



# THE SPEAKING LIFE



## *Steps to spiritual growth*

BY FRANK LUTWAMA AND JEREMIAH AFAAYO

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." (2 Peter 3:18)

Muscles, height and wealth status are aspects of a person's physical growth but an individual's spiritual growth is measured according to the degree of intimacy and connection the believer has with his or her God. Here are three key steps to growing your relationship with God.

### READING AND MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

Through reading the word of God we are able to feed the spirit man with what will bring about spiritual growth. In addition to reading the word, we have to take time and meditate on what we have read. Meditating on God's word is simply thinking of it over and over.

"Please receive instruction from His mouth And establish His words in your heart" Job 22:22

### PRAYER

Prayer is not optional for the Christian; it is required. God also tells us that the prayer of a righteous man avails much and we do not receive because we ask not. (James 5:16) (James 4:2)

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What matters is not how many times you fall, but how quickly you get up when you do.

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Through prayer, our hearts get fired up with a zeal and burning desire ever to seek, love, and serve God. We also become accustomed in every need to flee to him as to a sacred anchor. Secondly, through prayer we set all our wishes before God's eyes and pour out our whole hearts before him. As we continue to do this we gain the boldness to be His unashamed witnesses wherever we go. In addition, as we give thanks in prayer, we are reminded that all the benefits we have come from God's hand. This helps us develop a heart of true gratitude.

#### GIVING

Giving helps us grow in our obedience to God.

Anybody can say "I believe in God" and even "I'll follow You, Jesus." But when we give sacrificially, until it hurts, we become mature believers who not only speak but also act. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:3)

Secondly, Giving Increases our faith. Giving is not about how much money you have, it's about how much faith you have.

Giving is clearly a matter of trust. The more you give, the more you learn to trust God that you will have enough left over for your own needs.



## *The mercy of God*

BY TRACY NANYONGA

We are not righteous because of the good things we do, but through receiving Christ's gift of salvation, we are able to stand blameless before God. The Bible says our righteous acts are like filthy rags before Him. (Isaiah 64:6)

On the other hand when we seek God's righteousness, He gives us both the desire and the power to do what pleases Him (Philippians 2:13)

Through Jesus we see God's grace and mercy wherein instead of receiving the punishment we deserved, we are instead blessed with eternal life plus every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (Ephesians 1:3).

What a love Jesus showed us, that the Son of God would suffer our punishment so that we could receive God's mercy!

What God requires is for us to stand in the victory that Jesus won for us at the cross.

Restore us to  
yourself,  
Lord, that  
we may  
return;  
renew our  
days as of  
old

LAMENTATIONS 5:21

### *WEEKLY PROGRAM*

Mondays  
Ministers' altar  
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Wednesdays  
Midweek service  
5:00 - 9:00 PM

Fridays  
Overnight service  
8:00 PM - 6:00 AM

Sundays  
1st service  
7:30 - 9:45 PM  
2nd service  
9:45 - 1:30pm

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