

FEEDING THE NEW MAN

August 23rd 2015 Philippians 4:8-9 Ben Skeat
Staying Free, part 3

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. **Philippians 4:8-9**

MAIN IDEA: Learning to feed the new man

- It is normal for all Christians to grow in Christ (*2 Peter 3:18 [grow in grace] Heb 5:12 [grow up!]*)
- It is normal for Christians to mature and bear fruit (*Eph 4:15-16 [Jesus is the goal] Rom 8:29 [God chose us to be like Jesus], Gal 5 [fruit of spirit]*)
- We never stop growing (*Phil 1:6 [confident that God will complete work]*).
- We need more than what we bring of ourselves to grow in Christ- can't do it on our own.

When we live in agreement with Gods ways, we _____

God of Peace = God of Shalom. Positive peace. Wholeness, provision, care, abundance, safety. Biblical expectation of the nature of Gods Kingdom

Life thrives under Gods rule. Christians grow and mature only under Gods rule

Be a God _____

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well." John 14:6-7

Meeting Jesus in the Gospels

- Start with Marks gospel. Read through ONE subheading section (*E.g. Mark 1:14-15*)
- Write down main/plain things learned about Jesus (*E.g. Good news of kingdom. Repent/believe*)
- Pray in agreement with things learned (*E.g. I believe the good news, I make You my king today*)

What is true about you? Others? The world? Creation? Think on these things!

Let God be true, and every human being a liar...Rom 3:4

Be a God _____

"Abide in me, and I in you... Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit" John 15:4-5 ESV

In Gods kingdom, there is nothing untrue, dishonorable, unlovely, or poorly done.

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And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you Romans 12:1 NLT

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. James 1:22

Resources

"The Good and Beautiful" series James Bryant Smith

"The Cost of Discipleship" Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"The Imitation of Christ" Thomas a Kempis