**Maturing In Faith**

**Reading: Psalm 92:12-15**

***Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced [them] and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. (NKJV)***

**Deepening FAITH.**

***1 John 5:4-5 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world -- our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?***

**More Confident HOPE.**

***Romans 8:24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?***

***1 Corinthians 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.***

***Hebrews 6:19-20 This [hope] we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast...***

**Real Understanding of LOVE.**

***John 13:34-35 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. [35] By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”***

**Maturing IN PATIENCE.**

***2 Peter 1:5-7 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. (NKJV)***

***James 1:2-3 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. (NKJV)***

***James 5:7-8 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See [how] the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. 8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. (NKJV)***

***Titus 2:2 that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; (NKJV)***

**Appreciation.**

***John 11:41 Then they took away the stone [from the place] where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up [His] eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. (NKJV)***

**Godly WISDOM.**

***James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. (NKJV)***

***Job 12:12 Wisdom [is] with aged men, And with length of days, understanding.***

**SERVICE.**

***2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. (NKJV)***

***Titus 2:3-4 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things -- 4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,***

**Living JOYFULLY.**

***Philemon 9 [yet] for love's sake I rather appeal [to you -- being] such a one as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ***

***Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!***

***John 15:11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and [that] your joy may be full.***

***John 14:1-3 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if [it were] not [so,] I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, [there] you may be also. (NKJV)***

***John 14:28 "You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming [back] to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,***

**Knowing CONTENTMENT.**

***1 Timothy 6:6-8 Now godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into [this] world, [and it is] certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. (NKJV)***

***Philippians 4:11-12 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. (NKJV)***

**the SECRET:**

***(Psalms 92:13-14) Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God. {14} They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,***