What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up

**Reading – Philippians 3:12-19**

***[Hebrews 5:12-14] For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.  13For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.  14But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.***

***[Hebrews 4:15] For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.***

**Understand The Importance of Spiritual Growth**

***[1 Corinthians 13:11] When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.***

**Time & Money.**

***[Matthew 6:1] Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.***

***[Matthew 6:3-4] But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,  4that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.***

**mAKING sACRIFICES**

***[Romans 12:1-2] I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.  2And 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.***

***[John 15:1-2] “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.  2Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.***

**Rejoicing & Lamentations**

***[James 1:1-4] James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greeting. 2Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials,  3for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.  4And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.***

***[1 Corinthians 13:4-7] Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful;  5it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;  6it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.  7Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.***

***[John 7:24] Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”***

***[2 Corinthians 5:16] From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard him thus no longer.***

***[2 Peter 2:20-22] For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overpowered, the last state has become worse for them than the first.  21For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.  22It has happened to them according to the true proverb, The dog turns back to his own vomit, and the sow is washed only to wallow in the mire.***

[***1 Corinthians 5:9-11] I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with immoral men;  10not at all meaning the immoral of this world, or the greedy and robbers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.  11But rather I wrote£ to you not to associate with any one who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or robber—not even to eat with such a one.***