

How can we as believers keep growing no matter what we may be facing today?

- 1. Be nourished on God's Word (vv.2-3)
 - a. We crave God's Word because we desire to know (v.3)

Psalm 34:8

O taste and see that the Lord is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

- b. We crave God's Word because we desire to grow (v.2)
- 2. Put away sinful attitudes (vv.1-2)

<u>Putting aside</u> = to put off, put away, reject

- a. <u>Malice</u> = general term for wickedness, but also the idea of deep-seated hatred of others
- b. <u>Deceit</u> = "to catch bait"; fraud, trickery, manipulating others to serve your own agenda; lying, dishonesty
- c. Hypocrisy = pretense, insincerity, playacting
- d. <u>Envy</u> = to resent the success or prosperity of others or to be happy over the misfortune of others; leads to bitterness, hatred, conflict
- e. <u>Slander</u> = "to speak against someone" to run others down; whispering, gossiping, backbiting

