

# Grow Up

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## I. Grow Up

- *The faith we live out will separate us from the world we live in.*

### A. *We grow when we remove things that hinder our development.*

**1 Peter 2:1** Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.

**Ephesians 4:22-24** to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

- *Malice* is the desire to harm others.
  - *Deceit* is attempting to deceive another.
  - *Hypocrisy* is pretending to be different from what you really are.
  - *Envy* is longing for what others have.
  - *Slander* is speech which intends to harm another.
1. Attitudes can be power or poison.
  2. We must remove the negative to gain the positive.
    - When we do not deal with the negative in our lives, the damage increases and intensifies.

### B. *We grow when we consume God's Word.*

**1 Peter 2:2** Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

**1 Thessalonians 2:13** And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

**Hebrews 4:12** 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.

- It is essential to the child of God to both know and do the Word of God

### *C. We grow when we live out God's Word.*

**Psalm 119:105** Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

1. Sometimes you must choose to do the right thing whether you want to or not.

**1 Peter 2:9-10** But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

2. Your salvation gives you value, purpose, and hope.

### *D. We grow when we take the next step.*

**1 Peter 2:3** now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

### *E. We grow in the good times*

### *F. We grow in the tough times*

**Psalm 34:8** Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

- If a taste does not lead to a steady diet, growth does not happen.