

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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MID-YEAR SPIRITUAL CHECKUP GROWTH GUIDE

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Mid-Year Spiritual Checkup

It’s hard to believe that almost ½ of the year is now gone. Rather than worry about days past, though, let’s focus on preparing for the rest of the year. Use this list as a spiritual checkup to evaluate your walk.

Are you reading the Bible daily? If you adopted an annual reading plan at the beginning of the year, is your reading up to date? If you did not adopt a plan in January, pick a strategy for rest of the year.

Are you praying daily? Are you praying regularly and recurrently (1 Thess. 5:17)? Do you pray for those in authority, including government and church leaders (1 Tim. 2:2)? Are you praying by name for other believers to speak the gospel boldly and clearly (Eph. 6:18-20,)? Do you pray for your enemies (Matt. 5:44)?

How often have you shared the gospel this year? Is the gospel so striking to you that you cannot keep it to yourself? Have you reached beyond the church world to develop gospel-centered relationships with unbelievers? For what non-believers are you praying as Paul did (Rom. 10:1)? Ask God to increase your burden for lost people (Rom. 9:1-3) throughout the remainder of this year.

Are you faithfully fighting sin in your life? Be honest – have you experienced victory over sin this year? Is there a sin that continually haunts you even though you’ve sought to overcome it? If so, what steps do you still need to take this year? Confess that sin to someone? Seek accountability? Simply repent?

Are you serving faithfully in a local church? The church is much more than a place to attend; it is a family that loves us and provokes us to good works (Heb. 10:24). Through the first half of the year, have you used your spiritual gifts as a member of a local body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:1-11, 1 Pet. 4:10)? Are you supporting His work financially? Commit today to invest yourself in God’s church.

Who is walking more with God because of your influence this year? That is, are you making disciples? Have you purposefully pointed away from self to direct others to follow the Son of God (John 1:29)? Or, to ask the question in the negative, is there anyone who walks less with God today because of your example and influence this year?

What steps have you taken to spread the gospel to the nations? The Great Commission is a global calling (Matt. 28:18-20), even for those not called to go to the nations full-time. Have you intentionally studied about God’s work around the world this year? Are you praying for missionaries by name? Are you fully open to taking a mission trip this year or next?

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KEY VERSE

Romans 12:2b

“but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” NKJV

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Psalm 100; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

How Are You Doing In Transforming Your Body?

1. How often do you think about God as the creator of your body?
2. Since Jesus paid a price for us how should we treat our bodies?

Tuesday: Colossians 3:1-4; Philippians 4:6-8

How Are You Doing In Transforming Your Mind?

3. How do you renew your mind?
4. Since the Holy Spirit does the renewing and transforming (Titus 3:5; 2 Cor 3:18), what is your part in the process?

Wednesday: Romans 12:4-8; 1 Peter 4:10-11

How Are You Doing In Transforming Your Service?

5. What is the importance of using the gift God has given you within the body of Christ?
6. 1 Peter 4:10 refers to the use of your gift as a stewardship. How well are you using your gifts?

Thursday: Romans 12:14-21; Colossians 3:12-14

How Are You Doing In Transforming Your Relationships?

7. What are some ways in which we can bless those who mistreat us?
8. Why is it tempting to repay evil for evil? How can we trust God to handle the situation on our behalf?
9. Since God has forgiven us for so much, why is it difficult for us to forgive others? (Colossians 3:13)

Friday: Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 9:23-25

How Are You Doing In Transforming Your Commitment?

10. In what ways does Jesus model commitment to us?
11. What does it mean to follow Jesus?
12. How would you rate yourself spiritually after this spiritual checkup? What are some areas to focus on during the second half of 2018?