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Growing in your Faith

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Growing Through the Word—Studying & Practicing

Memory Verse: The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. (Psalm 19:7)

1. Spiritual growth does not happen automatically.

What are the forces that are resisting your spiritual growth?

FLESH — [Galatians 5:17](#) [Colossians 3:5](#)

[1 Peter 2:11](#) Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

WORLD — [Romans 12:2](#) [John 8:12](#)

[1 John 2:15-17](#) Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

DARKNESS/DEVIL — [John 12:46](#) [1 Peter 2:9](#) [Ephesians 6:11-12](#) [John 8:44](#)

[John 10:10](#) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

2. Spiritual growth requires a partnership between you and God. [God's part, Your part]

[Hebrews 6:12](#) We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

[Hebrews 13:20-21](#) [Deuteronomy 8:3](#) [Philippians 2:12-13](#)

We step into God's promises by faith and the promises are activated in our lives.

3. Spiritual growth is lifelong.

[Proverbs 4:18](#) [Romans 8:29](#) [Ephesians 4:16](#) [2 Peter 3:18](#)

[1 Peter 2:2](#) crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation

As we grow in our faith, our soul prospers.

[Romans 1:16-17](#) [Psalm 62:8](#) [Psalm 42:2](#)

[Psalm 62:1-2](#) Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Jeremiah 6:16 This is what the LORD says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.” (see also Matthew 11:28-30)

GROWING THROUGH GOD’S WORD

Joshua 1:8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

1. Daily Study and Meditate on His Word. Colossians 3:16

Reading Guide/Plan

Daily Journaling (S.O.A.P. Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer)

James 1:21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

2. Memorize and Speak His Word.

2 Corinthians 1:20 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.

Psalms 119:45 I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.

Psalms 119:97 Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.

Psalms 119:105 Psalms 119:15 Psalms 119:59-60 Psalms 119:92-93 Psalms 119:130
Psalms 119:133 Psalms 119:144

3. Apply and Practice His Word.

James 1:22 Matthew 7:24

John 8:31-32 If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Life Group Discussion Questions and Further Study

1. Challenge: Begin to implement a growth tool into your daily life.
Bible Reading Plan — Journaling (S.O.A.P.) — Memorizing Scripture — Joining a Life Group/Ministry
2. Discuss the difficulty of overcoming the forces of the flesh, the world and the kingdom of darkness in our pursuit of God. How have you found success in this process
3. Why is the Word of God so vital to our spiritual growth and the health of our soul?
4. Do you have a growth plan? What is your growth plan? What is your next step?

More Study:

1. **Memorize** Psalm 19:7
2. **Read and Meditate** on Psalm 119 this week.
3. **Journal** using the S.O.A.P. method while reading Psalm 119.
4. **Review** this week’s LOG Notes and look up reference scriptures.