

Grow Somewhere

Space and Grit

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If you want to grow, you have to train...

Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. (1 Cor. 9:25)

Common training barriers...

- **Laziness** – “We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!” (Heb. 5:11-12)

The lazy man does not roast his game, but the diligent man prizes his possessions. (Prov. 12:27)

- **Busyness** – “The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to Him all they had done and taught. Then...so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat...” (Mark 6:30-31)

Training requires...

- **Space (there must be margin)** – “But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.” (Luke 5:16)

- **Space to commune** – “Be still, and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10)
- **Space to connect** – “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another...” (Heb. 10:24-25)

- **Grit (there must be discipline)** – “Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” (1 Tim. 4:7-8)

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed. (Mark 1:35)

Growth is the process of working out what God has already worked in...

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose. (Phil. 2:12-13)