

# A True Growth Mindset

## 1 Peter 2:1-3

1 Peter 2:1-3 New International Version (NIV)

2 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

We need to rid ourselves of...

Malice- wicked ill-will, hoping for another person to be harmed

Deceit- intentional dishonesty

Hypocrisy- falseness, holding others to standards we don't live up to, for the sake of pride

Envy- has been called "resentful discontent," focusing our angst on someone who has what we crave

Slander of all kinds- using false or misleading words to harm another's reputation

### Why should we crave God's Word?

God's Word is Pure

Pure = Not deceitful, not watered down

Hebrews 4:12-13

**12** For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. **13** Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

2 Tim 4:3

<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine, Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

God's Word is Nourishing

2 Timothy 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

### What does it look like to crave God's Word?

Deut 6:4-9

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Read it

Study it

Acts 17:11

<sup>11</sup> Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Memorize it

Psalm 119:11

I have hidden your word in my heart  
that I might not sin against you.

Obey it

James 1:22

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.