

# Facing Our Future

**"Service Fueled by Divine Power - 2"**

**Psalm 1:1-3**



## **OUR VISION: HOW TO BE AN ISLAND OF SANITY?**

*5. We will devote ourselves to service fueled by Divine power. We seek to be of service to God by being of service to our neighbors. It is not our job to change the world, or change the hearts of our neighbors ... that is God's. Our job is to love, to serve, and to testify to the truth of God's Word, to the best of our ability. To do this, we devote ourselves to spiritual disciplines such as Bible study, meditation, and prayer. We do this, not so that our piety and prayers will convince God to accomplish our purposes in the world; but rather that these disciplines will change and refine us, so that our words and actions would manifest the power of the Spirit within us ... and not the arrogance and reactivity of our "flesh" (or ego -- the old, small self).*

## **WHAT BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT HOW TO BE FRUITFUL IN OUR SERVICE TO GOD AND OTHERS:**

**1. To be fruitful, sustain life, and prosper (*Psalm 1:1-3*) ...**

- avoid \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ on God's Word

**2. To survive as a Christian, and to produce exponential fruit (*Luke 8:8,15*) ...**

- \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus' message
- \_\_\_\_\_ over time

**3. To NOT be ineffective and unproductive in faith (*2 Peter 1:5-8*) ...**

- \_\_\_\_\_ to your faith
- \_\_\_\_\_ these qualities

**BOTTOM LINES:**

(1) It's possible for people to be on the path of discipleship and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and/or \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Grace is God reaching into our lives, which is outside our control ... but we are  
\_\_\_\_\_ so that our life is not wasted

(3) What we do about this is \_\_\_\_\_