

## PLANNING FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

You have expressed a desire for spiritual growth and requested the help of **Joy EL Ministries**. An important part of reaching any goal is planning. Listed below are four areas near to the heart of God and to the ministry of **Joy EL**. It is our desire and commitment to help you move in God's direction. We want to move from "knowing" to "being" and then to "doing". God wants an intimate relationship with each of us. Our relationship with God becomes the grid through which we filter all our choices, attitudes and ultimately our actions. We desire to work with you to develop a plan to deepen your relationship with God in the following areas:

- I. **Scripture and Prayer** - Knowing that Scripture and Prayer are key elements in a relationship with God, it is important to be in the Word and learn to talk with and listen to God (prayer). Our desire is to help you move beyond reading scripture as a requirement but as a road to the heart of God. Our desire is that you experience God, not just know about Him. We want to help you apply what you are learning and encourage you to commit scripture to memory. (John 17:3)
- II. **Personal Growth**
  - A. **Enrichment** - Receiving spiritual instruction from others provides enrichment that assists us in our spiritual growth. Enrichment from the Word energizes us spiritually and physically. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
  - B. **Refreshment** - Guarding your time and physical health can be a delicate task. Our desire is that scheduling time to refresh your spirit and body on a regular basis becomes a priority. (Mark 6:31)
- III. **Service** - Scripture instructs us to give out of the overflow of our spiritual lives. Service is a mark of the product of a believer's life. The heart of a servant needs to be cultivated and given opportunity to grow. (Phil. 2:5-8)
- IV. **Evangelism and Missions** - God desires that no one perish. We are called to be involved in the Great Commission. (Mt. 28:19,20) We desire to help you develop a passion for the lost near and far.

Following are opportunities for developing your relationship with God that **Joy EL Ministries** will provide as well as some other options. You may come up with your own options. Please consider how you can best reach your goal and complete the "Spiritual Growth Planning Form" included with this information. Keep one half for you and return the other to **Joy EL** by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Please include how you would like to be held accountable.

### Options for meeting your Spiritual needs:

- I. **Scripture and Prayer**
  - A. Read Bible passages listed with my level.
  - B. CLF Lessons or an alternative Bible study planned approved by **Camp Joy EL**.
  - C. Keep a prayer journal and share with Barnabas mentor.
- II. **A. Personal Growth - Enrichment**
  1. Attend at least two LTP Training weekends.
  2. Attend another spiritual conference.
- B. Personal Growth - Refreshment**
  1. Attend the Senior High Retreat (2/19/10-2/21/10) OR a Junior High Retreat (1/29/10-1/31/10) if in 9th grade and write a report using questions provided within one month after conference.
  2. Attend a retreat with another church group.

### III. Service

- A. Serve at an age-appropriate **Joy El** retreat, CIA, Special Event, **Joy El Jubilee**, **Joy El** workday, help with a phone-a-thon, etc.
- B. Serve with your church or another ministry.

### IV. Evangelism and Missions

- A. Attend the Lancaster Missionary Conference, and write a report using questions provided within one month after conference.
- B. Attend another Missionary Conference and complete a report within one month.
- C. Correspond with a foreign missionary and pray for them regularly.
- D. Lead or assist with a Bible club in your school.
- E. Participate in a short-term mission trip and report on it.

### Options for Accountability

- A. Have your Barnabas Mentor keep you accountable
- B. **Joy El Ministries** will keep you accountable in some areas.
- C. A peer may keep you accountable in some areas.

### Your Personal Goals

As a member of 4.12, you are required to develop a spiritual growth plan in the areas of Daily Time with God including Scripture and Prayer, Personal Growth with Enrichment and Refreshment, Service, and Evangelism and Missions. We would also like you to set some personal goals in areas you would like to grow this year.

**Note:** So that we can assist you, we also ask that you send a spiritual progress report to the Camping Ministries Dept. every month.