

## Grow 1: Misconceptions

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### I. Growth is Natural

- Psalms 1:1-6** (NIV) *Choices of a Blessed Life* **1** Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,  
**2** but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.  
**3** That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.  
**4** Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.  
**5** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.  
**6** For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

 Spiritual success is \_\_\_\_\_ to decisions and actions

### II. 4 Categories of Myths and Misconceptions

**John 8:44** (NIV) **44** You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

1. I already...
2. I'm exceptional...
3. I can't...
4. There is some wiggle room...

**Luke 8:11, 15** (NIV) **11** "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God.... **15** But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

### III. Spiritual Growth is Needed

**1 Peter 2:1-3** (NIV) **1** Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. **2** Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, **3** now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

 Peter challenges us to \_\_\_\_\_ maturity

#### A. Renew your strength through \_\_\_\_\_

"Those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles..." - **Isaiah 40:31**

#### B. Deepen your peace of mind through \_\_\_\_\_

"Don't worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer... present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

- **Philippians 4:6-7**

#### C. Strengthen your commitment through \_\_\_\_\_

"Do not give up the habit of meeting together... but let us encourage one another." - **Hebrews 10:25**

#### D. Practice your love through \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

"... See that you excel in the grace of giving... to prove the sincerity of your love." - **2 Corinthians 8:7-8**

"On the first day of every week, each of you should set aside a sum of money you have earned ... and give it as an offering." - **1 Corinthians 16:2**

If you've never invited Christ into your heart, make a simple commitment right now and say, "Jesus Christ, please come into my life. Make me the person You want me to be. Help me to become a spiritually growing person with Your help and Your strength."

"... Spend your time and energy in the exercise of keeping spiritually fit. Bodily exercise is all right, but spiritual exercise is much more important and is a tonic for all you do. So exercise yourself spiritually and practice being a better Christian, because that will help you not only now in this life, but in the next life too." - **1 Timothy 4:7-8** (The Living Bible)

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**This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):**

**Sat** Gen 43-45  **Sun** Gen 46-48  **Mon** Gen 49-50; Luke 11

**Tue** Ps 1-4; Luke 12  **Wed** Ex 1-3; Luke 13  **Thur** Ex 4-6; Luke 14

**Fri** Ex 7-9; Luke 15  **Sat** Ex 10-12

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