

### “HOW TO DISCERN THAT YOU ARE GROWING IN THE LORD”

New Life Bible Church

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All praise to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing even before he made the world, God loved us and chose to be holy, God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family. Ephesians 1:3-6

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard.; He made the stars also. Psalm 19:1-3; Genesis 1:16

3. You are truly a team player, you are a joy to work with

Locusts—they have no king, but they march in formation. Proverbs 30:27

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. The body has many different parts, not just one part.. 1 Corinthians 12:12

If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:26,27

I solemnly command you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus and the highest angels never take sides or show favoritism to anyone. 1 Timothy 5:21

4. Your weaknesses (trials and tribulations) cause you to seek the WORD.

Badgers—they aren't powerful, but they make their homes among the rocks. Proverbs 30:26

From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the ROCK that is higher than I.

Psalm 61:2

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take my pain away. But He said to me, "My WORD is sufficient for you, ." 2 Corinthians 12:8,9

I used to wander off when disciplined ; but now I turn to the WORD. Psalm 119:67



