

# Spiritual Growth

1 Thessalonians 2:14 - 3:13

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1) involves \_\_\_\_\_

*"...but Satan hindered us." (1 Th. 2:18)*

*"...fearing that the tempter had tempted you...." (1 Th. 3:5)*

1 Peter 5:8-9 Eph. 6:11-12

2) requires \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*"And we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you concerning your faith..." (1 Th. 3:2)*

Acts 11:21-23

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing." (1 Th. 5:11, see also Heb. 10:24-25)*

3) involves \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*"...so that no one will be shaken by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are appointed to this. In fact, when we were with you, we told you in advance that we were going to experience affliction, and as you know, it happened." (1 Th. 3:3-4)*

John 16:33 2 Tim. 3:12

4) requires \_\_\_\_\_.

*"...to complete what is lacking in your faith." (1 Th. 3:10)*

Acts 11:25-26

5) requires \_\_\_\_\_.

*"And may the Lord cause you to increase and overflow with love for one another and for everyone just as we do for you. May he make your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Amen." (1 Th. 3:12-13)*

Phil. 2:13

6) brings incredible \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to those who have invested in us.

*"For who is our hope or joy or crown of boasting in the presence of our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? Indeed you are our glory and joy!" (1 Th. 2:19-20)*

*"For now we live, if you stand firm in the Lord." (1 Th. 3:8)*

*"How can we thank God for you in return for all the joy we experience before our God because of you....?" (1 Th. 3:8-9)*

Heb. 13:17

