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. 4By 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.