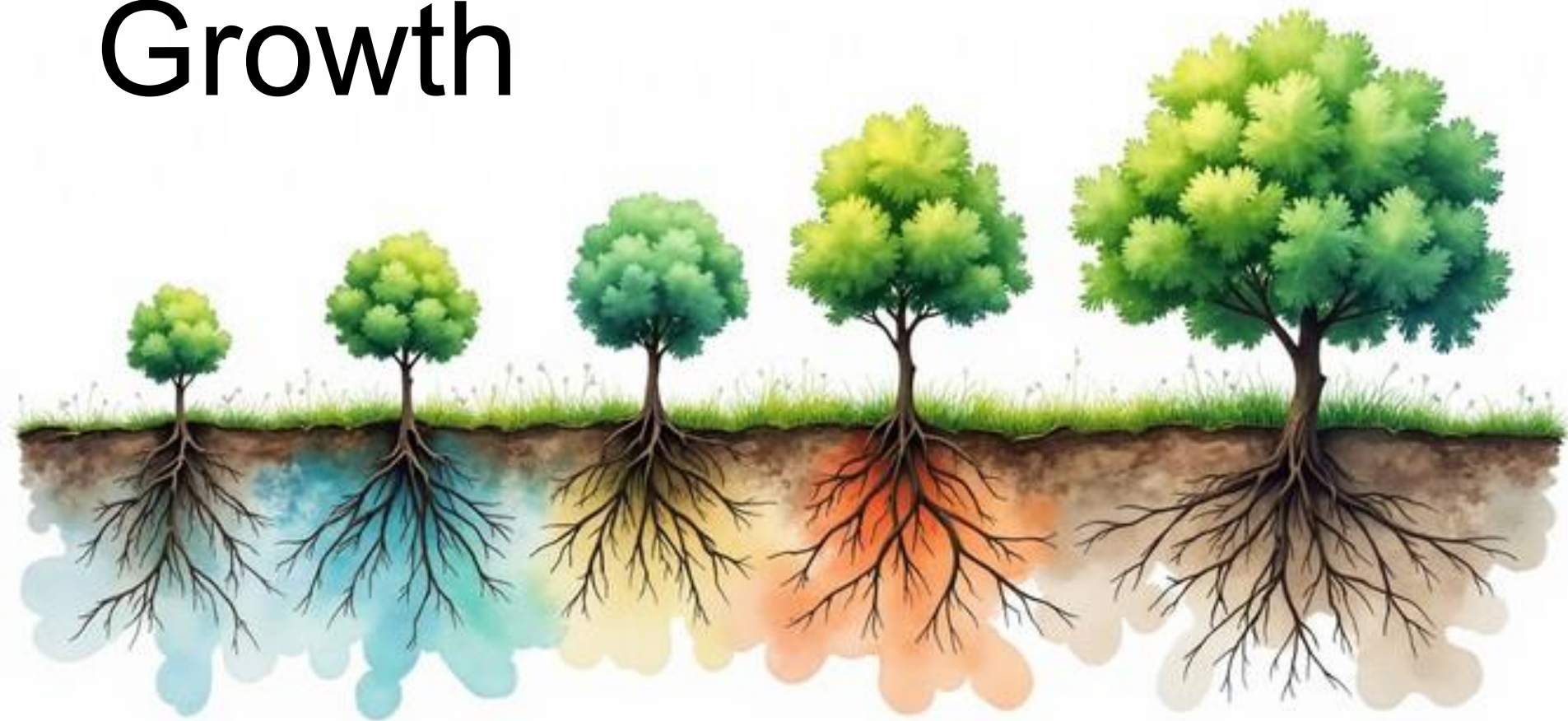


Fundamentals Of Spiritual Growth



Agenda

- Welcome
- Course Preview
- Central Question
- IS vs IS NOT
- Know, Be, Do



**Who is this
class for?**

Course Preview

- Foundation
 - *Who we are in Christ*
- Growth Dynamics
 - *Grace, Faith, Abiding*
- Means of Grace
 - *Being in the Word, Prayer*

Course Preview

- God's Methods
 - *Trials, Suffering, Patience*
- Maturity
 - *Identification, Freedom, and Responsibility*
- Application

Course Preview

- 1: Introduction / Overview
- 2: Complete in Him
- 3: Appropriation
- 4: Understanding the Cross
- 5: The Atmosphere of Growth
- 6: Walking by Faith

Course Preview

- 7: Holy Spirit--Agent of Growth
- 8: Abiding in Christ / Rest
- 9: How the Word Transforms
- 10: Prayer
- 11: Purpose of Suffering
- 12: God's Timing

Course Preview

- 13: How God Sees Us
- 14: What Maturity Looks Like
- 15: Living Out Maturity
- 16: Pressing On





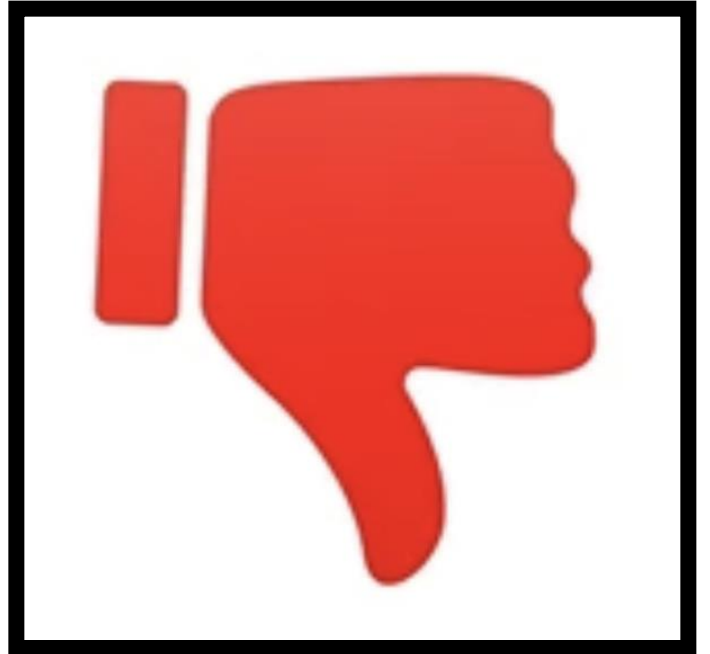
**When you see a spiritually
mature believer, what do
you see in them?**



**What gets in the way of
spiritual growth?**



vs



This is NOT

- A guilt-trip about what you aren't or should be doing
- A “how-to” manual
- A *checklist* for better behavior
- A 12-step program

This is NOT

- About trying harder or wanting it more
- Something you complete, graduate, then you're done
- A quick fix – these truths will take time to settle



Philippians 1:6

⁶ For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.



VS



This IS

- Good news if you're exhausted
- An answer to why trying harder hasn't produced expected change
- A challenge to assumptions about growth

This IS

- A look at how God transforms His people
- A class that begins where God begins—your identity
- And moves toward becoming who He says

**Where Are We
Going?**



Concepts

- Position and Condition
- Reckoning
- Growing in Grace
- Abiding
- Identification

Growth Sequence

- Know
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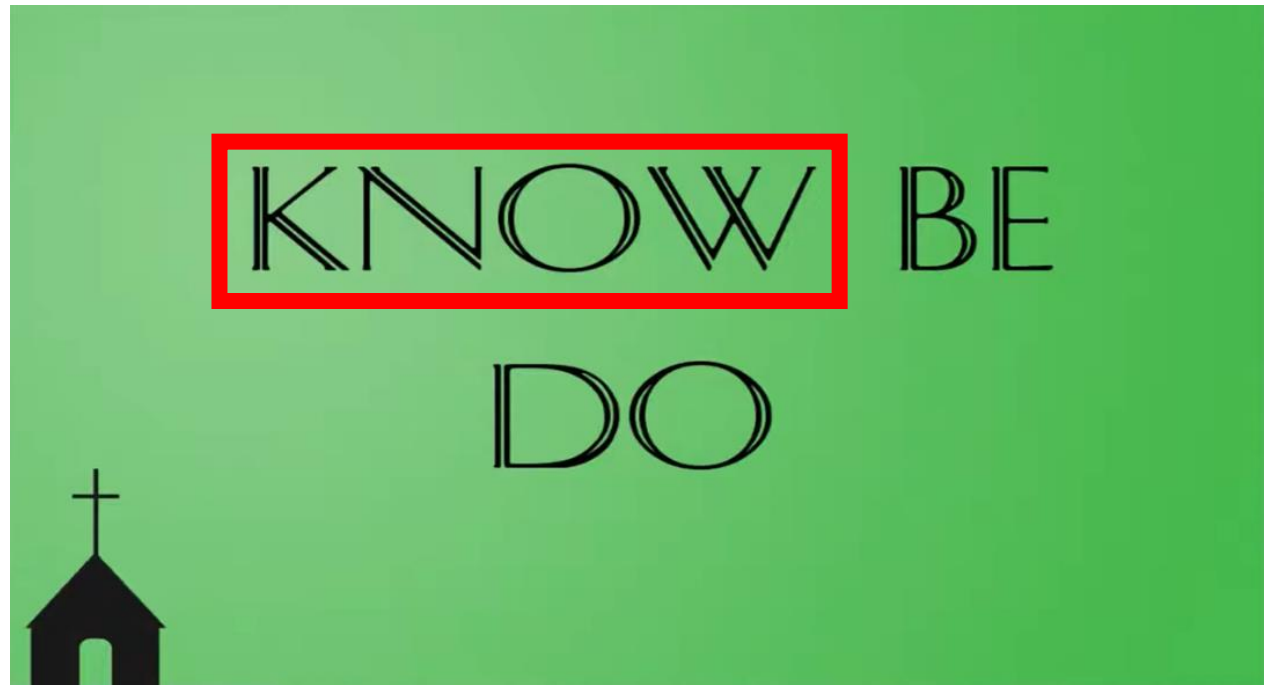


Growth Sequence

- **Know**

- Be

- Do



Know

Who you are
and what you
have in Christ



2 Peter 1:3

³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to his own glory and excellence

2 Peter 1:12-13

¹² Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though *you already know them*, and have *been established in the truth* which *is present with you.* ¹³ I consider it right, as long as I am in this *earthly* dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder,

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Some of you don't know

- God wants you to **KNOW** His Word

Some of you already know

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- God wants you to be **ESTABLISHED** in Scriptural truth

Some of you are already established

- God wants you to **KNOW** His Word
- God wants you to be **ESTABLISHED** in Scriptural truth
- God wants you to be **REMINDED** so you can **BELIEVE** and **APPLY**

Growth Sequence

- Know
- **Be**
- Do



Be

Empowered that you have
all the tools necessary to
live out the gospel and
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Be

- Knowing truth in your head is not enough
- God wants His Word to move from what you *know* to who you *are*
- Because of who you *are* and what you *have*, you don't have to strive

2 Corinthians 3:18

¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

1 John 4:17

¹⁷ As He is, so also are we...

This is who you are

Ephesians 6:10

¹⁰ Be strong in the Lord and
in His mighty power...

Now stand firm in it...

Growth Sequence

- Know
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Do

Hebrews 4:11



"Let us
therefore be
diligent to
enter His rest"

EXAMPLE



Colossians 1:9-11

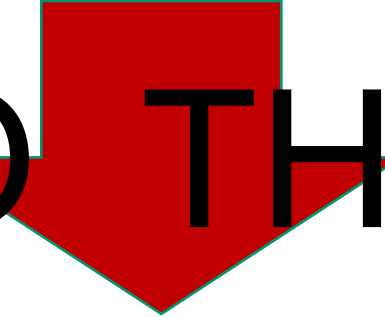
⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding ¹⁰ so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, pleasing to Him in all...

Colossians 1:9-11

...respects: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy

Colossians 1:9-11 Flow

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of His will in all spiritual wisdom
and understanding”

SO  THAT

“you will walk in a manner worthy
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Results of the Worthy Walk



