

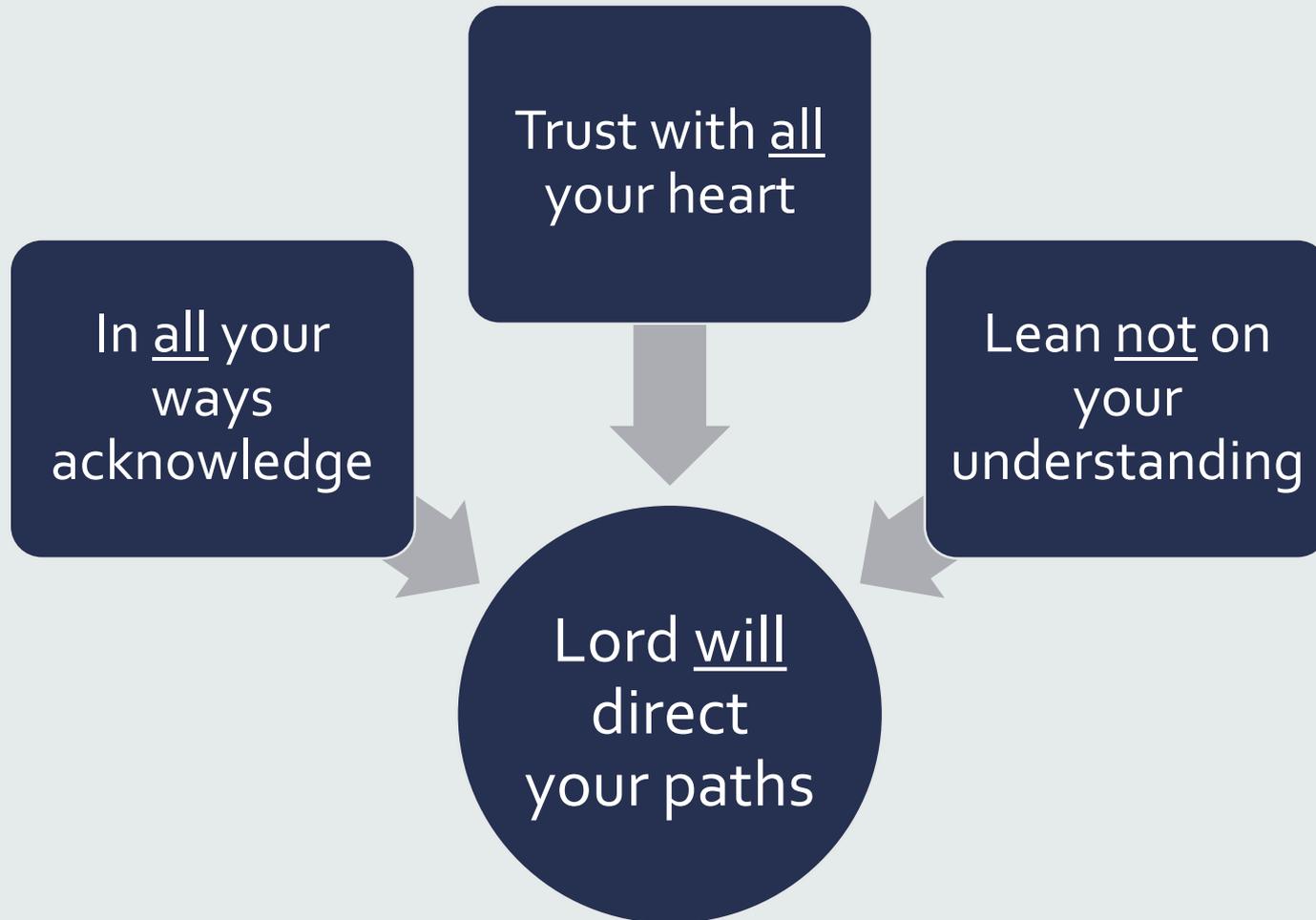


# The Christian Mindset

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus”  
Phil 2:5

# Fully Commit to God

Proverbs 3:5-6



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- Matt 6:33 “**seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness**”
- Matt 22:37 “You shall **love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind**”
- Col 3:10 “**put on the new man** who is renewed in knowledge **according to the image of Him who created him**”
- Rom 12:1-2 “present your bodies **a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God**, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
- 1 Pet 2:1-2 “**desire** the pure milk of the word, that you may **grow** thereby”

# Put Spiritual Life in Perspective

## Rom 6:1-13

- Through baptism **we are dead to sin** and raised to **walk in newness of life**
- **No longer** serve or are **in bondage to sin**
- We live with Christ and are **“alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**
- We **no longer let sin reign** in our mortal body
- We **yield ourselves unto God** as instruments of **righteousness** to him

## Gal 2:20

- “I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me”

## 1 Cor 6:19

- **“your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God, and **you are not your own”**

# Understand Battle of Spirit and Flesh

## Gal 5:16-25

- **Our flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh**
- **Works of the flesh will prevent us from the inheriting the kingdom of God** (adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and any like it)
- **Add Fruit of the Spirit** (love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, etc.)
- Those who are Christ's have **crucified the flesh with its passions and desires**
- **If we walk in the Spirit we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh**
- Rom 8:5-8 “For those who **live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh**, but those who **live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit**. For to be **carnally minded is death**, but to be **spiritually minded is life and peace**

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## Col 3:1-17

- **We set our mind on things above**, not on things on the earth
- **Put to death fleshly lusts** (fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, covetousness, anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth, lying, etc.)
- **Put on the new man according to the image of Him who created him”** (tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, bearing, forgiving, etc.).
- **We let the peace of God rule in our hearts** and are **thankful**
- **We let the word of Christ dwell in us richly** in all **wisdom**
- **Above all these things put on love**, which is the **bond of perfection**

# Battle Between the Spirit and the Flesh

## Transition

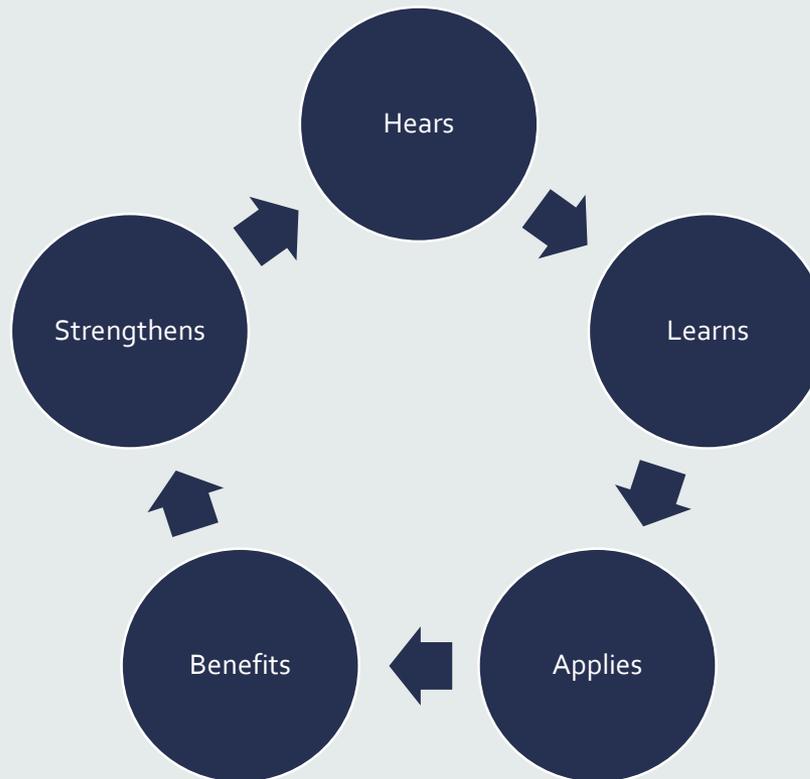
Galatians 5:16-25, Ephesians 4:17-32 and Colossians 3:1-17

<u>Put to death fleshly lusts</u>		<u>Put on fruits according to God's image</u>	
Fornication	Uncleanness	Tender Mercies	Kindness
Lewdness	Idolatry	Humility	Meekness
Sorcery	Hatred	Longsuffering	Bearing
Contentions	Jealousies	Forgiving	Loving
Outbursts of wrath	Selfish ambitions	Joy	Peace
Dissensions	Heresies	Goodness	Faithfulness
Envy	Murders	Gentleness	Self-Control
Drunkenness	Revelries	Edification	Giving
Bitterness	Anger	Labor	Good works

**“put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness” Ephesians 4:24**

# Build a Spiritual Foundation

“Therefore whoever **hears** these sayings of Mine, and **does them**, I will liken him to a wise man who **built his house on the rock**: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and **it did not fall**, for **it was founded on the rock**” Matt 7:24-25



# Speak to the Lord through Prayer

- **“For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil” 1 Pet 3:12**
- **“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” Phil 4:6-7**
- **“...men always ought to pray and not lose heart” Luke 18:1**
- **“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints” Eph 6:18**
- **“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving” Col 4:2**

# Worship and Work with the Church

Heb 10:24-25 “And let us **consider one another** in order to **stir up love and good works**, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching”

## Worship

- God is the focus of our worship John 4:23-24
- We remember the Lord's death Matt 26:26-29
- Pray Acts 2:42
- Sing Eph 5:19
- Give to the Lord 1 Cor 16:1-2
- Hear preaching from God's word Acts 20:7

## Membership and Work

- Christians join a local work to worship and work Acts 9:26-28
- Everyone's work causes growth and edification Eph 4:16
- We provoke one another to love and good works Heb 10:24
- The pillar and ground of the truth. Prepares us for the work of the Lord Eph 4:12, 1 Tim 3:15

# Be Diligent in Growth

“For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But **solid food** belongs to those who are of **full age**, that is, those who **by reason of use have their senses exercised** to discern both good and evil”

Heb 5:13-14



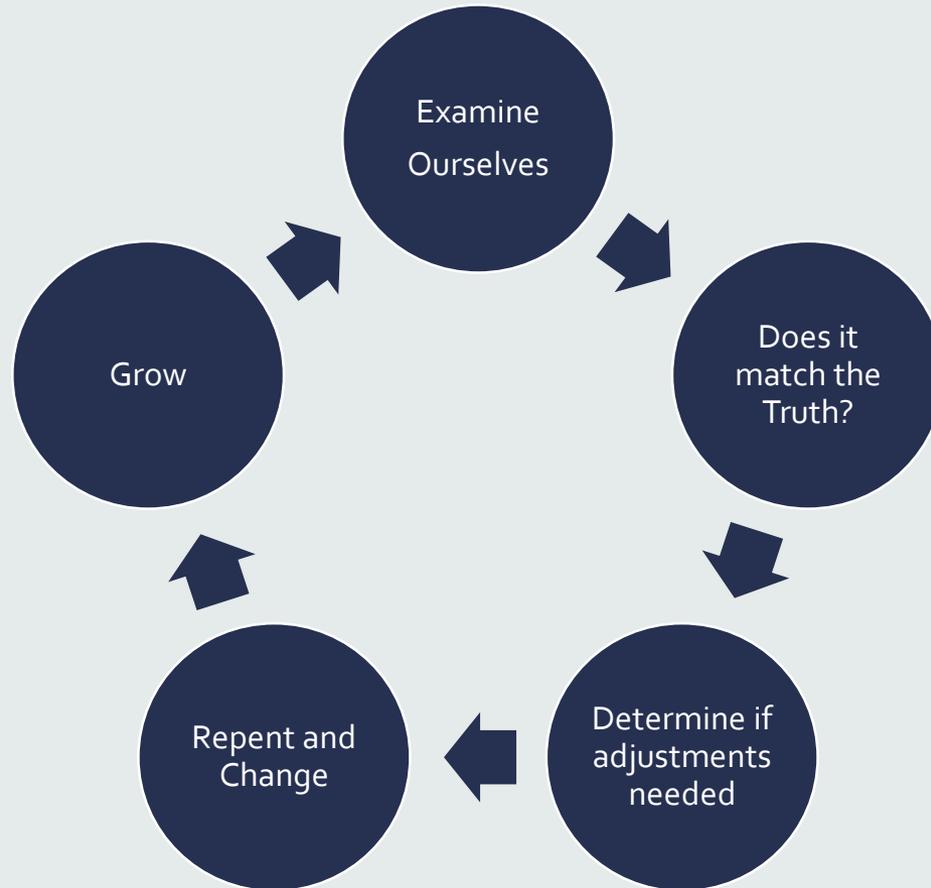
## Work to be approved by God

2 Tim 2:15

- Prepared to be used by the Lord 2 Tim 2:21
- Able to bring others to Christ 1 Pet 3:15
- Capable of contending for the truth Jude 3
- Can teach and admonish children Eph 6:4
- Strong and able to withstand trials and persecution Luke 6:48
- Able to abound in the work of the Lord 1 Cor 15:58
- Be an example of godliness to others 1 Tim 4:12
- Test and defend the truth Eph 4:11-16

# Continually Evaluate

“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? --unless indeed you are disqualified” 2 Cor 13:5



# Be United

John 17:20-21 “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You**; that they also may be one in Us...”

## Emphasized throughout the scriptures

- Rom 12:5 “so we, **being many, are one body in Christ**, and individually **members of one another**”
- Rom 12:16 “**Be of the same mind toward one another**. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. **Do not be wise in your own opinion**”
- Rom 15:5-6 “Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to **be like-minded toward one another**, according to Christ Jesus, that you may **with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 1 Cor 1:10 “Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **that you all speak the same thing**, and **that there be no divisions among you**, but that **you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment**”

# Beware of Stumbling

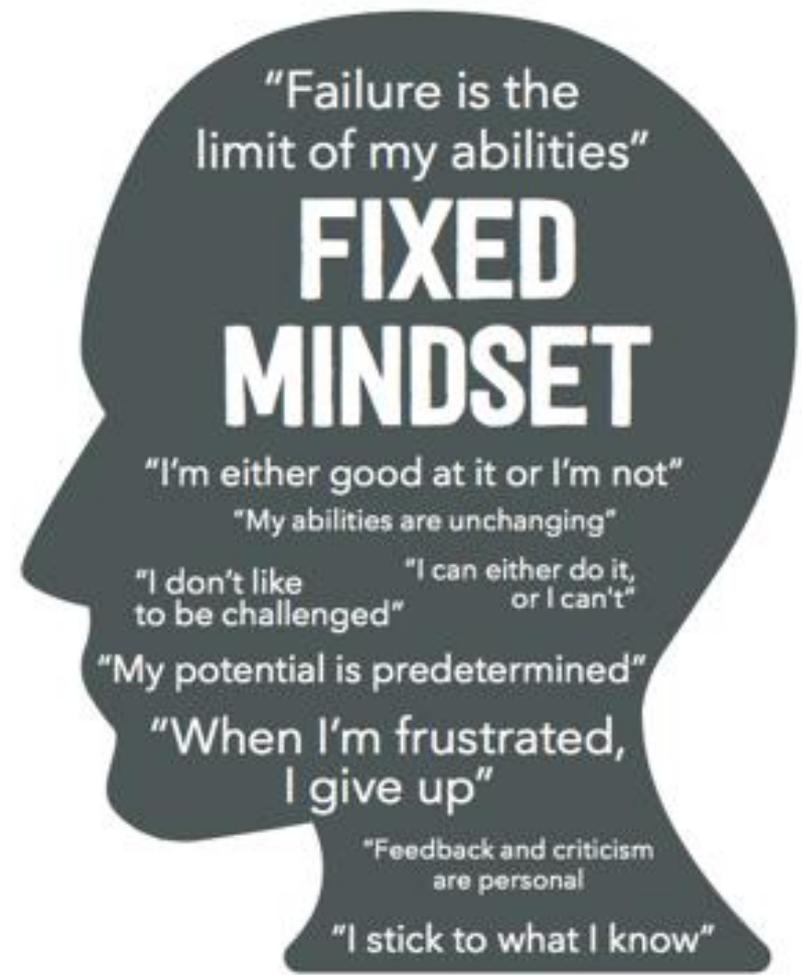
1. Apathy, indifference and complacency
2. Self-deception
3. Stumbling blocks
4. Overused skills or principles
5. Weariness
6. False doctrine
7. Covetousness and Materialism
8. Love of the world
9. Departing from God
10. Lack of spiritual growth
11. Rash decisions
12. The hypocrisy of others deterring our faith



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- ✓Willingness to work hard, sacrifice, learn from failure, be dedicated, etc.
- ✓Trusts in the Lord and has self-confidence
- ✓Rejoices in the Lord
- ✓Meditates daily
- ✓Is thankful and prays
- ✓Keeps the proper perspective
- ✓Values the Truth
- ✓Works to become spiritually mature
- ✓Abounds in the work of the Lord
- ✓Does everything for the glory of the Lord
- ✓Is resilient and perseveres
- ✓Encourages the weak and restores the lost
- ✓Is ready for the Judgment Day and looks forward to it