

## Helping You Grow in Christ

Can we condense our understanding of the Christian life? We might describe it as loving the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:29-31), to obey all of Jesus' commands (Matthew 28:19), and to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18). The above is not only condensed, but concentrated. There is a lot represented there. You might add a phrasing and Scripture passage that is especially meaningful to you, but in general terms most of it is covered in those three. My job as your pastor is to help you in any way I can, to whatever degree you will let me. I will be contacting each of you after the new year to talk about where you are in following Christ, and how I can serve you better this next year.

Keep in mind that the responsibility for your growth is on your shoulders. It is not my job to make you grow. It is not the church's job to produce your growth. Only the Holy Spirit produces the growth as you live yielded to Christ.

So as we move into a new year, this is a good time to ask yourself...

What is the state of my soul?

What is the state of my relationship with Jesus right now?

Am I spending quality time in personal worship with Jesus?

Am I living in obedience to Jesus or is there some aspect of His will that I am being resistant to?

As your pastor I am available to help you deal with these questions. Together let's grow to full Christian maturity.

- pastor Robin