

How to Keep Moving Forward

Once we come into the Kingdom as Father's sons, he wants us to mature in our sonship. This means we have to undergo his training so we grow and develop as his sons under his tutelage. This spiritual growth only comes when we desire it and submit to it. We will not make any progress in becoming the person he created us to be unless we allow this to happen. On top of that, it's not something we can do – he has to do it.

You see, in the Kingdom changes are made from the inside out. This of course is contrary to the way the world system works and the way we've been trained to operate. If we do things ourselves, it's just 'works' which don't have any significant value in the Kingdom.

I have observed many Christians failing to make progress in their spiritual growth. They go around and around in circles, having ups and downs as a feature of their lives. Many crash and burn, while others shrink away to nothing.

THIS IS NOT HOW THE KINGDOM OF KING JESUS IS SUPPOSED TO WORK.

The main reason I see this happening is due to ignorance which the church system perpetuates by not training believers in the things of the Kingdom. The outcome of this is that they actively strive to live the life they think God wants, while following religious processes that have no value in the Kingdom, becoming 'works' that don't work. The other, and opposite reason, is that they are taught that God does everything so they become passive.

As Jesus of Nazareth is our prototype, we need to see that success is totally achievable provided we follow Kingdom principles and protocols. What were the main features of the way he operated?

- He had a relationship of oneness with Father
- He only said what he heard Father say
- He only did what he saw Father doing
- His will was only to be about Father's business
- Everything he did was by Father working through him

This way of operating is what we have to aim for, but unfortunately, our 'baggage' becomes the drag which holds back our progress.

With all that in mind, here are some pointers to help you continue to move forward so you become more mature in the things of the Kingdom and in your spirituality.

Negatives to Eliminate

1. Reject the enemy's accusations – The Trinity always speakings lovingly to you and wants to draw you into what they want you to do and who they want you to become. Anything negative, accusatory or condemning is not from them.
2. No fear – Fear is a tool of the enemy. Every type of fear does not originate in the Kingdom. That includes fear of man, fear of failure, fear of living up to expectations, fear of the future, etc. Even the fear of the Lord is not right as it should be reverential respect for who he is.
3. No regrets – Regrets only cause you think negatively, while everything in the Kingdom is extremely positive. Regrets keep you looking backwards instead of concentrating on what our King is doing now and in the near future.
4. No disappointments – Disappointments keep you in the negative zone. These are based on your failure to meet your own expectations instead of Father's plans for you. This is self-focus and

anything focussing on 'self' allows the enemy to have access.

5. Reject rejection – Rejection is the biggest 'killer' of believers these days causing them to have low self-esteem which drains them of their potential. Any thoughts or attitudes relating to being rejected are from the enemy and must be culled as soon as they come into your mind.
6. No self-pity – Next to rejection, self-pity is a powerful 'killer' because it is negatively self-focussed. Self-pity takes your eyes of the wonderful life and future that are available for you in the Kingdom.
7. Refuse to be hurt by others – Hurts turn you inward raising negativity that can easily become toxic. You have the ability not to be hurt by others by refusing to allow another's words or actions to hurt you. Allowing yourself to be hurts is an act of your will, which is why rejecting thoughts of submitting to hurts 'stops them in their tracks'.
8. Get healed of all your past hurts – All the hurts you've submitted to in the past are doorways for the enemy to keep you downtrodden. Every one of these needs to be eliminated. This is done with the King's help as you submit to him cleaning you out on the inside. It's a waste of time and the wrong application of your faith to have others pray for you for your release from the pain of hurts. You have to work on these yourself because the hurts have to be fully resolved or the enemy will use them to overturn what progress you have made. You must be vigilant to stand against any attacks using the doorway of past hurts to prevent a retrograde step in your growth. A tell-tale sign of the existence of past hurts is being triggered by someone or by a situation (anger, resentment, etc).
9. Deal with your personal issues – No prayer should be sought to deal with your personal issues, unless Holy Spirit gives you that directive. You must own your issues because you've allowed them to become a problem. You must allow our King to work with you to solve them, one by one. Look for what triggers you to uncover issues that you aren't aware of.
10. Curb emotionalism – Emotions don't allow you to be in control of yourself. Being out of control, at any level, gives the enemy a doorway to manipulate you. As Father's representations, given autonomy and charge of the planet, you must always be in charge of yourself or under the supervision of Holy Spirit. Emotions are not the tool to use to carry out your role as vice-regents of Earth for the King.
11. Don't analyse too much – In the Kingdom it's your spirit that's to be the dominant component of your being. Your mind must be made subservient to your spirit if you are to function properly. Many things the Spirit does is not logical, so an emphasis on analysing everything will cause you to explain away spiritual things and justify why you don't join with what Heaven is doing.
12. Eliminate all forms of religion – This includes any religious activity. The religious spirit's job description is to deviate you from becoming the son you are meant to be so that you are ineffective for the Kingdom. This is achieved by tricking you into believing that religious activities and observances are what pleases God. In reality, it's the opposite. Under the New Covenant we are spiritual sons, back where Adam was originally, tasked with the job of expanding the Kingdom of Heaven at the expense of the Kingdom of Darkness. Obviously our enemy doesn't want this to happen, so his main tactic is to sideline you with various forms of religion.
13. Make legalism illegal for yourself – The religious spirit's most powerful weapon is legalism. This is a focus on either the Law¹, law, or rules and regulations. The religious spirit makes you feel good when you ascent to these things and so tricks you into thinking that legalism is what God wants. Under the New Covenant legalism has been replaced by the liberty and freedom that comes with our sonship. Legalism and religion come from living off the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, not the Tree of Life that the Kingdom runs on.
14. Don't chase your own desires – As human beings we have our own plans and desires which we pursue. You do this because it makes you feel good and feel fulfilled. However, following your own dreams will lead you away from your destiny in the Kingdom and towards a life of hedonism (self

fulfilment). You need to dream the “Dream Giver’s”² dreams and find out from our King what his plans are for your life. In the Kingdom, your growth and development as a son is of top priority, so aligning with Heaven will always help you progress.

15. Don’t mistake the Trinity’s correction & discipline for the enemy’s work – Although Father dotes on you and our Beloved (King Jesus) wants a love relationship with you, you must remember that love includes discipline and correction for your own good. Don’t see wilderness periods and times of difficulty as an attack of the enemy or of your failure as a son. Check with Holy Spirit and find out what’s going on because you may actually work against Heaven by misunderstanding what’s happening.

Positives to Foster

16. Know your identity – Every person needs to have an identity. It’s built into us and it’s a driving force that you may not understand. A lot of what you do is trying to find or establish an identity for yourself. Whether it’s your racial identity, your self-identity or whatever, it will be working subconsciously in you driving you to do things you might not understand the reasoning for. You already have an identity. It’s the highest identity in the universe. You are the son (male or female) of the Most High God, the most omnipotent being in existence. You must know that your sonship is your real identity and that other identities don’t matter. Train yourself to focus on your sonship so that it becomes the identity that you identify with.
17. Learn to see Father as a perfect father – This may be a hard thing for you to do because you have given Father characteristics based on your own father and the overbearing men from your youth (e.g. school teachers). This will most likely cause you to ‘see’ Father as an austere person rather than a loving daddy. From reading the Bible you may have created a picture of him as a cosmic policeman who’s just look for an opportunity to whack you with a ‘big stick’ because you’ve been naughty. Actually, Father is full of love for you which overrides any of his other characteristics because of the grace of the New Covenant. We are back where Adam was originally in relationship with the Trinity, so Father is wanting to be a perfect father to you. To help you move forward so you can develop a relationship with Father you may need to hear a lot of teaching on the Father’s Heart message so you can overcome your negative attitudes. (See the resources at the end of this document.)
18. Develop a love relationship with the King – Just like Father, Jesus, our King, is looking for a love relationship with us. This is not a ‘mushy’ idea, it’s because we are his Bride that he loves so much. You are part of his Bride and so he is wanting to woo you into relationship with him. Once you realise he wants to be one with you and you start looking for him to move you into that relationship, you will experience his love in an ever increasing level. Actually, his desire is to become your Beloved, the one you love more than anything else.
19. Be guided by revelation from Holy Spirit – Jesus said he would give us the Spirit of Truth who would guide us in all things and teach us the truth. This is the reality for us today. You must learn to hear clearly with your spirit for this to function properly. These revelations will help you deal with your issues by identifying them and providing knowledge to deal with them.
20. Allow the King to teach and train you – Allow the Trinity to school you in how to be a son and how to live in their Kingdom. This is our prime source of spiritual knowledge in the Kingdom under the New Covenant. Bible study and teaching will only take you so far before you will realise in your hunger that there has to be more. Ask Jesus to be your teacher and become attuned to the various sources he uses to communicate revelation to you.
21. Live a repentant lifestyle – For a relationship that’s going to be real and deep a person has to be open and honest, dealing with any offences or differences as they occur. With the Trinity, you need to keep a ‘clean slate’. Even though we are covered by Jesus’ blood, we are expected to avoid sin because it isn’t to have a hold over us. On the occasions when you do know you’ve sinned (either

2 – Bruce Wilkinson’s book, “The Dream Giver”.

deliberately or unconsciously), judge yourself and find yourself guilty of it. Then, repent (i.e. turn away from it and determine to do things God's way instead) and ask for forgiveness. After that, put it behind you and move on. Never let overcoming sin be your focus as it will only make you negative and sidetrack you from your progress.

22. Allow the Trinity to be in control of your life – When you surrender and allow the Trinity to be in control, your life will take a huge turn for the better. Of course this will infuriate the enemy, so there will be backlashes. Push through his wiles and you'll come out the other end stronger and more abundant. It's a 'hard ask' for you to do this, but it's the King's will and Father's plan for it to be that way.
23. Rest in what the Trinity is doing – When you allow the Trinity to be in control of your life, trust them to do what they do best for you. Trust is hard to achieve because you most likely focus on your faith. However, you probably have faith in your faith rather than trust in what Heaven is doing. You'll have to practice trusting. For example: If you have a lot of work to do and not enough time ask for the ability to get it done by the deadline, then switch off worrying about it and just do it. When you have achieved trust, try resting as you trust. It's amazing. Then, learn to relax as you rest in the trust you have in them. It's even more amazing.
24. Allow the King to meet all your needs – When you allow the Trinity to be in control, ask your King to supply all your needs as he's promised. You'll have to have greater trust for this. When you do, allow him to be your resourcer of everything you need, not just finances. Focussing on money narrows down your reliance because he wants to meet every need, in all areas of your life.
25. Draw life from the Internal Kingdom – The next step is to draw life from the presence of the King inside you.³ This is the Internal Kingdom where he resides. He wants to give you abundant life, but that life is his life which you must allow him to live through you. Your daily walk will then be drawing life from him so that every circumstance has a positive outcome.
26. Balance the relational with the contractual – Some people are strongly relational so they are not good at getting everything done. Tasks are not prioritized because they are not relationships. Other people are 'doers' who can be relied on to achieve goals. Relationships for them are unnecessary or of little value in the big scheme of things, so they don't relate well to others. You must learn to balance these because they are both essential for you to function as a son. Any imbalance of these can cause trauma which sidelines your activity while you deal with the issues that come from situations.

These are the activities I have learnt to do over the past 20 years (since about the year 2000). I have made great progress, so I commend these to you. However, don't be in a rush and don't try doing everything at once. Father likes to draw you in to the things he wants you to do in your growth as a son, so just ask him to do that. Now relax in him and let him handle the positives and to foster the positives while you work eliminating some of the negatives.

There's no rush. Heaven has all the time in the world because their love doesn't want to pressure you. But, if you want to enter the destiny you were placed on this Earth to achieve, the sooner you start on these the better.

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RESOURCES

- Fatherheart Ministries [James & Denise Jordan] (www.fatherheart.net)
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