

# ***Trinity Bible Church***

***The Carpenter's House***

**June 17, 2012**

*The Message:*

*Eight Key Areas of Spiritual Growth*

*1 John 2:14*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sunday	June 17	Father's Day.
Wednesday	June 20	Anxiety (Stress).
Sunday	June 24	Deacons' Meeting.
Wednesday	June 27	Parable of the Sower.
Sunday	July 1	The Lord's Table.
Wednesday	July 4	No class-Happy Fourth!

- \*\* The new chairs were purchased from the building fund. If you would like to help restore it, please mark your check "chairs."
- \*\* If anyone would like to be baptized, please see Drue. We will try to set up a service this summer.
- \*\* The Carle's are having an informal picnic this July 4<sup>th</sup> at their house beginning around noon if you would like to come, just show thyself.

	April	Total 2012	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$10,650.00	\$32,563.94		\$11,405.89	\$ 9,471.00
Expenses	8,256.45	34,780.02		Benevolence	6,541.00
Balance	2,393.55	(-2,216.08)	\$ 14,280.95	\$ 984.24	2,930.00

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING***

*Hymns*

*The Message:*

*Being a Witness in the Last Days*

*Live the Royal Law*

*James 5:9-11*

## *The Three Stages of Spiritual Growth*

### *1 John 2:12-14*

#### 1 John 2:12-14 = Stages of Growth.

E.T./L.T. = I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been permanently forgiven you for His name's sake. (13) I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you young men, because you have permanently overcome the evil one. I have written to you children, because you permanently know the Father. (14) I have written to you fathers, because you permanently know *the One* who has been from a beginning. I have written to you young men because you are strong, and the word of the God is abiding in you, and you have permanently overcome the one who became evil.

Principle: Spiritual growth builds on a firm foundation.

#### *Eight Areas of Spiritual Growth.*

Seek to:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus our Messiah. John 13:31-35
2. \_\_\_\_\_ personal sin. 1 John 2:1
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the grace of God. 1 John 2:12
4. \_\_\_\_\_ with a heavenly perspective. 1 John 2:28-29
5. Not be \_\_\_\_\_. 1 John 3:7-8
6. \_\_\_\_\_ hypocrisy. 1 John 3:18-19
7. Live like a \_\_\_\_\_. 1 John 4:4-5
8. Make God \_\_\_\_\_. 1 John 5:21

#### Key Markers of Spiritual Growth.

1. The baby believer does not \_\_\_\_\_ or does not \_\_\_\_\_ about the things that please God.
2. The adolescent believer becomes more \_\_\_\_\_ of the indwelling power of God for participation in the spiritual conflict, having grown out of babyhood.
3. The mature believer has \_\_\_\_\_ stepped into the arena of history for the cause of Jesus Christ.

**Jas 5:9 = Apply The Royal Law.**

**E.T./L.T. = Stop complaining brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.**

**Summary:**

1. The exhortation is to not be like the world who complains. Php 2:14
2. Those who suffer injustice and oppression often lash out at those whom are closest and dearest to them and not directly involved.
3. Undeserved suffering does not permit violation of the Royal Law.
4. Complaining is failure to meet the first command in this book. Jas 1:2-4
5. The Judge is indeed near and nothing goes unnoticed. 2 Pet 2:1-3
6. How we handle the pressure writes our living letters. 2 Cor 3:3
7. We are not to be the cause of another's "groaning." Heb 13:17

**Principle: The Judge judges based on the \_\_\_\_\_ Law.**

**Jas 5:10 = Patience And Prophets.**

**E.T./L.T. = As an example, brethren, of suffering evil and patience toward people, consider the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.**

**Summary:**

1. James ties this to the commands to be patient and not complain.
2. He encourages us to take a close look at those who have suffered evil and had to learn patience toward people. Heb 11:32-40
3. The prophets were not superhuman.
4. Would it be worth a crown to endure this suffering and maintain a love for those who wronged you? James 1:12

**Principle: Good \_\_\_\_\_ encourage us to follow.**

**Jas 5:11 = The Point.**

**E.T./L.T. = Behold, we consider blessed those who endured circumstances. You have heard of the patience toward circumstances of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings that the Lord keeps on being full of compassion and is merciful.**

**Summary:**

1. It is Christian to view the spiritual accomplishments of others in the midst of pain with thanksgiving.
2. Job's patience was not perfect, with circumstances, people or God.
3. Job, God's servant (Job 1:8) was "sifted like wheat" by Satan.
4. Yet, God's compassion saw the need for examples to follow and eventually removed the pain and suffering.
5. Some things people mean for evil, God means for good. Gen 50:20

**Principle: Believers who endure are great \_\_\_\_\_ for others.**