

CATECHISM FOR A DEEPER WALK WITH GOD

Q1: In what state does every man who loves or wants to love God eventually find himself?

A1: Hungry for a deeper, richer, more consistent experience of God's presence, power, peace, and all the other fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Q2: What are some of the chief cravings that attend this hunger?

A2: To know and be known, to love and be loved, to renew the mind, to be transformed by Christ's gospel, to grow in maturity, to be free of fear and anger, to lead a more holy and sanctified life, to feel that his life is useful, and to receive from the Holy Spirit the power to imitate the example of Jesus, whom he has come to acknowledge as the greatest man who ever lived.

Q3: How can this hunger, and the cravings that go with it, be simply and succinctly summarized?

A3: As the desire to have a deeper walk with God.

Q4: How does God provide for a man to cultivate this deeper walk with Himself?

A4: "Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity" (Hebrews 6:1).

Q5: How then does a man increase in spiritual maturity?

A5: You are "transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2).

Q6: What then are the benefits of renewing your mind?

A6: "Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:2).

Q7: How then does this renewing of the mind to spiritual maturity takes place?

A7: "The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable (faithful) men who will also be qualified to teach others" (2 Timothy 2:2).

Q8: How then will I fully become the man God created me to be?

A8: Through loving and serving others as part of a band of brothers who "encourage each other and build each other up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11) because they fully understand and truly believe that "whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do" (James 1:25).