



ILL: INSTANT HEALTH PILL // I WANT YOU TO BE COOL IN 2011 // THE "IT" FACTOR

... his delight is in the law of the LORD ... whatever he does prospers.

Psalm 1:2-3

Jesus: I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

WHO OBEY THE BIBLE LIVE ABOVE THE ORDINARY // WHO KNOW JESUS KNOW FULL LIFE

## The Elements

1. Air :: God is my breath, the most important thing in my life.
2. Fire :: God's family fuels my fire.
3. Earth :: I am God's earth letting him shape me.
4. Water :: The world needs my water, the blessings God gives through me.

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Matthew 4:19-20

PEOPLE WITH IT EARLY ADOPTERS, AHEAD OF CURVE, THEY ARE COOL!

## Observations on Steve Jobs

I'M AN APPLE FANBOY (3 MACS, IPAD, IPODS, APPLTV), I WATCH STEVE JOBS // WHY IS IT COOL?

- See the **destination** before others do.
- Take risks of **initiative** despite the dangers.
- Be **disciplined** despite the distractions.
- **Endure** with **faith**.

WE THINK THAT'S COOL BECAUSE GOD WIRED US FOR GROWTH! // WE LOVE GROWTH

## "It" Pursues Growth

DESTINATION: God made you to be like **Him**.

INSTANT HEALTH PILL AND BEFORE/AFTER SHOTS

the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2:7

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27

CONSCIENCE, ANGER, LOVE

INITIATIVE: God blesses your **risks**.

ILL: ASK FOR VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE INITIATIVE (EXERCISE)

I Corinthians 9:12-18 (p. 795)

BIG FINANCIAL RISKS

I Corinthians 9:19-23

"THAT'S NOT THE WAY WE DO THINGS" // PAUL OPPOSED PETER

DISCIPLINE: Your path deserves your **focus**.

I Corinthians 9:24-27

TREADMILL THE DAY MY KNEES HURT.

I Corinthians 10:1-13

JUST BECAUSE THEY WERE "CHOSEN PEOPLE" THEY HAD NO GUARANTEE. WARNING!!

BUT THE PROMISE THAT GOD CONTROLS TEMPTATION!

ENDURE: God **guarantees** your growth.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:5-8

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Romans 8:28-30

ILL: DISCOURAGEMENT BEFORE OUR GRAND OPENING SERVICE (BUT GOD IS WORKING FOR GOOD)

ILL: DISCOURAGEMENT OVER MY CHARACTER FLAWS (BUT GOD IS WORKING FOR GOOD)

Those who get it, grow.

## Take it home

1. Do you know your destination?
2. Do you take initiative?
3. Do you employ discipline?
4. Do you endure with faith?