

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO GROW UP?

40 Days of Prayer Rick Warren

"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." Ephesians 4:14 (PHILLIPS)

SIX LAWS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. WE GROW WHEN WE

Jesus: "People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4 (NLT)

Paul: "The word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified." Acts 20:32 (NIV)

Hear . . . Read . . . Study . . . Memorize . . . Meditate . . . Apply

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2. WE GROW WHEN WE

"In <u>many different ways</u> John preached the good news to the people."

Luke 3:18 (CEV)

- By Listening (Auditory)
- By Watching/Reading (Visual)
- By Talking (Verbal/Oral)
- By Doing it (Physical/Kinesthetic)

"God speaks in different ways, and we don't always recognize his voice." Job 33:14 (CEV)

3. WE GROW WHEN WE

"Now that you know this truth, how happy you will be if you put it into practice!" John 13:17 (GNT)

"Solid food is for mature people, whose minds are trained by practice to know the difference between good and evil." Hebrews 5:14 (GW)

"All good athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. You're after one that's gold eternally." 1 Corinthians 9:25 (MSG)

- Habit of weekly large group worship
- Habit of small group fellowship

- Habit of a daily time alone with God (Bible & Prayer)
- Habit of memorizing God's Word

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"I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you." Romans 1:12 (NCV)

"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." Hebrews 10:24-25 (GNT)

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5. WE GROW WHEN WE

Jesus: "According to your faith let it be done to you." Matthew 9:29 (NIV)

6. WE GROW WHEN WE _____

God: "You'll find me. 'Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else." Jeremiah 29:13 (MSG)

ACTION STEP:

Nehemiah: "In view of all this, we are making a solemn promise and putting it in writing. On this sealed document are the names of our leaders."

Nehemiah 9:38 (NLT)

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

Next Steps

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