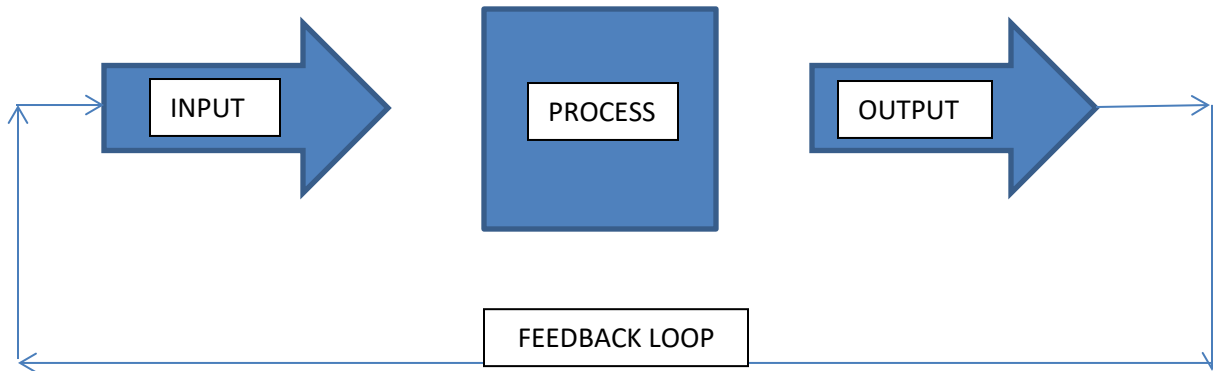


Servant of the lord

How To Live Out The Love of Christ

Becoming a servant is a process



What process are you using?

Two good processes: Boot Camp or University Model

Boot Camp - Biblical Example

- **6-12 Week Program**
- **Isolated from Others**
- **Structured Environment**
- **Accelerated self-development**
- **Focus on instilling core values**
- **A Soldier that is ready and able**

Looking at Christ (To arrive at his fullness, Christ used the Boot Camp Model)

- Christ was Baptized by John
- (Luke 3:21-22)
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- 40 Days in the Wilderness with the Holy Spirit
- (Luke 4:1-13)
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- Started His Ministry

University Model - Biblical Example

Admission (Student) ➡ Orientation ➡ 2-4 Year Program ➡ Graduation (Discipline)

Baptism (Disciple) ➡ New Convert ➡ 2 Peter 1:5-7 ➡ Graduation (Servant)

Ephesians 4:11-15

¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the

whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Looking at Paul (To arrive at his fullness, Paul used the University Model)

- Paul's Encounter with Christ
- (Acts 9:3-19)



- Paul goes away
- to Arabia
- (Galatians 1:11-26)

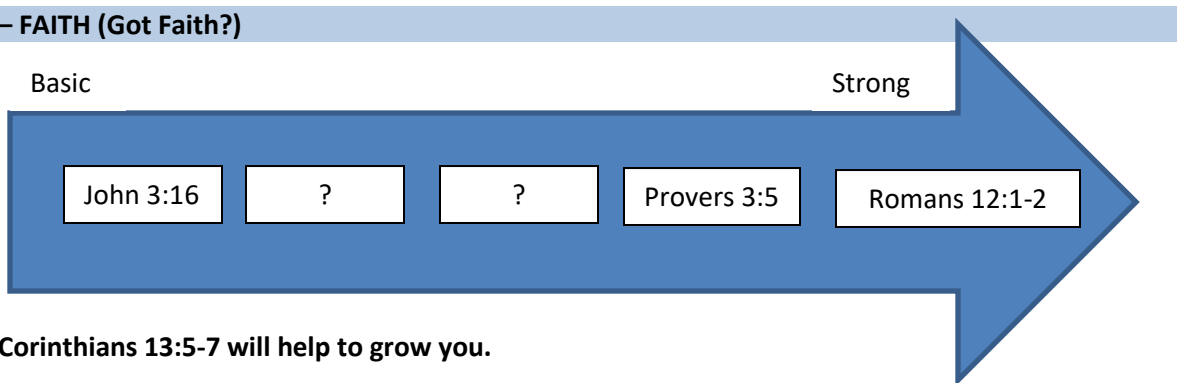


- Started His Mission

Curriculum (2 Peter 1:5-11)

²Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our LORD. ³His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ. ⁹But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. ¹⁰Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, ¹¹and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ.

1 – FAITH (Got Faith?)



2 – GOODNESS

1 Peter 1:16 – Since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

1 Corinthians 15:33 – Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

James 1:21 – Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Are Your Values/Morals Divided?

Biblical Values:

Grace

Hope

Faith

Love

Justice

Joy

Service

Peace

3 – KNOWLEDGE

Hosea 4:6 – my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. “Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children.

Knowledge – God the Father

Ephesians 4:6 - One God and Father of all, who [is] above all, and through all, and in you all.

Matthew 23:9 - And call no [man] your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

Isaiah 64:8 - But now, O LORD, thou [art] our father; we [are] the clay, and thou our potter; and we all [are] the work of thy hand.

Psalms 34:9 - O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him.

Knowledge – Jesus Christ

1 John 4:15 - If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.

John 10:28-30 - I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.

Acts 4:12 - Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

Ephesians 4:15 - Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Knowledge – Holy Spirit

John 14:26 - But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Romans 8:26 - Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Romans 8:11 - If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

2 Timothy 1:7 - For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Knowledge – Self

1 Corinthians 6:19 - Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,

Romans 8:14 - For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Knowledge – Environment

Ephesians 6:12 – For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Is Your Armor Ready?

Ephesians 6:10-18

4 – SELF CONTROL

- **Swift to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger (James 1:19)**
- **Love your enemy (Luke 6:27)**
- **Pray for those that persecute you (Matthew 5:44)**
- **Don't return evil for evil (Romans 12:17)**
- **Those that draw the sword will die by the sword (Matthew 26:52)**

5 – PERSEVERANCE

Romans 5:2-5 ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴**perseverance**, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

- **Matthew 24:13** - But the one who endures to the end will be saved
- **James 1:12** - Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

6 – GODLINESS

This way to Godliness – Romans Chapters 6, 7, and 8

7 – MUTUAL AFFECTION

- **Luke 6:31** ³¹**Do to others** as you would have them do to you.
- **Matthew 7:12** ¹²So in everything, **do to others** what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

8 – LOVE

1 John 4:7&8

God is Love

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.