

LIVING STRONG

Part 4: By Growing Spiritually

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Definition: Spiritual growth is _____
_____.

A. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does the following verse tell us about spiritual growth?

“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness” 2 Peter 1:3 (NIV).

2. What does the following verse tell us about spiritual growth?

“Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity” (Heb. 6:1 NIV).

3. What do the following verses tell us about the ultimate goal of spiritual growth?

“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters” (Rom. 8:29 NIV).

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen” (2 Pet. 3:18 NIV).

4. What does the following verse tell us about spiritual growth?

“And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” (2 Cor. 3:18 NIV)

5. Will reading the Bible automatically cause me to grow spiritually? (Jas 1:23-24)

“Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.” (Jas. 1:23-24 NIV)

B. HOW DOES SPIRITUAL GROWTH HAPPEN?

1. It happens when I recognize that it is _____ that gives me the ability to grow spiritually (Ephesians 3:20; 2 Peter 1:3).
2. It happens when I assimilate biblical _____ (John 17:17).
3. It happens when I _____ (Proverbs 4:23; Romans 12:2; 1 Corinthians 14:20).

C. I KNOW I AM GROWING SPIRITUALLY WHEN...

1. I desire to be _____ every day (Psalm 42:1-2).

“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?” (Ps. 42:1-2 NIV)

**2. My response to sin is _____ and followed by _____
_____ (1 John 1:9).**

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9 NIV)

3. I see trials and temptations as _____ (James 1:2-4).

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” (Jas. 1:2-4 NIV)

4. I jealously guard my private time of _____ (Psalm 119:15-16).

“I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways. I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word.” (Psalm 119:15-16 NLT)

5. I can see how the Holy Spirit is _____ (Galatians 5:22-23).

“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!” (Gal. 5:22-23 NLT)