

# Longing for Growth

1 Peter 2:1-3  
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## Romans 8:26-27 [Legacy Standard Bible]

<sup>26</sup>And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;  
<sup>27</sup>and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

# Outline of 1 Peter 2:1-3

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- I. The Condition (v.3)
- II. The Command (v.2)
- III. The Curbs (v.1)

# I. The Condition

1 Peter 2:3

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Psalms 34:8 (LSB)

<sup>8</sup>O taste and see that Yahweh is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Psalms 34:18 (LSB)

<sup>18</sup>Yahweh is near to the brokenhearted And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

# I. The Condition

Romans 2:4 (LSB)

<sup>4</sup>Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

We can judge, know and discern – Matthew 7:17-18

We must judge - 1 Corinthians 5:12

## II. The Command

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# Longing for the Word

- Desire and ability to hear the Shepherd's voice (John 10:27)
- Production of faith in the sovereignty and goodness of God (Romans 10:17)
- Eagerness to obey and put into practice (John 14:15)
- Set free by the truth (John 8:32; James 1:25)
- Abiding of the Word of God in the children of God (John 15:7)
- Guidance from the Spirit (John 16:13)
- Sanctification of the believer (John 17:17)
- Perseverance and fruit (Mark 4)
- Gradually longs for meat (Hebrews 5:14)
- Production of Christlike love (1 Corinthians 13)



## John Piper: A Hunger for God

"If you don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because you have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Your soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great."

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Acts 19:9 (LSB)

<sup>9</sup>But when some were becoming hardened and were not believing, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he left them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

Acts 19:23 (LSB)

<sup>23</sup>Now about that time there occurred no small disturbance concerning the Way.

Acts 22:4 (LSB)

<sup>4</sup>I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering both men and women into prisons,

# III. The Curbs

1 Peter 2:9–12 (LSB)

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen family, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

<sup>10</sup>for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul,

<sup>12</sup>by keeping your conduct excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good works, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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# 1 Peter 1:22-25 [Legacy Standard Bible]

<sup>22</sup>Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a love of the brothers without hypocrisy, fervently love one another from the heart,

<sup>23</sup>for you have been born again not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

<sup>24</sup>For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,

<sup>25</sup>BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." And this is the word which was proclaimed to you as good news.

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