

the WHITE family

Missionaries to

BOLIVIA

Who's Feeding You?:

One of my main jobs as a missionary is to train others, especially those who are preparing to serve the Lord with their lives. As I have mentioned before, the longer we are in the ministry here, this becomes a bigger part of what we do and where we invest the most of our time. While there are many lessons and Bible principles that I try to share with them, one of the most important is probably teaching them to be self feeders and self growers. Just like in the real world, one of the true signs of maturity is when a person doesn't need anyone else to feed them or be responsible for the every need. So here are a few ideas that can help to get to this point of maturity and be a self feeder.

I. Be Attentive

One of the greatest spiritual diseases that plagues Christianity today would be spiritual blindness. The average Christian does not recognize where they are lacking or the weaknesses they have. There is also a great lack of biblical knowledge and the principles that would apply even if they recognized their error. So many people go through life either thinking they are fine, or knowing they have problems but not knowing what to do about it. So the first thing we have to do to be a self grower is pray and ask the Lord to show us things that we need to work on in your life and He will.

II. Be Intentional

One of the hardest things about spiritual growth is that it doesn't happen by accident. Just as a muscle will not grow if you just sit on the couch, we will not grow spiritually if we don't take specific steps to get there. The same way with spiritual growth, it's not going to happen unless we have a plan. To grow spiritually we must decide today to read our Bible, Pray and Practice what we learn in the Bible.

III. Be Determined

When it comes down to it, maybe the biggest hinderances to spiritual growth would be quitting. Growth is hard and takes time that some are not willing to spend but unfortunately the key is just staying at it and little by little you will begin to see the growth take place. Take baby steps and don't put too many expectations on yourself and in no time you will be lightyears from where you were before. The best part of it all is that when you become a self feeder and mature Christian you can then begin to help others in the same journey you have just been on.

Slow and Steady:

In our new church plant we have seen steady progress, and we have a good group that are coming on Sundays faithfully and beginning to even help in the church. Out of those, we have a couple of them that are even coming faithfully to Sunday and Wednesday night services, which is usually the most difficult. One of our desires and focuses with those who are coming is helping them take the next step in their spiritual journey. For some that would be Salvation for other Baptism and for others becoming part of the church and serving. We are now working to help each of them know what that next step is and help them take it. I am excited to see what the Lord is going to do in the following months as His church begins to grow and be effective at reaching others.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray that those in our church will take the next step in their spiritual lives.
2. Pray as we share the gospel that we will see people sensitive to His word.
3. Pray for those in our Bible College that the Lord will continue to work in their lives.
4. Pray for Pastor Pablo as he works on getting the paper work for their church.



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