

YOUR CHOICE to GROW

"Growth is the Evidence of Life" Part1

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"We are not meant to remain as children at the mercy of every chance wind of teaching... But we are meant to hold firmly to the truth in love, and to grow up in every way into Christ the head." Eph 4:14 (Ph)

MYTHS/ FACT

Growth is automatic / Is a choice
Can be instant / A gradual process
By attending church / By developing habits
Can attain it by yourself / Can't grow without others
Measured by beliefs / Beliefs & behavior
How you act at church / How you act at home & world

LAWS OF GROWTH

1. SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS INTENTIONAL

"Our tools are ready at hand for clearing the ground and building lives of obedience into maturity until finally we all believe... and become full-grown in the Lord-- to the point of being filled full with Christ."

Eph.. 4:13 (LB)

TOOLS:

2. SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS INCREMENTAL

"...our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like him." 2 Cor. 3:18 (Mes)

TOOLS

3. SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS PERSONAL

"Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves." 2 Cor. 13:5 (NRSV)

TOOLS:

4. SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS PRACTICAL

TOOLS:

5. SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS RELATIONAL

"Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more..."

Heb. 10:24-25 (TEV)

TOOLS:

6. SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS MULTI-DIMENSIONAL

*Warmer through fellowship Deeper through discipleship
Stronger through worship Broader through ministry
Larger through mission*

7. SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS SEASONAL
TOOLS:

8. SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS INCARNATIONAL
"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in my body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20 (NIV)

WHAT IS YOUR CUSTOMIZED GROWTH PLAN?

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"Our greatest wish and prayer is that you will become mature Christians." 2 Cor. 13:9 (LB)