

Re-Write Part 1: Five Reasons We Fail To Become More Like Jesus

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Introduction Notes:

1) We don't equate our spiritual growth with _____

2 John 1:5-6 (NIV) I ask that we love one another. 6 And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

Matthew 22:36-40 (NIV) 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

37 Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

2) We don't _____ the _____

What will happen if we don't grow in this area? We simply _____

3) We don't have an _____

James 5:16 (NIV) Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed

4) We don't seek _____ from those who can _____ in that area

Proverbs 15:22 ESV, Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.

5) We don't begin with _____

Proverbs 6:6-11 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest — and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man.

6) We think we have an _____ amount of _____ to work on it

Matthew 24:36-39 (NIV) 36 "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away.

42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.