

GROW YOUR HEART

"A Life Centered in Christ Jesus"

Philemon 1:23,24 Colossians 4:12-14 2 Timothy 4:9-10

FOUR STAGES OF SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Exploring Christianity
Growing in Christ
Close to Christ
Living a Life Centered in Christ

WHAT DOES LIFE CENTERED IN CHRIST LOOK LIKE?

- **EVER INCREASING** love for God and others
Matthew 22:37-39
- **ALL AREAS** of life reflect Christ
Colossians 3:17
- I surrender all because He is **ALL I NEED**
Acts 17:28
- Loving God is **FIRST PLACE**
Revelation 2:4
- What I believe is internalized and **COMES NATURALLY**
- An attitude of **GRATITUDE** dominates my life

HOW DO I GET THERE?

1. Growing your heart is not AAA
AUTOMATIC ACTIVITY ATTENDANCE
2. Just reading the Bible is **NOT ENOUGH**
3. I need spiritual friends, not just **FRIENDLY CHURCH PEOPLE**
4. I move from being dependent on the church to becoming **PARTNERS** with the church

DEMAS...DID NOT GUARD HIS HEART

Philemon 1:23-24....a fellow worker

Colossians 4:14....listed with the Fully Devoted Followers of Christ

2 Timothy 4:10....loved this world and departed

Proverbs 4:23

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

FROM WHAT SHOULD WE GUARD OUR HEART?
WHAT THREATENS THE WELLSPRING OF LIFE?

1. ADDICTIONS
2. INAPPROPRIATE relationships
3. EMOTIONAL issues
4. GOSSIP
5. Spiritual growth is not PRIORITY

Where are you?

Where do you want to be?

How do you get there?