

NEW COVENANT CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

SERMON NOTES

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Wednesday Bible Study

God's Tools for Growth

WHAT ARE THE TOOLS GOD IS USING TO HELP US GROW?

God Uses the Tool of HIS WORD To Grow Us. (2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12)

- God's Word is presently alive.
- God's Word will make us an agent of change for others.
- The Word of God delivers.
- The Word of God keeps us from sin.
- The Word of God gives life.
- The Word of God is settled.

"Whenever you and I are reading the Bible, the Bible is reading us...the Bible is the only book that when we are reading, the author is present." - Dr. D'Ann V. Johnson

We must put the Bible into practice!

God Uses the Tool of PEOPLE To Grow Us. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

- Consider one another; observe fully and understand.
- God will use people who we don't want to help us grow.
- You can exhort one another (Colossians 3:16)

"If somebody loves you, they need to come alongside you and say your fruit is stinking." - Dr. D'Ann V. Johnson

"Growth stops when we lose the tension between where we are and where we used to be. – Bishop La Fayette Scales

Don't get comfortable just because you've made a little progress.

“Accountability only feels like attack when we’re not ready to change our behavior.” – Dr. D’Ann V. Johnson

You need to discern who sitting at your table is there to help you grow.

“Who’s going in the direction that is going to take me to growth in God?” - Dr. D’Ann V. Johnson

God Uses the Tool of CIRCUMSTANCES To Grow Us (Psalm 119:67; 71)

- Your circumstances can become a rod of correction.

“Sometimes God needs to say, “Sit down, let’s pray...” – Dr. D’Ann V. Johnson

Affliction gives us strength to become what has been promised. (Exodus 1:11a)

Affliction will help us understand the sovereign power of God. (Job 31:35; 42:5)

Affliction helps us to pray. (James 5:13a)

Affliction triggers the deliverance of God (Psalm 39:19)

USE THE TOOLS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW!