

CHRISTIAN GROWTH PART II

When my children were in their infant state the doctor required that they make routine visits to the office. The visits were used to determine if they were growing without any difficulties. The doctor monitored two things to measure their growth, and it was their weight and body length. Each visit showed an increase in weight and length. This lesson will be used to determine if we (christians) are growing spiritually. Let's use **bible study** and **prayer** to measure our christian growth.

I. Bible study

- _ But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night Ps 1:2.
There are a lot of things that we love to do. Some of us have hobbies such as fishing, golfing, and playing tennis. But if we are growing in the Lord then none of these hobbies will take the place of studying his word.
- _ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth II Tim. 2:15. As young children we always found ourselves trying to please our parents, but now that we are children of the most high God. Our main focus must be in pleasing him, by studying his word.
- _ When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained. What is man that thou art mindful of him? Ps 8: 3-4. David wants us to see that God has placed special emphasis on man.

II. Prayer

- _ That men ought always to **pray**, and not to faint Luke 18:1. Jesus has instructed us to always be in prayer. Prayer is communication between man and God.
- _ Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and **pray** for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you Matt 5:44. Jesus commands us to pray for our enemies. If we cannot pray for our enemies then we are not growing in the Lord.
- _ Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye **pray**, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them Mk 11:24. We must pray with faith if we expect God to act on our prayer.