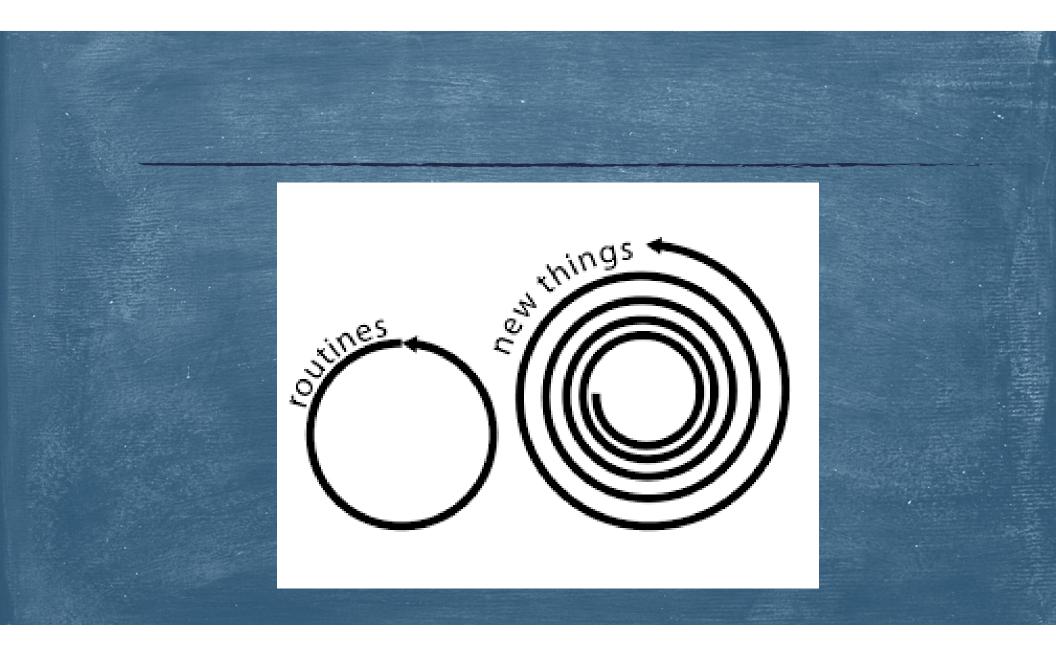
Taking It To The Next Level



Going to the Next Level



Hebrews 6: 1 – 3

herefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And God permitting, we will do so.

Dear, dear Corinthians, I can't tell you how much I long for you to enter this wide-open, spacious life. We didn't fence you in. The smallness you feel comes from within you. Your lives aren't small, but you're living them in a small way. I'm speaking as plainly as I can and with great affection. Open up your lives. Live openly and expansively!



"Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath Ephesians 4:26

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. Romans 13:11

"Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him ... "As important as practical skills are, the focus always has to be on motive. If our desire is to honor Christ, everything else will follow."

Some practical tips

Pursue purity of heart
Define the problem; stick to the issue
Plan a time for the discussion
Affirm the Relationship
Listen
Forgive
Propose a solution

"If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men"

Rom. 12:18



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Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them--the LORD, who remains faithful forever He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.