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Growing Together
@ Home*

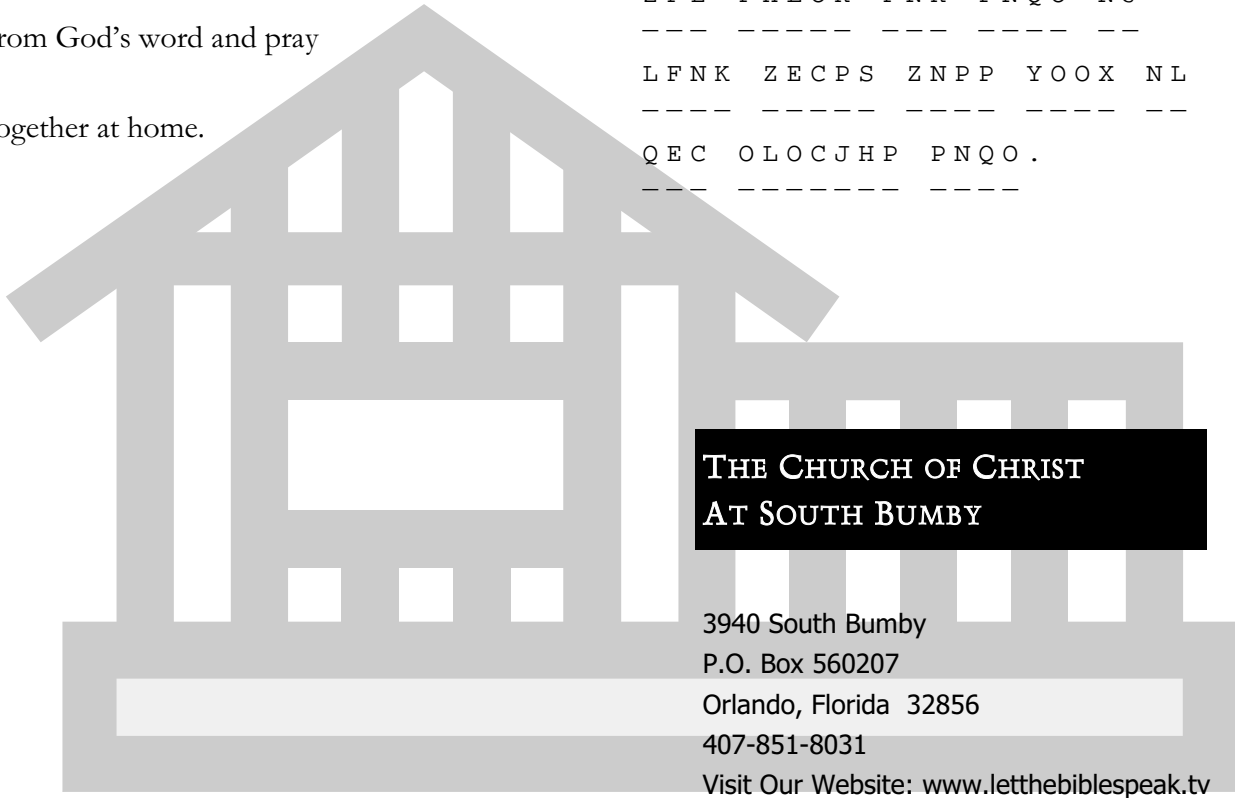
Growing Together @ Home is a
brief guide provided by the South
Bumby Church to give our families a
framework they can use as they study
from God's word and pray
together at home.

Other Things To Do
This Week:

- [1] Memorize: (John 12:25 NKJV) "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."
- [2] Help your children prepare their lessons for Bible class. Let your children help you prepare for Bible Class.

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*A Weekly Guide
For Family
Devotions*

Those who
love Your law
have great
peace, And
nothing
causes them
to stumble.

Ps. 119:165

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PLEASURE

DAY ONE

STEP #1: THE CONCEPT

When we consider the word pleasure, we most often think of ourselves – what is pleasing to us. For today, consider what is pleasing to God. Read Phil. 2:5-13, Eph 1:3-10 together and discuss:

- [1] Identify in this passage what is pleasing (pleasure) to God
- [2] How does this affect His actions?
- [3] How does this affect His plans?

STEP #2: THE SEARCH

Have each family member read Ezekiel 33:11-17.

- [1] Does the dispensing of justice bring pleasure to God?
- [2] Does it bring pleasure to parents to discipline their children?

Read Isaiah 53:1-10, Ps 149:4, Ps 35:27, Ps 5:4, Mt 9:13 and list the things that are pleasing to God (or that He desires):

- [1] _____
- [2] _____
- [3] _____
- [4] _____
- [5] _____

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to give us the wisdom to see His plans for us and the benefits and blessings of His service.

DAY TWO

STEP #1: THE IDEA

In a recent article by Kirk Cameron, he said, “With all of the focus on teen’s ‘felt needs,’ the majority of our youth have become extremely self-centered and high maintenance, lacking the fruit of a truly repentant and surrendered heart to God... As long as kids feel justified in their pursuit of ‘personal fulfillment and ultimate happiness’ we will always be two steps behind...eating the dust they have kicked up as they pursue the idol of Personal Pleasure”

STEP #2: THE SEARCH

In the 15 times (NKJV) that pleasure is mentioned in the N.T., 8 are used of God, and 6 of the other 7 are mentioned in a negative manner.

Read 2 Timothy 3:4 and then Isaiah 58:1-10, and discuss how “pleasure” and the pursuit of it can come between man and God.

- [1] How can the pursuit of pleasure be a barrier to serving God?
- [2] In Isaiah 58:1-10, list some of the claimed attributes of the people that professed to serve God.
- [3] In Isaiah 58:1-10, list attributes that God desired in the people.
- [4] In what way can ‘pleasure’ be an idol?

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help us always to desire his ways, knowing that his ways bring us life – and to be willing to listen to his instruction.

DAY THREE

STEP #1: THE PRINCIPLE

Have each family member read 1 Tim. 6:9-11

- [1] Can some desires lead us into things which are harmful?
- [2] Can our choice of ‘pleasures’ impact our futures? How?

STEP #2: THE SEARCH

Some have the misconception that if you are a Christian, then you are not allowed to have any “fun”. Read Proverbs 21:6,15-17, Proverbs 8:35-36, Proverbs 28:12-28, James 1:14-17

Separately:

- [1] Make a list of things which come to those love the wrong things.
- [2] Make a list of things which people “love” or desire which bring destruction.

Together:

- [1] Discuss your lists, and talk about pleasure. Is pleasure in itself wrong or is it the taking of pleasure in the wrong things?
- [2] Can God’s people have pleasure?
- [3] Are the things in which we should have pleasure centered on self or on others? (Phil 4:8)

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help you as a family to humble yourselves before him and to submit to his direction in your lives.