

1 John 2:12-17

We are called to grow in our walk with Christ.

1 Peter 3:18

¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Ephesians 5:1

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

Philippians 2:12

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Our relationship with Him is active, not passive.

Philippians 3:12-14

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Spiritual growth is a life long journey.

Spiritual growth does not determine God's love for you.

Romans 5:8

⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Spiritual growth is not just about how much knowledge you have .

1 John 2:12-14

I am writing to you, little children,

because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

¹³ I am writing to you, fathers,

because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young men,

because you have overcome the evil one.

I write to you, children,

because you know the Father.

¹⁴ I write to you, fathers,

because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men,

because you are strong,

and the word of God abides in you,

and you have overcome the evil one.

Hebrews 5:13-14

¹³for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

You need to be connected to a group of believers.

As a young adult you are able to study God's word and know it.

2 Timothy 3:14-15

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Luke 4:9-13

⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you," ¹¹and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

12 And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The mature spiritual adults have a close and intimate relationship with the Lord.

John 17:20-26

20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Jesus prayed for us to be able to have a supernatural intimacy with God.

We are to obey the mandate from God to to grow in the grace and knowledge of God.