

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO GROW UP?

(What's behind our Fall Spiritual Growth Campaign?)

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“...so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.”

Ephesians 4:14-15 (ESV)

SIX LAWS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. WE GROW WHEN WE **FEED ON GOD'S WORD.**

(Jesus) answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”.

Matthew 4:4 (ESV)

(Paul) “And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Acts 20:32 (ESV)

Hear...Read...Study...Memorize...Meditate...Apply

Action Step: **A Daily time with God for 40 Days.**

2. WE GROW WHEN WE **LEARN IN DIFFERENT WAYS.**

The Teaching Style of Jesus in the Gospels:

- Auditory – We learn by listening
- Visual – We learn by watching/reading
- Verbal/Oral – We learn by talking/asking
- Physical/Kinesthetic – We learn by doing

“For God speaks in one way, and in two, though man does not perceive it.”

Job 33:14 (ESV)

3. WE GROW WHEN WE **DEVELOP SPIRITUAL HABITS.**

“For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

John 13:15-17 (ESV)

“But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.”

Hebrews 5:14 (ESV)

“Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable”

1 Corinthians 9:25 (ESV)

- Habit of weekly large group worship
- Habit of small group fellowship
- Habit of a daily time alone with God (Bible & Prayer)
- Habit of memorizing God’s Word

4. WE GROW WHEN WE HELP EACH OTHER GROW

“For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine.”

Romans 1:11-12 (ESV)

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

Action Step: JOIN A SMALL GROUP.

5. WE GROW WHEN WE EXPECT TO GROW

“Then He (Jesus) touched their eyes, saying, ‘According to your faith be it done to you’.”

Matthew 9:29 (ESV)

6. WE GROW WHEN WE COMMIT TO GROW

God: *“You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart”.*

Jeremiah 29:13 (ESV)

Action Step: Covenant with Others

“Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.”

Colossians 4:12 (ESV)