

Grow-Up Review

Week One: How Reliable Are Results? (God wants a relationship with us but there is no 'one size fits all' approach to spirituality.)

Week Two: How Does Spiritual Growth Happen? (Our sin puts static on our line with God and hinders us from hearing the Holy Spirit. Prayer of Permission- "*Lord, I know what You want me to do, but I don't want to do it. I'm giving You full permission to change the way I feel and think about it.*")

Week Three: The Dimmer Switch Principle (When we respond to the light we have, God gives us more; when we don't, He takes away the light we already have.)

Week Four: Priority Number One (The best plan is to stop putting God first in your life and put Him in the center.)

Week Five: Fences (Our extra fences-or rules-are not Biblical and often are even harmful.)

Week Six: Preparing the Horse (I must continue to ask myself "*Am I Preparing My Horse For Victory?*")

Glass House Living

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Romans 7:14-23

We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do-this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.

We all struggle with sin.

We especially struggle with private sin.

Our culture's love affair with privacy has elevated it to the status of a divine right.

Glass House Living recognizes that any privacy I may have now is only temporary.

Glass House Living is a personal commitment to two primary goals:

- 1) as much transparency as possible, and
- 2) an open-door policy

Even though I know that God watches everything, sometimes it is not enough to keep me on the straight and narrow.

One More Suggestion (my favorite!): I need to be Velcroed for Growth by belonging to a small group.

It is not the best way to get in-depth Bible study.

It is not the best way to get a new best friend.

It is the best place to get connected.

Because of that connectedness we will have the opportunity to get:

1. pertinent Bible
2. positive peer pressure
3. emotional (and practical) help

***As we take the steps of spiritual growth we must continue to ask "Is this true?" and "Is this what God wants me to do?"**

Ephesians 4:15

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head that is Christ.

My Next Step Today:

I will ask God to lead me to Grow-up spiritually.

I will memorize Ephesians 4:15

I will join a small group for the 2011 session