

## **Sharpen the Ax (To Change Your Life)**

*Scripture Reference: Ecclesiastes 10:10*

What needs to change in your Life? Do you want to grow? Be better?

### **I. "If the Ax is \_\_\_\_\_..."**

1. Do you feel \_\_\_\_\_? Ineffective? Broke? Messed up? Angry?  
\_\_\_\_\_? Miserable?
2. Do you want to \_\_\_\_\_? Be stronger? Get ahead? Have \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Do you feel like the LORD is speaking to you? I feel HE is saying: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. If you want to change, other people and GOD \_\_\_\_\_ these  
make those decisions for you. John 5:6

### **II. "And one does not \_\_\_\_\_ the Edge"**

5. Do people like to change? \_\_\_\_\_. People \_\_\_\_\_ like to make  
decisions. They \_\_\_\_\_. They won't \_\_\_\_\_ with things.  
They become \_\_\_\_\_/settle for.  
They act like ... "things will \_\_\_\_\_ get better ... somehow??"
6. WHY do people shy away from change?
  - A. The reason is ... because it is \_\_\_\_\_ to change.
  - B. It is even \_\_\_\_\_ to change.
  - D. It takes \_\_\_\_\_ to change. And it takes \_\_\_\_\_ effort to change.
  - E. Growth and change is not about getting it right the \_\_\_\_\_,  
but about \_\_\_\_\_ getting it right. (Don't be afraid to \_\_\_\_\_)
7. It takes a \_\_\_\_\_ to change. No Plan; No \_\_\_\_\_. Prov. 21:5  
No Goals; No \_\_\_\_\_. To Repent means to change \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Would you be grateful for \_\_\_\_\_ change in the next six months?  
Little by little \_\_\_\_\_ habits are broken. Little by little \_\_\_\_\_ habits  
are born. Little by little \_\_\_\_\_ become reality. Psalm 37:23
  - B. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ changing, getting better, stronger?  
Gen. 15:5, 2 Kings 6:17, Jer. 24:3, Ezek. 37  
You have to \_\_\_\_\_ it, before you can \_\_\_\_\_ it. Gen. 30:37-43
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ what you want to see tomorrow. Gal. 6:7-8

### **III. "He must exert more \_\_\_\_\_"**

8. Is the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ you to change? Grow? John 16:8-11  
HE is the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_. John 14:17 HE is the \_\_\_\_\_. John 14:26

HE will put HIS \_\_\_\_\_ on what HE sees needs to change.

9. Some areas that most of us want to get better in:

- \_\_\_\_\_ healthier. Exercise (just \_\_\_\_\_) Save money.
- Pay off \_\_\_\_\_. Start a new hobby. Improve relationships.
- Find work/life \_\_\_\_\_. Be \_\_\_\_\_. Pray more.
- Get \_\_\_\_\_. Watch less TV Disciple the kids.
- Break a bad habit \_\_\_\_\_ more Go on a Date Night
- Stop being \_\_\_\_\_/harsh Stop being so \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. "Wisdom has the \_\_\_\_\_"

10. Wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_ from GOD's Perspective. Isaiah 55:8-9

11. \_\_\_\_\_ do you need Wisdom? Prov. 4:7, Prov. 1:20

12. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ for Wisdom? James 1:5-8 (GOD wants to give it)

Are you \_\_\_\_\_ to GOD's Spirit?

#### V. "Of giving \_\_\_\_\_"

13. \_\_\_\_\_ on Wisdom ... give Success. John 8:32

14. Develop your \_\_\_\_\_ to Grow; and work your Plan. Matthew 7:24

\_\_\_\_\_ your Plan down. Don't be a Hearer, who \_\_\_\_\_  
themselves. Be a \_\_\_\_\_. James 1:22-25

#### VII. If you grow your Faith, you will grow everything else.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ read your Bible every day.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ your personal daily prayer time.

3. Keep your family \_\_\_\_\_ in Church.

4. Join a \_\_\_\_\_. You will grow faster, and develop good friendships.

5. Write Bible verses down and \_\_\_\_\_ them. Say them aloud daily.

They will \_\_\_\_\_ Fear and Doubt.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ in a Ministry. Giving back helps you the most. Luke 6:38

\* You have a Gift from GOD. It is called \_\_\_\_\_. By the power of GOD,  
make the most of it. \_\_\_\_\_.

