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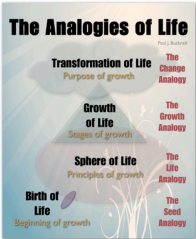
- One part of the problem is not knowing how specific training helps with the overall goal.
- 1 John 2:12-14's importance



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Understanding marks of growth

- The analogy of life, articulating the source, power, design and drive of life
- Doesn't help with measurable goals
- Physical steps to growth are measurable and so are spiritual
- We note when something is wrong



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Spiritual goals

- The spiritual life system is given and we work within it
- It just works - God made it
- Growth marks - spiritual disciplines help gauge it
- Teachers foster the development
- John's analogy is practical yet deep- like a miner can always go deeper

Paul's 3 Goals

"But the **goal of our instruction** is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith" (1 Timothy 1:5).

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Our Lessons

- The holistic picture of what God is doing helps us keep everything in perspective.
- The biggest problems in training occur due to a separation of the parts from the whole, short term goals from long term goals (i.e. God's goals).

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Application

- List the major responsibilities in your life, school, work, etc.
- ➡ What is God's long term goal for your life here on earth? How does God want you to grow spiritually and serve Him?
- Have you ever connected your spiritual life with God's long term goal for your spiritual development?

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