

CHRISTIAN GROWTH PRINCIPLES

1. Absolute hunger.

PSA 119:20 My soul breaketh for the longing *that it hath* unto thy judgments at all times.

ISA 34:16 Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail,

JN 5:39 "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

PRO 2:1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

2. Meditation.

PSA 119:97 O how love I thy law! **it is my meditation all the day.** 98 Thou through thy commandments hast **made me wiser than mine enemies:** for they *are* ever with me. **99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.**

Also read: Psa 119:47, 48, 103, 127, 140

3. Fear of God.

PSA 119:120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.

PSA 119:160 Thy word *is* true *from* the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever. Princes have persecuted me without a cause: **but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.** 162 **I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.** 163 I hate and abhor lying: *but thy law do I love.*

ISA 66:2 For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the LORD: but to **this man will I look,** *even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit,* and trembleth at my word.

ISA 66:5 Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word;

4. Obedience

GEN 22:17 That **in blessing I will bless thee**, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; **18And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.**

When we love God, we will find it easy to obey Him and receive His blessing.

1 SAM 15:22 And Samuel said, **Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD?** Behold, **to obey *is better than sacrifice***, and to hearken than the fat of rams. ²³For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. **Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee** from *being* king.

DEUT 30:14 But the word *is* very **nigh unto thee**, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, **that thou mayest do it.**

PSA 119:106 I have sworn, and I will perform *it*, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

JAS 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

DEU 11:26 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;

DEU 11:27 A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day:

DEU 11:28 And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

5. Faith.

2 CHR 20:20...**Believe in the LORD** your God, so shall ye be established; **believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.**

HEB 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ²For **by it the elders obtained a good report**. ³Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. ⁴**By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain,**

HEB 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

GEN 14:22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, **the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth**, ²³That I will not *take* from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that **I will not take any thing that is thine**, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:

Abram totally believed in God's provision. He practiced what he preached. He walked by faith even if it cost him something. (Gen 14:23) He looked continually looked towards heaven. (Heb 11:10). He became known as the friend of God.