



# SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

Imagine you had a friend with a particular affinity for gardening. Every time you came to visit, they would show you their favorite plant. Every time they claimed the plant was growing, but you always saw it as the exact same size. Would you not be suspicious of your friend? Doesn't "growth" imply some positive change taking place?

Are you growing spiritually? What changes are you seeing taking place in your life? Are you more interested instead in your favorite sports team or being on Facebook or watching a favorite TV show or playing a video game? Those can be fine in moderation of course, but spiritual growth counts for the long term.

# IN THE BIBLE.

## **1 Peter 3:13-21.**

13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as

or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

### **1 Timothy 4:8**

For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

## **QUESTIONS.**

- 1.) If we are saved by grace alone, and sure of our salvation, what's the point of spiritual growth?
- 2.) What steps of growth are you taking? Have you noticed any change?
- 3.) What do you really want out of life?

**Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:**

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?