

# WHAT WE BELIEVE

How our beliefs dictate our behavior

## We Believe Christians Are to Grow Spiritually 1 Timothy 6:11-12

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### Introduction:

- The idiom we don't want said of us: "A mile \_\_\_\_\_ and an inch \_\_\_\_\_"
- The expectation of spiritual growth
  - Ephesians 4:14-15
  - 2 Peter 3:18a
  - Hebrews 6:1a
- Paul's spiritual growth challenge to Timothy – 1 Timothy 6:11-12

### *Our Spiritual Growth Is Determined . . .*

#### I. By What We \_\_\_\_\_ From, v. 11a

- "flee" – where we get the English word "\_\_\_\_\_"
- Romans 13:14

#### II. By What We \_\_\_\_\_ After, v. 11b

- Pursue:
  - Righteousness* – the pursuit of personal \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Godliness* – the pursuit of a life that \_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus.
  - Faith* – the pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_ and reliability.
  - Love* – the pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_ love.
  - Endurance* – the pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_, sticking to it when the going gets tough.
  - Gentleness* – the pursuit of a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit toward God and humility toward others.

- Ephesians 4:24

#### III. By What We \_\_\_\_\_ For, v. 12

- 2 Timothy 4:7

### Conclusion:

- Restricted by my environment