

Ready, Set, Grow!

Colossians 2:6 tells us that, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him." So, we know that, not only does a person have a starting point in their walk with Jesus, but they must continue with Him. In 2 Peter 3:18 we read, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." If we are to "grow" for Jesus we must have spiritual exercises and nourishment. How do you do that? Compare a person's physical and mental growth to his spiritual growth.

To grow physically, a person must eat the right food and get plenty of physical exercise.

To grow mentally, a person must keep his/her brain stimulated by using it to learn.

To grow spiritually, a person must . . . (list some things that you think help a Christian to grow)

Make a list of things that can keep you too busy to grow spiritually.

In 1 Peter 2:1,2 we read, "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." Some of the words from verse 1 are listed below. Write the definition of each of word on the lines.

MALICE _____

GUILE _____

HYPOCRISIES _____

ENVIES _____

EVIL SPEAKINGS _____

Why can't you grow as a Christian if any of those things are a part of your life?

Which of the following three activities do you think you need to work on the most?

Bible Reading

Prayer

Christian Fellowship

How can you take control of your time and make room for things that will help you to grow spiritually?

Grow for Jesus!

In order for anything to grow it must have good nourishment, and anything that will keep it from growing must be removed. The same is true for Christians—they must have “good nourishment” in their lives so they can grow for the Lord. Find each of the words on the Word List in the Word-Find. Then, on the lines below, write only the words from the Word List that will help you to grow for Jesus.

Word List

CARE
COVET
DECEIVE
ENVY
FELLOWSHIP
GIVE
HATE
HYPOCRITE
IMMORAL
LOVE
PRAISE
PRAY
READ THE BIBLE
SHARE
TESTIFY
WITNESS

Word-Find

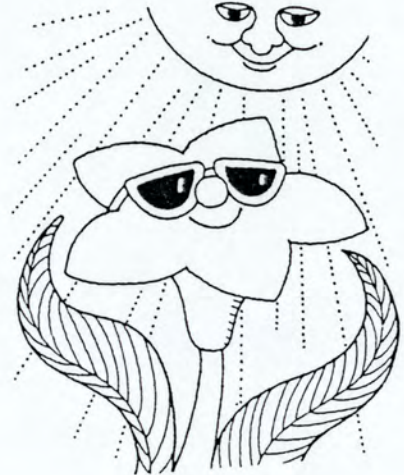
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T A T E R H C B N Z N O
F E L L O W S H I P E P
K N O A V Y E L N B J Y
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Ways to Grow for Jesus



GROW IN GRACE

What does a plant need to grow tall and strong?



What does it mean to grow as a Christian? _____

How can you tell if you are growing spiritually? _____

What happens if you don't grow spiritually? _____

Compare growing spiritually with the growth of a tree. All the parts must develop properly to prepare it to meet obstacles.

Strength in the trunk
Deep roots
Moisture
Bark to resist insects and disease

