Introduction

When the Israelites were about to enter the Promised Land, Moses gave them these instructions in Deuteronomy 6.

- Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Verse 5
- Fear the Lord your God and serve him only. Verse 13
- Be careful that you do not forget the Lord. Verse 12
- Do what is right and good in the Lord’s sight. Verse 18

As we begin a new year of ministry, I want to share with you three words that are at the heart of who we are as a church.

As a church we want to put first things first. God comes first.

When we love God we want to worship him.

> Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:2, 4

Worship is more than what happens on Sunday. It is a way of life for the believer.

> Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:19-20
2. The Joy of Growing

Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. I Timothy 4:12

Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers. I Timothy 4:15-16

Set an example. Watch your life and doctrine. Keep growing.
What a great challenge that is for all of us.
As we grow in Christ we experience greater joy.
As much as a parent delights in watching their children grow, God delights in seeing us grow.
We want to help you grow in Christ.

The goal of the Christian life is not to sneak into heaven unnoticed. The goal is to multiply our faith and bring as many people with us as we can.
That’s why as believers we pray, give generously, serve, share the gospel and disciple others.

3. The Joy of Serving
God has given each of us the gifts we need to do his will.
Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.
1 Peter 4:10-11

Conclusion

It’s More Than a Motto; It’s a Way of Life