

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL INVENTORY

Our three purposes as Columbia Presbyterian Church are that we, individually and corporately,

1. Know our triune God better:
WHO HE IS.
2. Know the glorious hope of our rich inheritance in Christ better:
WHO WE ARE and WHAT WE HAVE.
3. Know His incomparably great resurrection and. Ascension power:
WHAT WE CAN DO.

Eph. 1:17-23

#1 is directed toward Him:	Upward Facing
#2 is directed toward ourselves and one another:	Inward Facing
#3 is directed toward the world:	Outward Facing

From time to time there is value to our taking inventory on how we are personally doing in these three areas.

The following questionnaire is for you to fill out privately and honestly before God.

You may then want to share it and discuss it with your elder, your spouse, or a close and trusted friend.

Do not notice only the weak areas. Notice what progress the Spirit has given you in following Christ, and thank Him for it. Rejoice.

Weak areas should not only simply make you feel guilty. Read Romans 8:1-4 and rejoice in the free righteousness you already have in Christ.

Then learn from the weak areas where the Father wants you, as His child, to grow.

Make a plan for the next weeks to grow in one or two of these areas. Be specific, realistic, practical and full of faith! Share your plan with one trusted friend who will pray for you and help you to stick to it

The purpose is for you to be able to say a year from now, I am experiencing more of Eph. 1:17f-23 in my life now than I was a year ago.

Read Titus 2:11-14 and be encouraged that His grace is training you as His child. The word "teaches" in V12 is the word used. for training up children.

Circle the most appropriate numbers.

1: Strongly agree

5: Strongly disagree

Skip questions that do not apply to you,

I. KNOWING HIM BETTER

Agree-Disagree

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| 1. I spend time <u>alone</u> with God in Bible meditation and prayer at least five times a week. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 2. I know how to do Bible study and get something out of it. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 3. Worship is a regular part of that time. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 4. I usually feel I have met with Jesus in-these times. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 5. I am satisfied with my awareness of God's presence and love. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 6. I am able to take my cares and needs to Him, rather than fret and worry. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 7. My faith is growing. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 8. I can think of lessons in faith and obedience that God has taught me recently. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 9. I have seen God's faithfulness in answered prayers recently. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 10. I look forward to corporate worship on Sunday. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 11. I benefit from the sermons in noticeable ways. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 12. I pray with my spouse/best friend at least a couple times a week. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 13. I am satisfied with these times. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 14. Our family (including homes of group singles) has devotions at least a few times a week. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 15. I am satisfied with these times. | 1 2 3 4 5 |

II. KNOWING MY HOPE

Agree - Disagree

1. I feel more like a child of God than a slave in bondage. 1 2 3 4 5
2. I do not feel in bondage to any particular sin. 1 2 3 4 5
3. I am experiencing more of the riches of Christ's life in me than I was a year ago. 1 2 3 4 5
4. I am a member of a Christian small group. 1 2 3 4 5
5. That small group is alive and healthy. 1 2 3 4 5
6. My relationship with my spouse is healthy and growing. 1 2 3 4 5
7. I am content with my singleness. 1 2 3 4 5
8. I have a good relationship with my kids. 1 2 3 4 5
9. I see spiritual progress in my kids. 1 2 3 4 5
10. The Gospel has made me a joyful, hopeful person. 1 2 3 4 5
11. I am growing in love. 1 2 3 4 5
12. I am growing in joy. 1 2 3 4 5
13. I am growing in peace and contentment. 1 2 3 4 5
14. I am growing in patience. 1 2 3 4 5
15. I am growing in kindness toward others. 1 2 3 4 5
16. I am growing in goodness: purity and wholesomeness. 1 2 3 4 5
17. I am growing in faithfulness: more stable, less up and down in my Christian life. 1 2 3 4 5
18. I am growing in gentleness: less defensiveness and temper. 1 2 3 4 5
19. I am growing in self-control: of bodily appetites and thought life. 1 2 3 4 5
20. I am growing in tongue-control: gossip, criticism, etc. 1 2 3 4 5
21. I have a pretty good idea what my spiritual gifts are. 1 2 3 4 5

22. I am feeling fulfilled in my ministry within our body. 1 2 3 4 5
23. I am giving, by faith, as much as I believe God expects me to, to His work (Malachi 3:10). 1 2 3 4 5
24. Things and worldly success are having less of a hold on me. 1 2 3 4 5
25. I have a fairly good grasp on the major themes and doctrines of the Bible: covenant, kingdom, justification, sanctification, etc. 1 2 3 4 5
26. I have a fairly good grasp on the books of New Testament. 1 2 3 4 5
27. I have a fairly good grasp on the books of the Old Testament, as well as OT history. 1 2 3 4 5
28. I have read at least one Christian book in the last six months. 1 2 3 4 5

III. KNOWING HIS POWER

1. I can say with confidence that Jesus has limitless power. 1 2 3 4 5
2. I regularly share the Gospel (or parts of it) with non-Christians. 1 2 3 4 5
3. I believe I am basically faithful in my current evangelistic opportunities. 1 2 3 4 5
4. I know how to share the Gospel coherently. 1 2 3 4 5
5. I am regularly praying for at least one person I know to come to Christ. 1 2 3 4 5
6. I am hopeful about that person/those persons coming to Christ. 1 2 3 4 5
7. I have led at least one person to Christ since I became a Christian. 1 2 3 4 5
8. I have thought through how the Bible and its principles apply to my occupation. 1 2 3 4 5

9. I have a strong sense of calling in what I do. 1 2 3 4 5
10. I believe I am definitely serving Christ in my occupation. 1 2 3 4 5
11. I believe revival could occur in the United States and change the course in which it is headed. 1 2 3 4 5
12. I am regularly praying for that. 1 2 3 4 5
13. I believe revival could occur in Howard County and change the course in which it is headed. 1 2 3 4 5
14. I am regularly praying for that. 1 2 3 4 5
15. I am involved in seeking to correct at least one public wrong in our society and am deeply committed to its success. 1 2 3 4 5
16. I am growing in my awareness of God's global purpose and how he is bringing it to fulfillment. 1 2 3 4 5
17. I am increasingly conscious of my place in that fulfillment. 1 2 3 4 5
18. I am willing to serve Christ anywhere in the world in any capacity. 1 2 3 4 5

REVIEW AND ACTION

1. The 3-5 areas that I am most encouraged about from this inventory are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

2. The 3-5 areas that I am most concerned about from this inventory are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

3. From these areas in #2, pick one highest priority item in your Christian life to work on in the next couple months:

4. What is your goal?

By the end of _____, I hope to be able to _____

_____ (Be specific and make it measurable so you can definitely say whether you have achieved your goal, by God's grace, or not.)

DEVELOP A PLAN FOR HOW TO DO IT:

What will I do:

Resources: Books, Tapes:

People:

Who will I share this with:

Time Schedule:

DISCUSSION

1. One thing I would like to discuss about my life with my elder/cell leader/mentor is:

2. One thing I would like to discuss about my family with my elder/cell leader/mentor is:

3. One thing I would like to discuss about our church with my elder/cell leader/mentor is: