

Growing Spiritually

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Introduction

1. 2 Peter 3:18
2. We are commanded to grow
3. It is easy to talk about growth and demand of others to grow, but do we grow
4. We cannot maintain the status quo in our spiritual life, we are either growing or dying
5. Let us consider our spiritual growth

II Discussion

1. Our spiritual growth is not based on parentage
 - a. David was a man after God's own heart 1 Samuel 13:14; 16:7; Acts 13:22
 - i. David may have committed some notorious sins, but he was still spiritually strong. 1 Kings 15:5
 - b. Solomon
 - i. Had pedigree, ability and blessings from God to be spiritually mature
 - ii. He was equipped to be what God wanted 1 Kings 3:5-9
 - iii. He allowed others to lead him away from God 1 Kings 11:3-4
 - iv. His conclusion is true Ecclesiastes 12:13
2. How do we grow
 - a. We must decide what is most important
 - i. Paul became single minded Philippians 3:13
 - ii. Paul set his goal Colossians 3:1-2
 - iii. He stated that we are to lay side sins that beset us Hebrews 12:1-2
 - iv. Paul's life is worthy to be emulated 1 Corinthians 11:1
 - v. We must seek the kingdom first Matthew 6:33
 - b. We must reach out of our comfort zone
 - i. Paul "reached" and "pressed" Philippians 3:13-14
 - ii. For us this may be studying 2 Timothy 2:15
 - iii. For us this may be praying 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:18
 - iv. For us this may be talking to someone about their soul 2 Timothy 2:2
 - v. For us this may be doing good for others Galatians 6:10
 - c. We must never give up
 - i. Problems will arise in our life Romans 3:23
 - ii. Paul had to work on this daily 1 Corinthians 9:27
 - iii. Paul suffered much for the cause of Christ 2 Corinthians 11:24-28
 - iv. We are told to be strong, and of good courage Joshua 1:6,7,9; Ephesians 6:10

III Conclusion

1. Let us resolve to grow this next year.
2. Let us apply these lessons to our life so that we too can be successful
3. There is a beginning place for each of us 2 Corinthians 5:17
4. The most important thing is to start and that time is now!

Sources: Sermon from Karns unknown as to date and author. Reasons to Rejoice sermon outlines from Philippians by Tom Holland; The key of Knowledge sermon outlines from 2 Peter by Tom Holland