

Three areas in which I am seeking to grow:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Three people for whom I will pray regularly:

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- 2.
- 3.

A prayer

Lord, I know I am not who I one day will be,
but I thank you that I am not who I used to be.

Please make me more like Christ today than
I was yesterday - and please answer that prayer
each day until the day I stand before him. Amen

(Adapted from John Newton)

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SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK MYSELF:

- **Am I in love with Jesus?** *If I am struggling in the Christian life, it may likely be rooted in a dwindling of my love for Christ.*
- **Am I grateful for the cross?** *John Newton said, "Although my memory is fading, I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Saviour"*
- **Am I excited about what lies ahead?** *Do I have a clear sense of my heavenly home?*
- **Am I committed to God's people?** *We love Jesus by loving His family – our love for other believers is an indicator of whether we are truly enjoying Him.*
- **Am I pursuing godliness?** *Am I seeking to become more like Jesus in what I do, think, feel and say?*

TO HELP ME GROW IN THESE AREAS:

- **Am I reading God's word regularly and relationally?** *Am I speaking to Jesus as I read it, praising Him as I understand it, loving Him more as I see His love for me, and is my faith growing stronger through it?*
- **Am I praying with confidence, persistence and assurance?** *Jesus can teach us to pray!*

- **Do I receive communion at church?** *Do I come to receive it remembering Christ's love for me and the completeness of His forgiveness?*
- **Am I committed to the growth of my fellow Christians?** *Am I praying for my brothers and sisters in Christ and seeking to encourage them in their faith?*
- **Do I look for pointers to Christ in creation?** *Do I allow creation to remind me of both the nature of the Creator and the truths of the Scripture that I see illustrated there?*
- **Am I learning and growing through experience of suffering?** *Am I looking to the Lord in trust and in openness to all that He wants to teach me in difficult times?*
- **Am I consciously depending upon the Holy Spirit for help?** *Do I realise my own weakness and total need for God's help in every area of my life?*
- **Am I repenting in the areas of my life where the Spirit identifies sin?** *The Christian life is a battle – am I conscious day by day of the struggle with sin?*
- **Am I serving God's people?** *Am I using the gifts God has given for the good of others?*