

GROWING IN FAITH

SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS ENHANCED BY SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY.

1. Study the Word of God.

1Pet 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, *that ye may grow* thereby:

Psa 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psa 119:77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: **for thy law is my delight.**

Eze 2:9 And when I looked, behold, **an hand was sent unto me;** and, lo, **a roll of a book was therein;**

Eze 3:1 Moreover he said unto me, **Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll,** and go speak unto the house of Israel.

Eze 3:2 **So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.**

Eze 3:3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. **Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.**

2. Pray.

Phil 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but **in every thing by prayer and supplication** with thanksgiving **let your requests be made known unto God.**

1 Thes 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Act 13:3 And **when they had fasted and prayed,** and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away.

3. Win the lost.

Mk 16:15 And he said unto them, "**Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**"

Eze 3:18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, **nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life;** the same wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but **his blood will I require at thine hand.**

READ: Matt 25:21-46

4. Go forward.

Eze 1:12 And **they went every one straight forward**: whither the spirit was to go, they went; *and* they turned not when they went.
See also Eze 3:9; 3:20; 3:24

Dan 1:8 But **Daniel purposed in his heart** that he would not defile himself

5. Separate yourself from the “old life”.

2Cor 6:14 **Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers**: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and **what communion hath light with darkness?** ¹⁵And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

¹⁷Wherefore **come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord**, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

Psa 1:1 **Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly**, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

6. Fellowship with strong believers.

Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, **they were all with one accord in one place**.

Act 20:7 And upon the first *day* of the week, when **the disciples came together to break bread**.

Heb 10:25 **Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

7. Support the Lord’s work.

1Cor 6:2 Upon the first *day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

Mal 3:10 **Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse**, that there may be **meat in mine house**, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if **I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing**, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it* .

1Cor 9:7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? **who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof?** or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?

8. Take courage.

2Tim 3:12 Yea, and **all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.**

Rom 8:28 And we know that **all things work together for good to them that love God**, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Isa 41:10 **Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed;** for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

9. Have faith. (Memorize the following verses)

Rom 8:18 For I reckon that **the sufferings of this present time** *are* not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Jas 1:12 Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: **for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life**, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Jas 1:17 Every good gift and **every perfect gift is from above**, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

1Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; **but will with the temptation also make a way to escape**, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

2Pet 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and **precious promises**: that by these **ye might be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. ⁵And beside this, **giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue**; and to virtue knowledge;

The Word of God is full of promises. When we follow Christ who is the person of the divine nature, we are given opportunity to be partakers of the same divine lifestyle as Christ the Son of God. As joint-heirs with Christ, the believer has all access to “divine” intervention both personally to escape the entanglements of this world and for those who minister the Word of God, the opportunity to see God’s handiwork.

Study these verses:

2 Pet 1: 3-10; Gal 3:7; Gal 5:1; Eph 2:6; Eph 3:19-20; Eph 3:6-7; Phil 3:10,14