

CHOOSE WELL

6/22/25

Consequences introduce us to reality.

Leviticus 26:13 NIV; MSG, Mark 4:30-32

Growth is development by natural processes, a normal part of life.

Mark 4:26-28

Knowing how God does what he does isn't necessary.

Luke 12:27 "Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

1 Peter 2:1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

METHODS OF GROWTH

1. God-inspired ministers produce growth as channels of God's grace.

1 Corinthians 3:6-9

2. Being planted in the proper place produces growth.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

3. Right relationships to others in the body of Christ produce growth.

Ephesians 4:16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

4. Continuous contact with Christ as head stimulates growth.

Colossians 2:19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

5. Appropriation of the living Word is essential to growth.

Acts 20:32 "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

There are two aspects of maturity:

1) Attainment of full growth;

2) Attainment of particular stage of growth.

The two types of growth are:

1) Continuously, by accumulation and increase.

2) In spurts, by sudden and rapid changes, all at once.

2 Corinthians 1:12 Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, in the holiness and sincerity that are from God. We have done so not according to worldly wisdom but according to God's grace.

James 4:6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Pride has bad consequences.

Humility has marvelous consequences.

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