

40 DAYS OF PRAYER--INTRO

Do You Really Want to Grow Spiritually?

1-10-21

Ephesians 4:14-15 - We are **not meant to remain as children** at the mercy of every chance wind of teaching... ¹⁵ Instead we are meant to hold firmly to the truth in love, and **TO GROW UP IN EVERY WAY INTO CHRIST**... (Ph)

Six Laws of Spiritual Growth

1. We grow when we feed on _____.

Matthew 4:4 - Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Acts 20:32 - Now I commit you to God and to the **word of his grace**, which can **build you up** and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Hear . . . Read . . . Study . . . Memorize . . . Meditate . . . Apply

Action Step: a _____ with God for 40 days.

2. We grow when we _____ in different ways.

Luke 3:18 - In **many different ways** John preached the good news to the people. (CEV)

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| ___ | By Listening | (Auditory) |
| ___ | By Watching/Reading | (Visual) |
| ___ | By Talking | (Verbal/Oral) |
| ___ | By Doing it | (Physical/Kinesthetic) |

Job 33:14 - **God speaks in different ways**, and we don't always recognize his voice. (CEV)

3. We grow when we develop _____.

John 13:17 - "Now that you **know** these things, you'll be blessed if you **practice them!**"

Hebrews 5:14 - Solid food is for mature people, whose **minds have been TRAINED BY PRACTICE** to know the difference between good and evil. (GW)

1 Corinthians 9:25 - Every athlete in training submits to strict discipline, in order to be crowned with a wreath that will not last; but we do it for one that will last forever. TEV

- _____ Habit of weekly large group worship
- _____ Habit of community group fellowship
- _____ Habit of a daily time alone with God (Bible & Prayer)
- _____ Habit of memorizing God's Word

Josh 1:8-9 - Always remember what is written in the Book of the Teachings. Study it day and night to be sure to obey everything that is written there. If you do this, you will be wise and successful in everything. ⁹ Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. Don't be afraid, because the Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go. NCV

4. We grow when we help _____ grow.

Romans 1:12 - I want us to **help each other** with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you. (NCV)

Hebrews 10:24-25 - And let us **consider how we may spur one another** on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵ Let us **not give up meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us **encourage one another** – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Action Step: Do you want to grow? _____.

5. We grow when we _____ to grow.

Matthew 9:29 - Jesus said, "According to your faith will it be done to you."

6. We grow when we _____ to grow.

Jeremiah 29:13 - God: "You'll find me **when you get serious** about finding me and **want it more than anything else** . . ." (Message)

2 Corinthians 13:9 - "Our greatest wish and prayer is that you will become **mature** Christians." (TLB)

Next Step: Sign up for a group and make a commitment

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