## <u>INDICATORS THAT SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS OCCURING IN THE LIFE</u> OF THE CHRISTIAN

WHEN A CHRISTIAN IS MAKING FORWARD PROGRESS IN THE DISCIPLINE OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH, A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD OF GOD AND SENSITIVITY TO THE THINGS OF THE LORD WILL BE OBSERVED.

THE FOLLOWING INDICATORS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH COME FROM TWO SOURCES:

1) THE TEACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD

2) THE EXAMPLE FROM THE LIVES OF GROWING CHRISTIANS

- 1) An Increased Victory over Sin Romans 6:11-14
- 2) A Sense of the Presence of God Psalm 139:7-10
- 3) A Deep Desire for the Word of God Jeremiah 15:16
  - 4) A Commitment to Christian Service Acts 9:6
- 5) An Obedience to the Great Commission Mark 16:15
  - 6) A Genuine Love for Others 1 Peter 1:22
  - 7) A Growing Love for God Matthew 22:37
- 8) A Cheerful Attitude toward Giving 2 Corinthians 9:7
- 9) A Growing Practice of Prayer 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- 10) A Sincere Devotion to the Local Church Hebrews 10:25
  - 11) A Love for the Return of Christ 2 Timothy 4:8

## PUT YOURSELF TO THE TEST? ARE YOU GROWING SPIRITUALLY?

IN THIS SERIES ON "THE DISCIPLINE OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH" WE HAVE LEARNED THAT SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS BOTH A COMMAND AND AN EXPECTATION OF GOD FOR HIS CHILDREN.

TO KNOW TO GROW SPIRITUALLY, AND NOT GROW IS A SIN! JAMES 4:17