

Living In Growth

2 Peter 1:5-11

Spiritual Growth Is The Truest Sign Of Spiritual Life

A. Instill Spiritual Growth (1:5-7)

1. The effort in your life (1:5)

Romans 12:11

a. Have faith

Romans 1:17

b. Have moral courage (virtue)

Philippians 4:8

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A. Instill Spiritual Growth (1:5-7) - continued

c. Have moral wisdom (knowledge)

1). Attain it

Colossians 2:3

Philippians 3:8

2). Apply it

Proverbs 13:16

Proverbs 14:8

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A. Instill Spiritual Growth (1:5-7) - continued

2. The effect on your life (1:6)

a. Self-control (temperance)

1 Corinthians 9:27

b. Endurance (patience)

James 5:11

Romans 5:3-4

c. Godliness

2 Peter 1:3

2 Peter 3:11

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A. Instill Spiritual Growth (1:5-7) - continued

3. The effect on others (1:7)

a. Brotherly kindness

1 Peter 1:22

1 John 5:1

b. Charity (agape)

1). As Christ communicates

John 15:13

2). As Christ commands

John 15:12

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B. The Imperative Of Spiritual Growth (1:8-9)

1. The products of spiritual growth (1:8)

a. Abundance in your life

1 Corinthians 15:58

b. Assurance in your life

Colossians 2:2

c. Appearance in your life

John 15:5

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B. The Imperative Of Spiritual Growth (1:8-9) – cont'd

2. The problems of no spiritual growth (1:9)

a. Impairment

Revelation 3:17

b. Ignorance

Ephesians 4:18

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C. The Invitation To Spiritual Growth (1:10-11)

1. Keep going with confidence (1:10)

Hebrews 10:23

Philippians 2:12

2. Keep looking to Christ (1:11)

Jude 1:24

1 John 3:2

Living In Scripture

2 Peter 1:12-21

“But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

Matthew 4:4

I. Don't Stop Studying Scripture (1:12-15)

A. Be careful to remember (1:12)

2 Peter 1:12

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

James 1:23-25

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

I. Don't Stop Studying Scripture (1:12-15)

B. Be committed to reassure (1:13)

2 Peter 1:13

Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;

2 Timothy 2:2

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

I. Don't Stop Studying Scripture (1:12-15)

John 21:15-19

15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

I. Don't Stop Studying Scripture (1:12-15)

John 21:15-19

17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.

19 This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

I. Don't Stop Studying Scripture (1:12-15)

C. Be committed to endure (1:14-15)

1. To the conclusion (v 14)

2 Peter 1:14

Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

2. To the command (v 15)

2 Peter 1:15

Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

Ephesians 4:3

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

II. Don't Doubt Scripture (1:16-18)

A. About Christ's power (1:16)

2 Peter 2:16

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

1. Speaks for itself

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

II. Don't Doubt Scripture (1:16-18)

A. About Christ's power (1:16) - continued

2. Saw it with our own eyes

1 John 1:1-4

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

II. Don't Doubt Scripture (1:16-18)

A. About Christ's power (1:16) - continued

2. Saw it with our own eyes

1 John 1:1-4

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

II. Don't Doubt Scripture (1:16-18)

Matthew 16:28-17:5

16:28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

17:1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

II. Don't Doubt Scripture (1:16-18)

Matthew 16:28-17:5 - continued

3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

II. Don't Doubt Scripture (1:16-18)

B. About Christ's glory (1:17-18)

2 Peter 1:17-18

17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

III. Don't Forget Who The Author Of Scripture Is (1:19-21)

A. Words that can be completely trusted (1:19)

2 Peter 1:19

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

John 6:68-69

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

III. Don't Forget Who The Author Of Scripture Is (1:19-21)

B. Words that are openly known (1:20)

2 Peter 1:20

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

1 Corinthians 2:11-12

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

III. Don't Forget Who The Author Of Scripture Is (1:19-21)

C. Words that are given by God (1:21)

2 Peter 1:21

**For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man:
but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the
Holy Ghost.**

2 Timothy 3:16

**All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is
profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for
instruction in righteousness:**

Psalm 119:101-105

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.