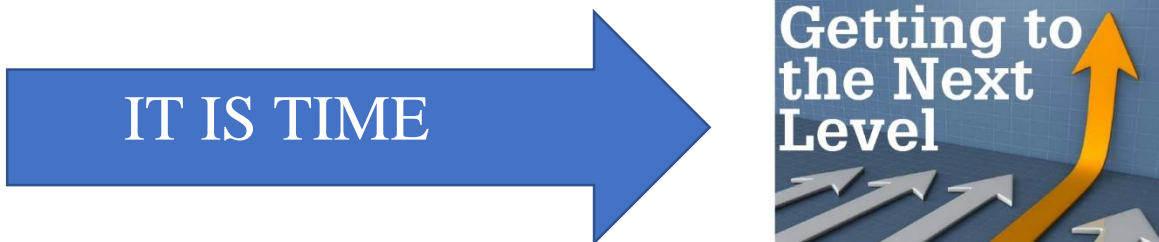
What most often goes unnoticed with Christians is the importance of building a growing relationship with Christ. What are your daily habits of relationship development?

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.



How much time do you devote to study, praying, and listening to God daily? (Count it up!) _____ Is this time consistent? _____ If not, what do you need to rearrange to create consistency and how can the group hold you accountable? Matthew 18:20 teaches us that if two or three gather in the name of Jesus, He will show up.

Who in the group can be your accountability partner? (Choose someone!)



2 Peter 1: 5-8 teaches us about intentional faith development. List the 7 characteristics that Peter teaches we should be growing, then describe what it means for you as an action. You may need to look up the meaning of the words as you do this.

Characteristic	What I am to do	Why?
Virtue (vs. 5)	I am supposed to have high morals.	I need to exhibit a standard based on God and not the world. Example: The world teaches it is okay to mistreat people so that I can get ahead. Christ teaches put others first and serve in order to let Him elevate us.

Now, let's commit to 1 growth area. Which of the 7 is the area you will work on this week?

GROWTH STEP

I am committing to _____ this week because

_____ (Why did you choose to work on

this area?)

Closing Prayer