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Bible Study

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“Spiritual Growth”

The goal for spiritual growth is to become more like Christ. After salvation every Christian should begin the process of spiritual growth, with the intent to become spiritually mature. Apostle Paul said “it’s an ongoing process that will never end in this life” (*Philippians 3:12-14*). Spiritual maturity requires a reordering of one’s priorities, changing over from pleasing self to pleasing God.

Battle – Satan’s goal (*Job*) is to keep believers ignorant of God’s word. Ignorance breeds defeat (*John 10:10a*). If we don’t know our rights in Christ Jesus, Satan can tell us anything. Satan can treat us any kind of way because we don’t know any better. The weapons Satan use is sin (*Romans 7:15-25*)

A. Carnal Mind

1. Milk Christians
2. Immature
3. Solid Food

Hebrews 5:12, 1 Peter 2:2

Hebrews 5:13

Hebrews 5:14

B. Get In The Race

1. Work At It

1st Corinthians 9:24-25

C. Spiritual Disciplines

1. To Grow We Need To Eat
2. To Grow We Need To Breathe
3. To Grow We Need Good Spiritual Hygiene
4. To Grow We Need A Caring Family
5. To Grow We Need Regular Exercise
6. To Grow We Need Protection
7. To Grow We Need To Give

The Bible

Pray

Confess Sin

Fellowship

Service

Temptation

Stewardship

D. Maturity Brings Righteousness

1. Blessed
2. Delight
3. Planted

Psalm 1:1

Psalm 1:2

Psalm 1:3

The key to maturity is consistency; perseverance in doing those things we know will bring us closer to God.