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- **Investment of your time, talent, and \_\_\_\_\_ :**

*Ephesians 4:16 ... from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love.*

■ *Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over will be poured into your lap, for with the measure you give you will get back.*

### **3. Change: your mentality and your ways.**

- \_\_\_\_\_.

■ *Ephesians 4:17 Now this I affirm and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; <sup>18</sup> they are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart;*

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■ *Eph 4:20 You did not so learn Christ! - <sup>21</sup> assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus. <sup>22</sup> Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, <sup>23</sup> and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.*

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## **Real Growth in My Life**

My Life--part 2

Ephesians 4:14-24

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■ *Ephesians 4:1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.*

### **1. Set your goal to \_\_\_\_\_.**

■ *Ephesians 4:14 ... so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles.*

We can be naïve about:

(a.) \_\_\_\_\_, and

(b.) \_\_\_\_\_.

Why are we susceptible wrong teaching?

(a) We are natively \_\_\_\_\_.

*Prov. 22:10 Folly is bound up in the heart...*

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(b) We are natively \_\_\_\_\_.

*Psalms 17:10 They close up their callous hearts, and their mouths speak with arrogance.*

■ *2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.* ■

■ *Colossians 2:8 See to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.* ■

■ *Acts 17:11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with all eagerness, examining the scriptures daily to see if these things were so.* ■

*Ephesians 4:15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,*

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## 2. Getting past immaturity...

- **The power of \_\_\_\_\_ life.**

*Acts 2:42-47*

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- **The power of \_\_\_\_\_.**
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*Hebrews 13:7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith.*

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- **The power of \_\_\_\_\_.**
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*Eph. 4:15 Speaking the truth in love we are to grow up in every way into Christ.*

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- **The power of \_\_\_\_\_.**
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*Proverbs 13:20 He who walks with wise men becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.*

*Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.*

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- **The power of \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Ecclesiastes 4:13 Better is a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king, who will no longer take advice.*

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