

## John Dockendorf – The Christian Man – Chapter 3 GROWTH - MOH Group 190727

190623 It is now time to stand up for truth & righteousness, for I am, for I will, for I deliver results. Where have you been hanging out? Is it in My Presence? Is it fulfilling My purposes? Is it full of My life & love? If not, choose life & love that is everlasting. My presence is greater. My truth is greater. I am the way!

Father, we surrender to the glory of Your promise & the promise of Your glory. – Jim Begley.

**The Big Idea:** A Bible, small group & serving someone else will solve 90 percent of your problems.

- How big of an issue is spiritual growth for you and why?
- What are the questions you would like answered about spiritual growth?
- Read Hebrews 4:12; 10:25; 13:20–21

To become a **disciple of Jesus** is the highest honor to which you can aspire. A disciple is:

- **Called to live “in” Christ** (salvation, abiding)
- **Equipped to live “like” Christ** (growth, transformation)
- **Sent to live “for” Christ** (love, service)

### 1. Bible ([www.oneyearbibleonline.com](http://www.oneyearbibleonline.com))

How would you read your Bible for maximum ROI (Return on Investment)? \_\_\_\_\_

How is your Bible critically important for your spiritual growth? \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Small Group

What types of small groups have you benefited from & why? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of small group would I gladly join now & why? \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Serving Someone Else

What Spiritual & natural gifts would I most enjoy serving with? \_\_\_\_\_

**Service Gifts** (check your top 2 or 3 by category, then rank checked gifts across all categories 1->10)

\_\_\_\_ **Mercy:** Special ability to show sympathy to the suffering saints. Meals to the sick, hospital visits, phone calls, emails, texts, and visits to the hurting. A vocation as a nurse or physician.

\_\_\_\_ **Service:** Special ability to joyfully serve behind the scenes. Set up chairs, serve as an usher, assist leaders. A vocation in customer service or landscape maintenance.

\_\_\_\_ **Hospitality:** Special desire to offer home, food, and lodging. Host missionaries, Bible studies, singles for dinner. A vocation in food service or tourism.

\_\_\_\_ **Giving:** Special desire and financial ability to give above and beyond a tithe. Generosity toward youth mission trips, deacon fund offerings, parachurch ministries, a suit for the pastor. A vocation in philanthropy.

\_\_\_\_ **Administration:** Special ability to orchestrate program details. Committee work, volunteer for church office, conference/seminar supervision. A vocation in business.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Leadership:** Special ability to preside or govern wisely. Boards of Christian ministries, visible roles, elders, deacons, committee chairmen, run nursery program, fund-raising. A vocation in management.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Faith:** Vision for new projects that need doing and perseverance to see them through. Building programs, new ministries. A vocation as an entrepreneur.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Discernment:** Ability to detect error. Meet with teachers who may be teaching incorrectly, write letters to the editor. A vocation in law.

**Speaking Gifts** (check your top 2 or 3 by category, then rank checked gifts across all categories 1->10)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Knowledge:** Spiritual ability to search and acquire scriptural truth. Academic pursuits, writing, teaching. A vocation as an educator.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Wisdom:** Special insight into applications of knowledge. Counseling, teaching, discussion group leader, accountability groups, friendship. A vocation as a counselor or personal coach.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Preaching:** Special ability to rightly proclaim and expound God's truth. Preachers, lay preachers. A vocation as a public speaker.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Teaching:** Special ability to explain Scripture in an edifying way. Sunday school teachers, Bible studies, home groups, children, youth programs. A vocation as a teacher.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Evangelism:** Special ability to clearly present the gospel to nonbelievers. Sunday night church visitation program, share faith with contacts on job, sponsor outreach events. A vocation as a salesman.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Apostleship:** Special ability to begin new works. Missionaries, church planters, Christian service organizations. A vocation as an entrepreneur.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Shepherding:** Unique ability to care for a flock of believers over the long haul. Pastors, elders, nursery program. A vocation as a manager.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Encouragement:** Special skill to inspire, encourage, and comfort. This may be through friendship, counseling, writing letters, and the like. All vocations.

**Signifying Gifts (Gifts of the Spirit)** (check your top 2 or 3 by category, then rank checked gifts)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Miracles:** Spiritual ability to actuate the supernatural intervention of God against the laws of nature.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Healing:** Spiritual agency of God in curing illness and disease and restoring to health supernaturally.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tongues:** Spiritual ability to speak in a language foreign to speaker.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Interpretation of Tongues:** Spiritual ability to interpret the message of one speaking in tongues.

### Questions:

What are your natural abilities? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your motivated interests? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your previous successful ministry interest? \_\_\_\_\_

Where have other Christians given you positive feedback? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you sense as your burden or calling from the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

What is one area that you believe would most accelerate your Spiritual maturity, knowledge, wisdom & power? Do you plan to do anything differently and if so, what is it? \_\_\_\_\_