

**“...but grow in the grace and  
knowledge of  
our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ.  
To Him be the glory,  
both now and to  
the day of eternity.  
Amen.”**

**II Peter 3:18**

# **Growing in Christ: The Goal...**

**We are to grow in Christ-likeness,  
being conformed to His character,  
bearing fruit and  
growing in good works**

# **Growing in Christ: The Power...**

**By God's grace,  
we have all of the resources  
and power we need  
to live a life  
of perfect obedience  
and holiness  
before God!**

**Purposeful  
Engagement  
With The Word of God  
is Essential  
to Spiritual Growth**

# GROWING BY THE WORD...

- Read it!
- Study it!
- Memorize it!
- Meditate on it!
- “Affirm” its truths!
- Obey it! Live it!
- Teach it To Others!

# John 15:1-17

“Abiding in Christ” ≈

Walking by faith,  
in conscious fellowship  
with God,  
with no  
unconfessed sin!

# Blessings of Abiding in Christ

## John 15...

- The clear conscience that comes from obedience, 3-4.
- Fruitfulness!, 2-5.
- Effective prayer, 7, 16
- The Father is glorified, 8

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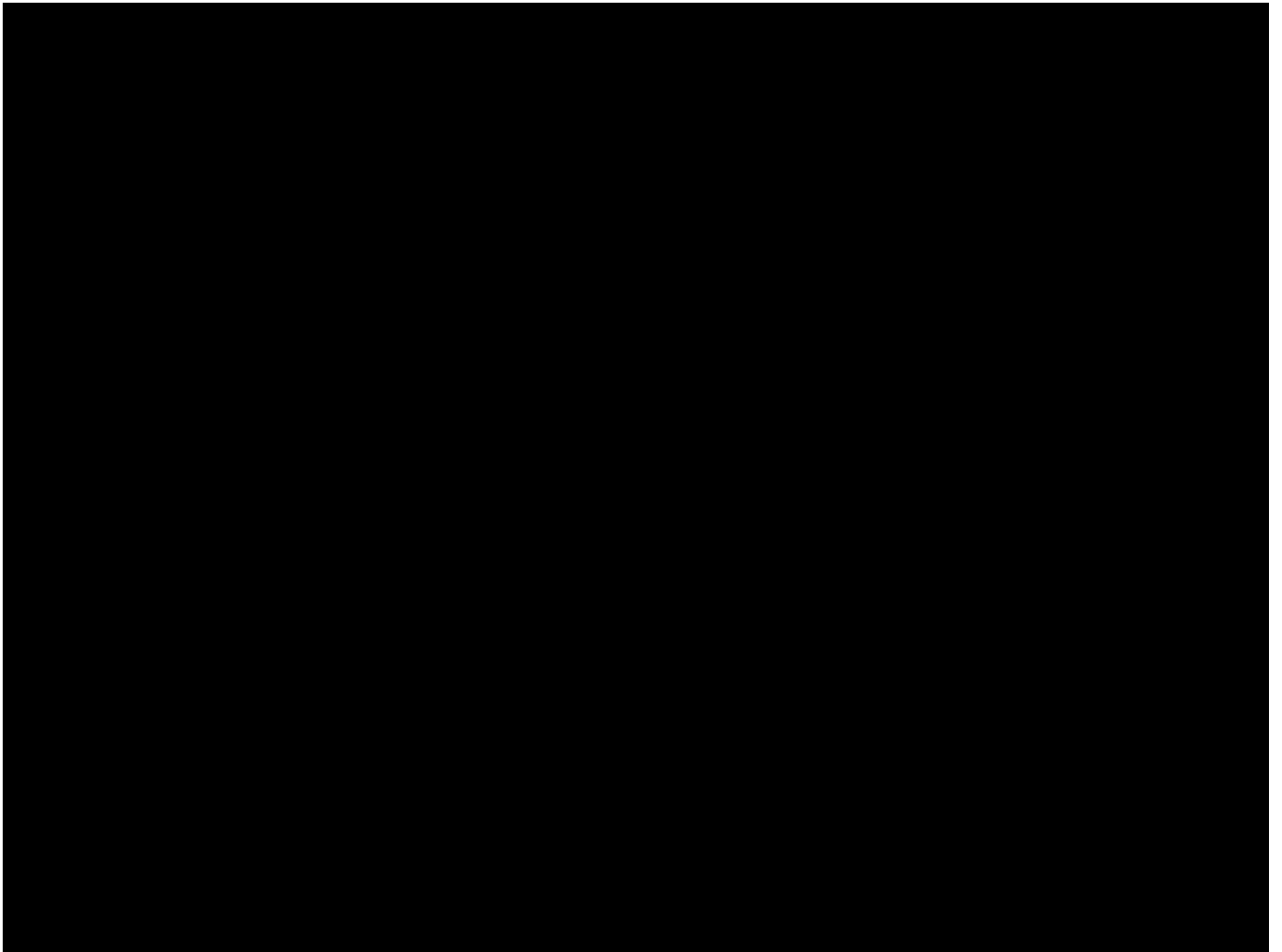
- We prove that we are Jesus' disciples, 8.
- Abiding in Jesus' love, 9-10.
- Fullness of joy, 11.
- Fellowship with other believers, 12-13.



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## John 15...

- Friendship with Jesus, 14.
- Knowing your special relationship of being chosen and appointed by Jesus, 16.
- Abiding fruit!, 16



# I Timothy 4: Personal Discipline

1. Avoid legalism, 1-5
2. Be nourished on the Word, 6.
3. Discipline yourself for Godliness,  
7-16

# Discipline Yourself For Godliness

- The Command, 7
- The Goal, 7.

“For a man  
to conquer himself  
is the first and noblest  
of all victories.”

Plato

From ancient Rome:  
“He conquers,  
who conquers himself.”

# PROVERBS 16:32

He who is slow to anger  
is better than the mighty,  
And he who rules his spirit,  
than he who captures a city.

# PROVERBS 25:28

Like a city  
that is broken into  
and without walls  
Is a man who has  
no control  
over his spirit.



# Discipline Yourself For Godliness

- The Command, 7
- The Goal, 7.
- The example, 10
- The elaboration, 11-16
  - ✓ Prescribe and teach these things, 11, 13.
  - ✓ Model these things, 12.

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- The elaboration, 11-16
  - ✓ Don't neglect your spiritual gift, 14.
  - ✓ TAKE PAINS with these things...BE IN THEM!, 15.

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- The Command, 7
- The Goal, 7.
- The example, 10
- The elaboration, 11-16
  - ✓ Pay close attention to yourself, 16.
  - ✓ Persevere in these things, 16.

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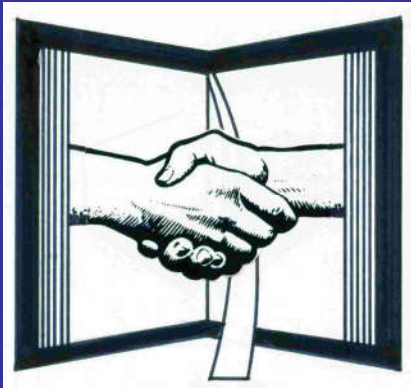
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