

**Closer: 2 of 4**  
**“Closer In Growing In Faith”**  
**Cornerstone Church of Poway**  
**Pastor Ed Turley**  
**January 12, 2020**

**Sermon Teaching**

**2020 Vision:** To provide a clearer path of discipleship where we can grow closer to God & people.

- Closer as we **Grow** in faith with personal application.

**We Can Grow Closer to God and People When We:**

**1. Develop a Habit of \_\_\_\_\_**

Jesus prayed, “I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do. Make them **holy by your truth**; teach them your **word**, which is **truth**. Just as you sent me into the world, I am **sending** them into the world. And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.”

**John 17:15-19 (NLT2)**

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**2. Develop a Habit of \_\_\_\_\_**

“**Study** this Book of Instruction continually. **Meditate** on it day and night so you will be sure to **obey** everything written in it. Only then will you **prosper** and **succeed** in all you do.” **Joshua 1:8 (NLT2)**

“In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God’s promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of **moral excellence**, and moral excellence with **knowledge**, and knowledge with **self-control**, and self-control with **patient endurance**, and patient endurance with **godliness**, and godliness with **brotherly affection**, and brotherly affection with **love for everyone**. The more you grow like this, the more **productive** and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins.” **2 Peter 1:5-9 (NLT2)**

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and **puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.” **Matthew 7:24-25 (NIV)**

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### 3. Develop the Habit of \_\_\_\_\_

“Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the **firstfruits** of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.”

**Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)**

But just as you **excel in everything**--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

**2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)**

“In this way they will **lay up treasure** for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”

**1 Timothy 6:19 (NIV)**

“You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.”

**2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)**

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### 4. Develop the Habit of a \_\_\_\_\_

**Adoration Confession Thanksgiving Supplication**

“If my people, who are called by my name, will **humble** themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” **2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)**

“He **heals the brokenhearted** and bandages their wounds. He counts the stars and calls them all by name. How great is our Lord! **His power is absolute!** His **understanding** is beyond comprehension! The LORD supports the humble, but he brings the wicked down into the dust. **Sing out your thanks** to the LORD; sing praises to our God with a harp.” **Psalms 147:3-7 (NLT)**

“But you are a **chosen people**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, a **people belonging to God**, that you may **declare the praises** of Him who called you **out of darkness** into His **wonderful light**. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but **now you have received mercy.**” **1 Peter 2:9-10 (NIV) Remember Verse**

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➤ **What area of maturity do I need to grow in?**

**I will make my next right step this week by:**

- Taking notes and talking them over.
- Joining a small group for the next sermon series
- Attending a growth class
- Accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior

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**Family Corner:** [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

**Small Groups:** [Choose as many questions that honors your group's time commitment]

**Open in Prayer:**

- What thoughts from this week's message encourages me to live a life for Jesus?

**Icebreaker:** What habits keep me closer in my relationship with God?

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**We Can Grow Closer to God and People When We:**

**1. Develop a Habit of Reading God's Word**

**Read John 17:15-19**

What does Jesus pray for us?

What sets us apart from the world?

**2. Develop a Habit of Studying God's Word for Personal Application**

**Read Joshua 1:8**

What is the key to success?

How can we put these habits into practice?

**Read 2 Peter 1:5-9**

If you were to focus on just one attribute, which one would bless your family the most?

**Read Matthew 7:24-25**

What do we need to build our lives on?

What do you believe God is laying on your heart to put into practice?

### **3. Develop the Habit of Generosity**

#### **Read Proverbs 3:9-10**

Why does God want us to honor Him with our firstfruits?

#### **Read 2 Corinthians 8:7**

How does faith, speech, knowledge, earnestness, and love lead to giving?

#### **Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19**

How is generosity the antidote to entitlement?

How is giving an investment for eternity.

#### **Read 2 Corinthians 9:7**

Do I have a plan, or do I give randomly?

Do I give cheerfully, or reluctantly?

### **4. Develop the Habit of a Consistent Prayer Life**

Adoration Confession Thanksgiving Supplication

#### **Read 2 Chronicles 7:14**

What is a key to God hearing our prayers?

#### **Read Psalm 147:3-7**

Use this passage to write out a personal prayer to God.

#### **Read 1 Peter 2:9-10**

How can this passage deepen our prayers?

**Close in Prayer:** Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.

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