## **HOW PEOPLE HELP ME GROW**

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"Make every effort to...come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the <u>full and complete standard of Christ</u>. Then we will no longer be immature like children..." (Ephesians 4:3, 13-14a, NLT)

"Let us...become mature...as strong Christians ought to be..." (Hebrews 6:1, The Living Bible)

#### WHAT KEEPS ME FROM GROWING?

## 1. SINFULNESS.

"Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death." (James 1:14–15, NLT)

## 2. BUSYNESS.

"When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God." Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' "But they all alike began to make excuses..." (Luke 14:15–18, NIV84)

"Teach us to use wisely all the time we have." (Psalm 90:12, CEV)

But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! **There is only one thing worth being concerned about**..." (Luke 10:41-42, NLT)

#### 3. LAZINESS.

"Lazy people want much but get little, but **those who work hard will prosper**." (Proverbs 13:4, NLT)

#### WHY I NEED A GROUP TO GROW!

#### 1. I need people to ACCEPT me.

"Therefore, <u>accept each other</u> just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory." (Romans 15:7, NLT)

"Always be humble and gentle. <u>Be patient with each other</u>, <u>making allowance</u> for each other's faults..." (Ephesians 4:2, NLT)

## 2. I need people to **LOVE** me.

"A new command I give you: <u>Love one another</u>. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34, NIV)

#### **13 TIMES!**

"...<u>care for each other</u>. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad." (1 Corinthians 12:25–26, NLT)

## 3. I need people to CONFRONT me.

"If a believer does something wrong,go, <u>confront him</u> when the two of you are alone. If he listens to you, you have won back that believer." (Matthew 18:15, GW)

### 4. I need people to FORGIVE me.

"Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, <u>forgiving one another</u>, just as God through Christ has forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:32, NLT)

5. I need people to **GUIDE** me.

"Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives." (Colossians 3:16b, NLT)

6. I need people to HELP me.

"A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can **help each other**." (1 Corinthians 12:7, NLT)

7. I need people to **COMFORT** me.

"Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you." (2 Corinthians 13:11, ESV)

8. I need people to **ENCOURAGE** me.

"When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours." (Romans 1:12, NLT)

"So <u>encourage each other and build each other up</u>, just as you are already doing." (1 Thessalonians 5:11, NLT)

"You must encourage one another <u>each day</u>..." (Hebrews 3:13a, CEV)

9. I need people to **MOTIVATE** me.

"Let us think of ways to <u>motivate one another</u> to acts of love and good works." (Hebrews 10:24, NLT)

10. I need people who will <u>LISTEN</u> to me and <u>PRAY</u> for me.

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." (James 5:16, NLT)

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