IV. Moving towards Godliness

- **Practice the Spiritual Disciplines in Light of Eternity**

1 Timothy 4:7-8

- **Practicing the Spiritual Disciplines Is Necessary for Godliness**

Galatians 6:9

Core Seminars—How to Grow
Class 13: Perseverance

Introduction

How can we persevere in growing in the face of life's demands?

I. The Role of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:13-14

Romans 8:13-14

2 Timothy 1:7

Romans 8:29-30

Zechariah 4:6

II. The Role of Fellowship

1 John 1:3-4

Packer Definition of Fellowship: "*a seeking to share in what God has made known of himself to others, as a means to finding strength, refreshment, and instruction for one's own soul*."

Proverbs 27:17

Hebrews 10:24-25

Ephesians 4:15-16

Hebrews 3:13

What are some ways we can encourage one another to grow?

III. The Role of Struggle

How does struggle help us to grow?

"*We need to remember that any idea of getting beyond conflict, outward or inward, in our pursuit of holiness in the world is an escapist dream that can only have disillusioning and demoralizing effects on us, as waking experience daily disproves it. What we must realize, rather, is that any real holiness in us will be under hostile fire all the time, just as our Lord's was.*" (J.I. Packer)

Psalm 144:1

1 Timothy 4:10

Colossians 1:28-29

Galatians 5:17

Romans 7:24-25

1 John 3:2