

Rolling Hills Community Church
Twelve Essentials to Spiritual Growth
Summer Sermon Series
August 5, 2007

“Celebration”

“Twelve Essentials to Spiritual Growth”

Based on the book Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster

The “Twelve Essentials to Spiritual Growth” are as follows:

The Inward Disciplines	The Outward Disciplines	The Corporate Disciplines
Meditation	Simplicity	Confession
Prayer	Solitude	Worship
Fasting	Submission	Guidance
Study	Service	Celebration

The Lord Institutes the Year of Jubilee - Leviticus 25:1, 8-10a

“The Lord said to Moses on Mount Sinai, ‘Speak to the Israelites and say to them... Count off seven sabbaths of years – seven times seven years – so that the seven Sabbaths of years amount to a period of forty-nine years. Then have the trumpet sounded everywhere on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement sound the trumpet throughout your land. Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; ...”

The Lord Declares the Year of Jubilee is coming for His people - Isaiah 47:8-9, 13

“This is what the Lord say: ‘In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances, to say to the captives, ‘Come out’ and to those in darkness ‘Be free!’ ... ‘Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice O earth; burst into song, O mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on His afflicted ones.”

Jesus is the Fulfillment of the Year of Jubilee - Luke 4:14-21

“He(Jesus) went into the synagogue, as was His custom. And He stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written, ‘The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’ Then He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened to Him, and He began by saying to them, ‘Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.’”

The Sharing of the Lord’s Supper

As an act of celebration, this morning we will share in the Lord’s Supper together. If you are a follower of Christ, you are invited to His table today. Regardless of background or denomination, the invitation is God’s for you to come as an expression of your gratefulness and celebration in Christ.