

A youth group in search of a name...

ACCOUNTABILITY

A SPIRITUAL HABIT

Ever since the Garden of Eden, our natural inclination has been letting our desires get the best of us. Too often we live by the McDonald's motto: "You deserve a break today!" In a sense, this philosophy of life says we are entitled to enjoy a few daily indulgences and that there is no time like the present to act on those impulses and temptations. Tomorrow always seems to hold the most potential for productivity when it comes to curbing our appetites in the present. Right now, such a life of godly discipline and self-control is simply not convenient. Thus, we followers of God drift away from becoming who God longs for us to be—in lives that are out of control. And we miss the best God has to offer us.

The Bible teaches that such a disciplined life doesn't just happen; it's pursued on a daily basis. It's the athlete who goes into strict training to attain the prize at the end of the race. It's an intentional, urgent effort. And as we pursue self-control, the Holy Spirit of God works within us to produce this fruit of the Spirit. But there are many diversions and temptations along the path to the great prize at the end of the race.

Many athletes have found the constant training too difficult if they do it alone. They take on training partners. Spiritual training is no different. To keep activity growing in the faith and becoming more Christ like in our attitude and behaviors takes a group effort. It is important that as we become more fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ along this journey we call life we need connections.

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Key Bible verse from today's study

- 1 Cor. 9:25-27
- 2 Peter 1:5-6
- Gal. 5:22-23
- 2 Tim. 3:1-6
- Ecc. 4:9-10
- 1 Cor. 13:4-7

It's all about connections!

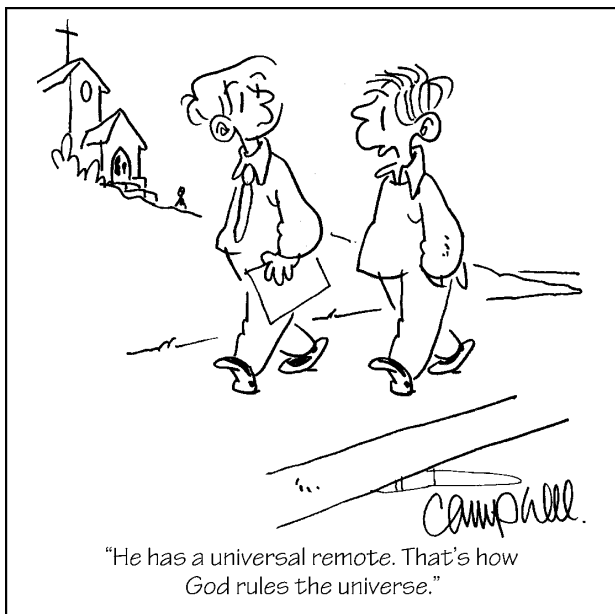
- Connection with Christ
- Connection with a fellow believer
- Connection with the Body of Christ.

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There are 3 connections that the Bible teaches as vital to our growth. The first is **connection with Christ**. This connection comes through regular conversation, and reading the letters he left for us. This is covered by the first of the Spiritual **HABITS**—Hang Time With God.

The second is **connection with a fellow believer**. This is covered by the second of the Spiritual **HABITS** - Accountability with another believer.

The third is connection with the body of Christ. This is touched on in part by the fourth of the Spiritual **HABITS**—Involvement with the local church.




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