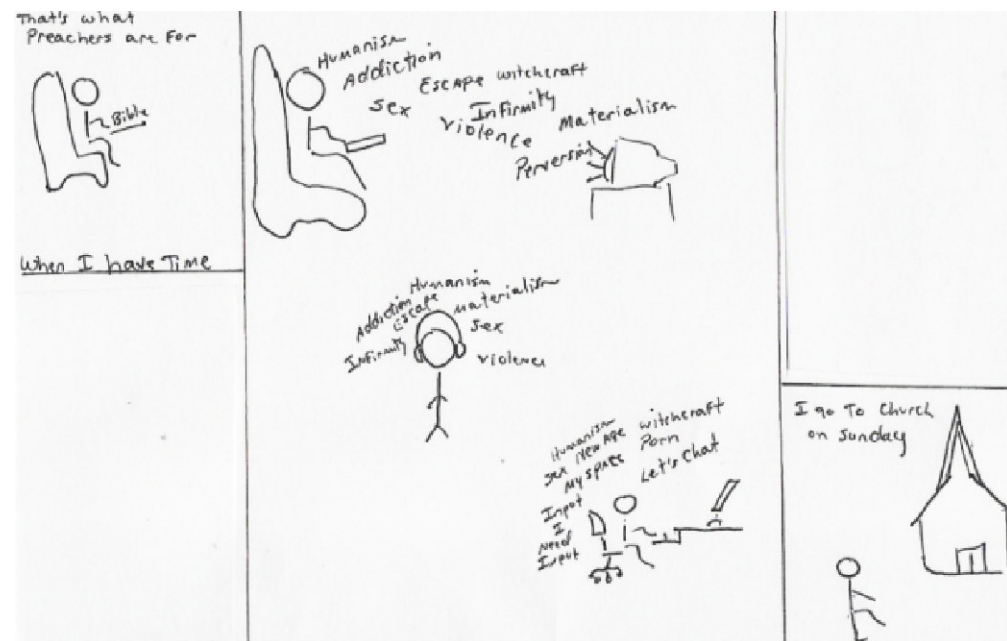


Jesus said to, “be *doers* of the Word and not hearers only.” When he said that, he was clarifying the fact that he is no prescriber of quick fixes.

There is no such thing as remote control, high-speed or microwave *faith*. God moves fast. *He* travels on the wings of the wind—but *faith* must be developed—and that takes *time*.

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. But if we are hearers only and not *doers*—**do not** expect faith to grow... *No matter how much time we give it.*

### Prescription for zero Christian Growth



Quick fixes, as little effort as possible, and instant gratification are the in-things these days.

We have remote controls to operate almost anything we own, microwaves to heat our food in seconds and cook it in minutes. And high-speed internet eliminates almost all waiting when we are online.

Waiting,  
for **anything**, has almost become  
**the ultimate sin.**

There are some things though, that will simply *never* occur at the high speeds our technological society has conditioned us to expect. Babies, for instance, will not become adults at high speed. And there is no short cut to growing from a baby to an adult Christian either.

Steady Christian growth requires a healthy diet of hearing and of *doing* the Word of God. And the experience to know how to handle the Word of God requires nothing less than... time.

Most of us come to the Lord with baggage in one form or another (wrong ideas, unhealthy mental/emotional defenses, impaired emotional development due to attempting to deal with life's problems our own way, or the way the popular culture teaches us [Oprah and Dr. Phil do *not* have all the answers]).

Most of us have issues we deal with—financial difficulties, job related issues, relationship or marriage problems. God is able, even willing, to give us miracles in all of these areas. And we should never—*ever*—rule out that possibility. If we truly need a miracle, *ask for one*.

*Nothing* is impossible with God.

But the probability is, that in most cases, God will allow us to work out our own deliverance...with fear and trembling. Remember, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Now that does not mean we should adopt an overall attitude of self-sufficiency—the "God helps those who help themselves" sort of thing (he does up to a point). Instead, we should concentrate on acknowledging God in *all* of our ways, so *he* can direct our paths—that means acknowledging that we are incapable of knowing the way we should take and commit to be obedient to absolutely *everything* we understand about the Word of God—and if we don't understand much of it—we should make it a priority to *get* understanding (Proverbs 3:6, 4:7).

