

Happy New Year 2017!

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community church



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Desert Breeze exists to provide a place where unchurched people can become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I (Jesus) have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”—John 10:10 NIV

The Gospel is the Good News that God has reconciled us to Himself by sending His Son to die in our place, for our sins so that all who repent and believe in Him have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Fullness of life and full devotion to Christ are one in the same pursuit! In order to become fully devoted followers of Christ we encourage and provide for growth through the following five stages of Christian maturity: **You will become in 2017 what you are committed to!**

A Genuine Christian is committed to Christ & a local Church family.

John 1:12 To all who receive Him (Jesus), to those who believe in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. (1John 3:1)

Ephesians 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers & aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints & members of the household of God. (Acts 2:42-47)

A Growing Christian is committed to the disciplines necessary for spiritual growth.

2Peter 3:18 “Continue to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

1Timothy 4:7-8 “Train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.”

A Giving Christian is committed to using their time, talents & treasure to serve their church family.

Rom12; 1Cor12; Eph4; 1Pet4 Lists of gifts of the Holy Spirit given to believers
2Cor9:6-7 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

A **Going** Christian is committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with people throughout the world.

Matt 28:18-20 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Acts 1:8)

A **Glorifying** Christian is committed to living a balanced life of **Genuine, Growing, Giving and Going** all to the Glory of God.

1Cor10:31 “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” Phil1:21 “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

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God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.
May you be more fully satisfied in Him in 2017 like never before!
Philippians 3:10-14

Growing Notes

- 1)** Why is it important for a local church family like db to have a mission statement? And to have a mission statement that is consistent with God's Word? Paraphrase John 10:10. What is the Gospel?
- 2)** What does it mean that fullness of life and full devotion to Jesus Christ are one in the same pursuit? You will become what you are committed to in 2017! Explain. Why do you think it is terribly wicked and foolish not to completely give your life to Christ after He has completely given His life to you (Rom12:1)?
- 3)** Review the five stages of full devotion to Christ along with cross references. Where are you in this process? What are your next steps to becoming more fully devoted to Christ Jesus in 2017?
- 4)** We were created by God, for God, to give glory to God. God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him. What does it mean to glorify God? What does it mean to be satisfied in God? Why does being satisfied in Him bring Him the most glory? Make Phil3:10-14 your prayer for 2017.