10 Signs Your Walk With God Is Growing (2 Peter 3:18)

As Christians, we walk a Path of <u>PROGRESSION</u> not necessarily a Path of <u>PERFECTION</u>.

God's Grace does not Excuse us from the Hard Work of Growing Spiritually.

- 1. YOU SURRENDER ALL. (Matthew 16:24)
- You become Much More <u>Concerned</u> with <u>Pursuing GOD'S</u> Will for your life than <u>Pursuing your OWN</u>
 <u>Wants</u>, Own <u>Dreams</u> & your Own <u>Desires</u>.
- 2. YOU WANT TO KNOW GOD MORE INTIMATELY. (James 4:8)
- Spiritual Growth brings with it a Hunger to Know God on a Deeper level.
- You begin to Crave His Presence.
- 3. YOU KNOW GOD IS GOOD EVEN WHEN IT DOESN'T FEEL GOOD. (Romans 8:28)
- You <u>Trust</u> that His <u>Plans</u> are still <u>PERFECT</u> & you <u>Choose</u> to <u>Praise</u> Him even in the <u>STORM</u>.
- 4. YOU FORGIVE ANYWAY. (Mark 11:25)
- We Finally "GET IT" Forgiveness is NOT about a Feeling; it's a CHOICE...
- You <u>Choose NOT to allow <u>UNforgiveness</u> to <u>Hinder</u> your <u>Walk with God</u>.
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- 5. YOU ACCEPT BEING REJECTED. (Romans 12:2)
- God has Called Us to BE DIFFERENT from the World.
- Obedience to God must be MORE Important to you than Popularity or Acceptance.
- 6. YOU EXTEND MERCY & GRACE TO OTHERS. (Luke 6:36)
- Whether it's <u>Loving</u> others OR <u>Showing</u> <u>Grace</u> to others who <u>DON'T Deserve</u> it, <u>God is <u>Glorified</u> when <u>YOU DO</u> what <u>HE DOES</u>.
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- 7. YOU RECOGNIZE YOU NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT. (John 14:16)
- You <u>Realize</u> you CAN'T Do it on your <u>OWN</u>...you <u>NEED GOD'S HELP!</u>
- You begin to <u>TRUST</u> the <u>Spirit</u> as your <u>Comforter</u>, <u>Helper</u>, <u>Strength</u> & <u>Guide</u>.
- 8. YOU REFUSE TO PROMOTE SINFULNESS. (Galatians 5:16)
- You NOW <u>Strive</u> to Be An <u>Example</u> of Christ in ALL you <u>SAY</u> & ALL you <u>DO</u>.
- You know how important it is to Point People to God.
- 9. YOU LEAVE YOUR PAST IN THE PAST. (Philippians 3:13-14)
- You Now <u>Refuse</u> to Accept the <u>LIES</u> that say you aren't <u>Good Enough</u>.
- You LET GO of <u>Past of Condemnation</u>, Guilt & Shame.
- 10. YOU FIGHT LIKE A CHRISTIAN. (James 3:16; Ephesians 6:12)
- Often the Greatest Enemy you have is <u>SELF</u>.
- You CHOOSE to <u>Avail Yourself</u> of the Spiritual <u>Armor of God.</u>
- ARE YOU <u>SEEING</u> THE <u>SIGNS</u>?