

Pastor's Blog

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Let's Go Back to the Basics

The fall season is quickly approaching and summer season is coming to a screeching halt. Many have taken vacations and time away from work to enjoy the vibe of the summer season. Most children have been out of school and have enjoyed a lengthy summer with its many activities. In light of all the wonderful things that have happened during the summer, the reality of the matter is many individuals are adjusting to the activities of a new season. For most of us, school has started back, vacations have ended, and the pattern of life before summer has once again been set in motion.

I can vividly remember the summer before my first semester in college. A few weeks before my college courses began, I had to take what was called an assessment test. The purpose of the assessment test was to evaluate what I learned up until that point, and it was the key I needed to get in the right classes for my upcoming semester. Without the assessment test, there would be no forward mobility in my academic aspirations. It was at that point that I realized I couldn't talk my way out, pay my way out, or outsmart the system that was set in place. I just had to simply find the college's testing schedule and take the test.

I sense that is where we are right now as you read this. Now is a time of advancement and forward mobility, but not without testing. Many of us view testing as a negative occurrence, but it's really not. For the Kingdom citizen, testing is the only way to assess one's correct spiritual grade level and the verification of readiness for your next level of purpose to be released.

Here are a few personal evaluation keys to study for your next test:

Have I mastered basic principles?

Basic principles consist of salvation, faith, and righteousness, to name a few. The stronger the foundation, the higher a building can be built.

Do I have enough fruit in my diet?

Just as natural fruit is essential to a healthy diet, so is the fruit of the Spirit as listed in Galatians 5:22-23.

Do I have consistent classroom attendance?

Independent learning is good, but attendance at a local church is essential for those that are pursuing greatness (Romans 10:17; Hebrews 10:25)