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Thrive Measuring Growth

Thrive – healthy and growing in all areas of your life.

How do we measure growth in your life and family?

- What did growth look like in your life and family?
- Height chart, Bigger shoes, Growth chart at the doctor
- You didn't hit your brother or sister – that is moving forward
- You didn't react...you responded...in fact you responded in love.

Big Idea: Growth shows progress that we can measure

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:5-11 NLT – ² May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. ³ By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. ⁴ And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. ⁵ In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. ⁸ The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins.

What can we look to measure for growth in our lives?

- Growing in Faith
 - 2 Peter 1:5 NLT – Supplement your faith...
 - Hebrews 11:6 NIV – ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.
- Growing in Right Living
 - Moral excellence – to do good, to do things right

- Matthew 5:10 NLT – ¹⁰ God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.
 - Galatians 6:9-10 NLT – ⁹ So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.
 - 1 John 2:29 NLT – ²⁹ Since we know that Christ is righteous, we also know that all who do what is right are God's children.
- Growing in Knowledge
 - 2 Peter 1:2 NLT – ² May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.
 - Colossians 2:3 NLT – ³ In him (Christ) lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
 - Joshua 1:8 NLT – ⁸ Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.
- Growing in Self-Control & Perseverance
 - 1 Corinthians 9:27 NLT – ²⁷ I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.
 - 1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV – ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.
- Growing in Brotherly Kindness & Love
 - 2 Peter 1:7 NLT – ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.
 - Romans 12:10 NLT – ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.
- Getting Practical

Where can you measure growth in your life today?

- 2 Peter 1:8 NLT – ⁸ The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Love for God and love for people

Next Steps

- Memorize: Romans 12:10 NLT – ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.
- Evaluate: Where can I see growth in my life?
- Action: Ask a close friend where they see growth in your life.