

Steps to improve spiritual health

and growing a Godly reputation

Titus 1:8

Introduction:

2 Timothy 2:22 Now flee from youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart

- Turn to Titus 1:5-8

#1. Hospitable, directed toward the _____

- Turn to Matthew 25:35ff
- Turn to Luke 14:12ff

Matthew 5:46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax-gatherers do the same? 47 And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

Hebrews 13:1 Let love of the brethren continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Galatians 6:10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Romans 12:13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality

1 Peter 4:9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

Mark 9:37 Whoever receives one child like this in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me does not receive Me, but Him who sent Me

Matthew 5:16 Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Titus 3:8 ...those who have believed God may be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.

1 Pet. 2:12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that... they may on account of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

How can I learn to be hospitable?

1st-Realize hospitality shows and pleases Jesus

2nd-In obedience, choose to be hospitable

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

3rd-Plan today to be hospitable...

yes or no? Do I open my home to strangers and "difficult" people, or only to those I know and like?

yes or no? Do I drag my feet when my wife or husband suggests inviting someone over?

yes or no? Am I stingy with my money and time when I see someone in need? Or do I delight to share with them whatever God has put in my stewardship?

#2. Loving what is good, directed toward the _____

1 Timothy 4:4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with gratitude;

Hebrews 13:16 And do not neglect doing good and sharing; for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

3 John 1:11 Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. The one who does good is of God; the one who does evil has not seen God

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things

Yes or no? Do I delight in the things God delights in, willingly avoiding or discarding things that draw me toward evil?

Yes or no? Do I control the TV set so that my family and I are not exposed unnecessarily to evil?

Yes or no? Am I known more for the good I promote than for the evils I'm against?

#3. Be Sensible, directed toward your _____

1 Timothy 3:2 **overseer** Titus 1:8 **elder** Titus 2:2 **older men**

Titus 2:5 **young women** Titus 2:4 **older women** Titus 2:6 **young men**

1st - A sensible Christian is in their _____ mind

2nd - A sensible Christian is _____

3rd - A sensible Christian is moderate in their _____

Yes or no? Am I wise in my approach to life and its crises, looking at life from God's viewpoint through the lens of His Word?

Yes or no? Do I often make rash decisions which I later regret?

Yes or no? Do my decisions reflect prayer and dependence on God?

#4. Just, directed toward your _____

Matthew 1:19 Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her, desired to put her away secretly

• I Kings 3:16-28

John 5:30 My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

1st - A just person is _____

Leviticus 19:15 You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor nor defer to the great, but you are to judge your neighbor fairly.

2nd - A just person is fair, equitable and _____

Proverbs 24:23 To show partiality in judgment is not good.

Romans 2:11 For there is no partiality with God.

1 Timothy 5:21 maintain these principles without bias, doing nothing in a spirit of partiality.

James 2:9 if you show partiality, you are committing sin

Yes or no? Do I live my life in obedience to God and His word, especially in my dealings with others?
Yes or no? Would others regard me as a fair person who makes just decisions?
Yes or no? Am I known as a fair-minded person who gives wise counsel from an exemplary life?

#5. Holy / Devout, which is directed toward _____

1 Peter 1:15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; 16 because it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy

• **Positively, a holy person has a _____ for God**

• Turn to Isaiah 6

• **Negatively, a holy person is one who sees sin as an _____ against God Himself**

Psalm 51:4 Against Thee, Thee only, I have sinned, And done what is evil in Thy sight, So that Thou art justified when Thou dost speak, And blameless when Thou dost judge.

Proverbs 15:13 A joyful heart makes a cheerful face

Yes or no? Do I worship God from a sincere heart? Am I in awe of God and impressed with the "amazing grace" that has brought me into union with Him?

Yes or no? Do my public prayers sound more pious than I feel? Does my prayer life give evidence of a man or woman who is devoted to God?

Yes or no? Have I ever been overwhelmed with God's holiness as Isaiah was in Isaiah 6. Do I weep over my sins or just my problems?

#6. Self-controlled, directed toward _____

1 Corinthians 9:25 And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

Galatians 5:22-23 the fruit of the Spirit is love...gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

2 Timothy 3:1 in the last days difficult times will come. 2 For men will be lovers of self, ... unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control

Yes or no? Do I display the ability to do all things with moderation?

Yes or no? Is there anything in my life that has mastery over me -- other than the Holy Spirit? What about addictive hobbies and pastimes?

Yes or no? Am I involved in any immoral practice that shows I've lost the battle with lust?

Conclusion:

#1-Are you more concerned about what you _____ do or _____ you are?

John 3:30 *He must increase, but I must decrease*

Romans 8:29 *become conformed to the image of His Son*

#2-Are you more concerned about your _____ or your _____?

#3-Are you making character a main _____?

Step #1-Turn to _____ for salvation

Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

Step #2-Turn back to daily ____ upon Jesus

1 Peter 5:7 cast all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you

Challenge: Memorize Titus 1:8 and ask God to build it into your life