

B. Worship in **Truth** ~ **Biblical** Worship

*“8 These people draw near to Me with their mouth,
And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.*

9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.” Matthew 15:8-9

1. **Preaching** the Truth

My responsibility is to **preach** the Bible so that it is **relevant** to daily living.

“Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.” II Timothy 4:2

“16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” II Timothy 3:16-17

The Bible tells you:

- **What** is right.
- What is **not** right.
- **How** to get right.
- How to **stay** right.

2. **Practicing** the Truth

Your responsibility is to **practice** the Bible so that it is **revealed** in daily living.

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” James 1:22

“But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

Mark 4:20

You should do the following:

- Listen** (James 1:19).
- Examine** (Psalm 139:23-24).
- Obey** (John 2:5).

GROWTH TRACK

Take Your Next Step

Grow By Worshipping

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INTRODUCTION

- A.** Spiritual maturity means being like Christ. It begins with a decision to be saved and continues with a spiritual growth process called progressive sanctification. This process requires taking ongoing NEXT STEPS of obedience to the Bible. The key to rapid spiritual growth is to immediately say yes to God when He reveals a next step to you.

“ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” II Peter 3:18

- B.** The example of the first church, the church at Jerusalem, provides a foundational GROWTH TRACK of next steps for all Christians to follow and obey (Acts 2:41-47). In this series, you will discover five next steps of a growing Christian and how Capital Baptist Church can help you take them.

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The purpose of Capital Baptist Church is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

- C. TEXT:** Acts 2:46-47a (Pew Bible/Pg. 1071/New Test)

“After thirty five years of pastoring, I am convinced that spiritual immaturity is the number one problem in the local church today.”
--Pastor Steve Reynolds

GROW BY WORSHIPPING

“I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the LORD.” Psalm 122:1

Our style of worship includes:

- Celebration
- Inspiration
- Preparation

I. EXPERIENCE THE RESULTS OF WORSHIP

“not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25

A. To You ~ Spiritual Growth

“as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,” I Peter 2:2

B. To Your Children ~ Spiritual Values

*“9 Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts?
10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.”* Isaiah 28:9-10

C. To Others ~ Spiritual Encouragement

“Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.” I Thessalonians 5:11

II. EXPERIENCE THE REQUIREMENTS OF WORSHIP

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.” John 4:23

- Worship God In Spirit
- Worship God In Truth

The emphasis in the Bible is on the substance of worship, not the style of worship.

A. Worship in Spirit (4:23a) ~ Joyful Worship

“For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

I Corinthians 6:20

1. Prepare For Joyful Worship By:

- Getting enough sleep.
- Leaving early enough to not rush and be on time.
- Avoiding conflict with spouse and/or children.
- Listening to Christian music.
- Praying that God will work in your life.

2. Participate In Joyful Worship By:

a. Singing

“speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,” Ephesians 5:19

b. Praying

“And He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ ...” Matthew 21:13a

c. Giving

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.” Malachi 3:10

- Obedient giving means to give at least the first 10% or more of your total gross income to God through the local church in a cheerful manner.
- Obedient giving is a matter of trust.
I give God at least 10% because I trust God 100%.