

Growth Process

“Speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things” Eph. 4:15

When we are forgiven and cleansed, we are ready to begin making spiritual growth. Listed below are some ways a christian should **G-R-O-W**.

I. G-race

“But grow in grace” II Peter 3:18

_ Grace means “favor, kindness, mercy, and forgiveness”. God bestows his grace on us so that we may grow in grace.

_ Christians grow in grace by emulating Christ. They should exude kindness, compassion, forgiveness, and helpfulness as opportunities afford.

II. R-eliance

“Trust in the Lord and lean not to thine own understanding..” Prov. 3:5-6

_ When christians depend on their own strength, they fail. Man’s power fails, but God’s power never fails.

_ In today’s troubled world christians need more and more to rely on the strength Christ gives.

“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you” I Peter 5:7

III. O-bedience

“Desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby” I Peter 2:2

_ God’s will must become the christians desire. If we follow our will or the will of others, then we don’t belong to God.

_ Christians must desire God’s word if they are to do God’s will. Only when we receive and obey God’s word can we obtain spiritual growth II Peter 1:4

IV. W-isdome

“But grow...in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ” II Peter 3:18

_ Christians are promised wisdom. “If any lack wisdom, let him ask of God..and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith” James 1:5-6

_ Wise christians glorify God and are a blessings to others. “The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy” James 3:17