

A New Way of Thinking About Spiritual Growth

July 5, 2020

Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. **Matthew 7:24-26**

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers. **Psalm 1:1-3**

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. **Romans 7:18-19**

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1

A life led by the _____.

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. **Romans 8:13-14**

It doesn't mean we _____ from the world.

Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves. **Matthew 10:16**

Being led by the Spirit is _____, but not _____.

1. Begin with _____.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. **Psalm 119:105**

2. Seek _____ counsel.

Without consultation, plans are frustrated, but with many counselors they succeed. **Proverbs 15:22**

3. Talk to your _____.

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" **Romans 8:15**

4. _____ your heart.

And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you. **Romans 8:11**

5. Take _____ for your spiritual growth.

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:18

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear.

Psalm 46:1-2a (ESV)

As we begin to gather in-person for worship again, information and a link to sign up are on our website:

FirstTrinity.com/Reopening

We will still gather online for worship and encouragement as well. All of our content will be posted on our YouTube channel, including the livestreams. You can find it here:

FirstTrinity.com/YouTube

Our online worship schedule is:

Sundays at 8:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship

Sundays at 11:15 a.m.

Contemporary Worship

In addition to these worship services, we will gather for encouragement and devotions at the following times each week:

Sundays at 7 p.m.

Good Night with Sue and Zanmi (An encouraging message to kids and families before bed, plus we'll provide some resources to set you up for blessing your family all week long.)

Fridays at Noon

Chatting with Chuck (Devotions and conversation with Pastor Chuck and Vicar Jason in a YouTube livestream.)

We will be continuing to post information on our website and social media channels. Subscribe to our YouTube channel and sign up for our weekly eNewsletter at ***FirstTrinity.com/eNews*** to stay up-to-date.

Cornerstone Students

Small Group Leader:

Name: