

Text: Various
Topics: Grace, Spiritual Growth, Will of God
Series: Have a Spiritual GPS?

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Spiritual Growth: It's Personal!

I. The Peril (2 Peter 3:17-18)

I grow in Christ to be less likely to fall from Christ.

I grow by increasing my understanding of, and experience of, the grace of Christ.

II. The Process (Romans 12:1-2)

I grow daily to live out the will of God.

I grow by becoming less world-like and more Christlike through daily intake and outflow of God's Word.

III. The Purpose (John 15:4-5)

I grow to fulfill God's purpose of a fruit-bearing life.

I grow by staying closely connected to Christ.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Read 2 Peter 3:17-18. Can you give an example of a false teaching, why it might appeal to people, and what kind of fall it could lead to?

Describe what "growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ" looks, or would look like, in your life.

2. Read Romans 12:1-2. We know the will of God for our lives is the best way to live. What makes presenting yourself a "living sacrifice" easier? Harder?

What are some of the ways the world tempts you to conform to its ways?

In what ways do you find "renewing your mind according to the Word of God" challenging?

3. Read John 15:4-5. What kind of fruit does God desire to see in your life?

Describe what "abiding in Christ" looks, or would look, like in your life. What makes it easier to abide? Harder?

4. If you were to make a commitment to do 1 thing each day to help you live a growing life, what would it be? Consider asking someone to encourage you to do it each day for the next 3 weeks.