

# CHRISTIAN GROWTH

**Bible Passages:** 2 Peter 1:3-8; 1 Corinthians 11:1

**Memory Verse:** But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ  
– 2 Peter 3:18

## Introduction

After salvation, the life-long goal of every believer should be to keep growing toward becoming like Christ (Ephesians 4:12-13). Like natural development, spiritual growth is progressive (from infancy to maturity) and it is absolutely a function of adequate balanced spiritual nourishment. The bible refers to a new believer as newborn babe (that needs to desire sincere milk of God's word in order to grow – 1 Peter 2:2). Day by day, a growing Christian exhibits better wisdom, deeper commitment to God and greater self discipline. Jesus thought about some qualities that characterize the life of a growing Christian in His beatitude message on the mount recorded in Matthew 5: 4-10:

- a. Knowing what to do in the storm of life and allowing God's comfort in challenging times
- b. Living a life of meekness and humility
- c. Having true deep hunger for the things of God and pure heart
- d. Living at peace with others (by all means) and forgiving offenses
- e. Standing for Christ and His kingdom, at all times

## What are the evidences of a growing Christian?

- a. Increasing consistent commitment to walk with God
- b. increasing knowledge and understanding of God's word
- c. Increasing faith and trust in God; leading to growing prayer life
- d. Increasing practice of Christ-like qualities and producing fruits of the Spirit – Galatians 5:22-23
- e. Decreasing yield to temptation & falling into sins by walking in the Spirit - Gal. 5:16-18, 24-26
- f. Rely more on the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit – Romans 6:11-14
- g. Increasing commitment to God's service and labor for His kingdom

## How can I maintain my growth, as a Christian?

- a. Read the words of God daily – Joshua 1:8, 1 Peter 2:2
- b. Obey the words of God. Don't form a habit of excusing yourself from doing what the bible says or disobeying it.
- c. Pray always and consistently. Build prayer into your daily routine life.
- d. Draw constantly from the corporate anointing of fellowshiping with other believers. A true gathering of God's children will provide worship, communion, fellowship, easy access to God's presence, teaching of God's words, prayer etc. – Psalm 133: 1-3
- e. Get involved in the kingdom business. A growing Christian is very zealous for God and expresses it by serving in His vineyard
- f. Stretch your faith in God and always expect the miraculous

## Scriptural Reading Assignment

Ephesians 4, 2 Peter 1