

Introduction

One of the main problems in the Church today is that Christians are not growing. If ever they are growing, their growth is not healthy. They do not grow healthy because they have no clear direction as far as their journey on spiritual growth is concerned. This reality brought a burden in my heart to come up with a simple guide that had been a great help me for me personally as I lead the Believers in Shepherd's Will Ministries International on spiritual growth journey. I called this guide the Map of Spiritual Growth. This map is designed to provide a clear direction to the believers of Jesus Christ who are serious in taking this journey. As the real map has its area of interest so with this map. These areas of interests are carefully identified, selected, and highlighted for easy, exciting and fruitful exploration. There are six areas of interest identified. They are:

1. The Area of Salvation
2. The Area of Knowledge of Christ
3. The Area of Love
4. The Area of Faith
5. The Area of Relationship
6. The Area of Stewardship

Lessons are being developed in each of these areas that would help provide a clearer understanding, which I believe, will result to a healthy and balance spiritual growth. This series of lessons on the area of salvation is the first of many series of lessons that will be produced to cover all these areas of interest. These lessons on the issue of salvation are designed to help every explorer get grounded in their assurance of their salvation at the same time equip and prepare them to be able to share it to others as well. It is my prayer and my desire that every one who come across with this material would patiently go through with it under the complete enlightenment of the Holy Spirit so that they will get its substance that will bring eternal nourishment for their soul. As Jesus said in Mathew 4:4 It is written: "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

This material is put together through the guidance and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit. My constant interaction with my brothers and sisters at Shepherd's Will Ministries International has also provided me with the good challenge that motivates and stirred my spirit and my mind towards productive and wholesome thinking resulted in this material. The support and inspiration from my wife and son is also a strong factor in this work.

Jesus Christ is the source of and the reason for this. Blessed be His Holy Name.

In His Service,
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