

NEXT »»» STEPS

1 Corinthians 9:25-26 (NLT) 25 All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. 26 So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing.

We all have a 'NEXT STEP' to take in our faith. To determine our next steps, we must ask two questions:

- 1) Where am I NOW?
- 2) Where do I want to go NEXT?

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Taking a step from the crowd to MEMBERSHIP

Ephesians 2:19 (NLT) 19 So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family.

Our Vision at OBC is to 'help people love Jesus and everyone else'

Our Six (6) Core Values:

- 1) Biblical Authority
- 2) Intimacy With God
- 3) An Atmosphere of Redemption
- 4) An Attitude of Joy
- 5) Culturally Relevant
- 6) Simple Structure

Taking a step forward in MATURING as a believer

A) It takes TRAINING

Hebrews 5:12-14 (NLT) 12 You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need

milk and cannot eat solid food. 13 For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. 14 Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.

B) It is a PROCESS

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C) It takes DISCIPLINE

1 Timothy 4:7-9 (NLT) 7 Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly. 8 "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come." 9 This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it.

Taking a step towards SERVING others

In HUMILITY, count others more significant than yourself.

Use the gifts God has given us to FAITHFULLY serve others.

Taking a step to SHARE your faith

Be an AMBASSADOR for Christ.

Be COMMISSION minded.

LOVE others.

Be CHRISTLIKE.

Make it PERSONAL and have a STRATEGY.

*Where are you being challenged to take a
'NEXT STEP' in your faith?*