

Sunday worship

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We warmly welcome you, if you are worshipping with us for the first time. We believe you've become a member of our church family by God's grace.

Please ensure you speak to the Pastor or one of today's facilitators before you leave.

May God bless you richly (Amen).

VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

I beseech you therefore ... that you present your bodies a living sacrifice ... And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

Faith in action (2 Thessalonians 1:11)

We're trusting God to enable us to do all the good things faith prompts in us in Jesus name (NLT).

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SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship
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From 10am

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Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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There's more! Details of events and outreach will almost certainly be available from relevant pages on our website and updated regularly, along with downloadable copies of our Sunday bulletins (<http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/>).

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1. Open the browser and the **Settings** menu (or the **three vertical dots** to the right of the menu bar).
2. Scroll down and click on **Advanced Settings**.
3. Select **Open a specific page or set of pages** under **On Startup**.
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1. Open Firefox. Press **Alt-T** on the keyboard and select **Options** from the drop-down menu or go to **Tools >> Options** from the main menu.
2. In the **Home** section, select **Homepage and new windows** and **Custom URLs...** from the field's drop down.
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1. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar.
2. Select **Settings** and select **A Specific Page or Pages** from the **Open Microsoft Edge With** section drop down options.
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4. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar again to close **Settings** menu.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Growth habits

Text: 1 John 2:12-14

There are potentially several applications in this passage. Today, we will talk about spiritual growth. May we win every battle we fight against the evil one and the battle of life in Jesus' name. A book titled "*The 7 habits of highly successful people*" by Stephen Covey suggests there are sequential stages of growth, implying that it doesn't happen in a vacuum. Often, such motivational discourses or miraculous Christian occurrences are expressed in superficial terms. They may be catchy and impactful in the moment or even for a while.

However, illusions of grandeur are not visions of greatness and greatness may remain an illusion if we don't do anything or know how to achieve what we want. Quoting Aristotle, Stephen Covey wrote: "We are what we repeatedly do... therefore excellence is not an act, but a habit." In other words, habits developed from knowledge, skill and desire make us who we are. Success is built on good ones, failure or lack of achievement on the wrong ones.

For example, Jesus cultivated a habit of praying and he tried to pass this on to his disciples and us (Lk 18:1). Again and again, he would go away by himself (e.g. Matt 14:23). His disciples noticed and asked him to teach them to pray (Lk 11:1), which may be surprising since they've watched him. Even at the end of his life, in the garden of Gethsemane, he was busy praying when Judas and a crowd seized hold of him (Matt 26:36-48).

A crucial part of spiritual growth and maturity in faith is to break away from bad habits and engage in good / sound habits that will help us to grow or achieve our goals. When God does something for us, he does it for our sakes, so we know who he is. For example, when we ask the Holy Spirit for help often, we may begin to notice something. If we pay attention, he reveals himself and God in the process, when he does help us (Jn 14:26; 16:13).

Our sufficiency is of God (2 Cor 3:5; Ps 121:2). Just as God created heaven and earth out of darkness and void (Gen 1:1-2), he can bring order out of the chaos of our lives. We just have to ask (Jn 16:24). Invest in habits that can bless you, such as studying the word of God (2 Tim 2:15). We must avoid growing complacent and becoming less and less inquisitive. Make notes and meditate on messages that can help you to grow. Remember that growth is sequential and habits are the pillars on which we build our lives.

Rueben and Joseph are brothers, but by right of birth, Reuben as the first born should've received the blessings Joseph received (Gen 49:22-26). Because he slept with his father's concubine, Jacob cursed him instead (Gen 49:3-4). Both faced similar temptations, but dealt with them in different ways (Gen 35:22; 39:6-9). Joseph had a habit of doing the right things, even when they get him in trouble. In contrast, Jacob called Reuben unstable (Js 1:8). Peter was the same. His name Simon means "reed" until Jesus changed it to the rock and the pillar on which the church was built (Matt 16:18-19).

Bottom line:

Life requires stability. Pay attention, emphasize and improve on the habits and principles formed or forgotten over time, if they help you on your walk with God (Phil 4:8). Use them to develop pillars for successes and great achievements in your life (Heb 12:1-3).

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