DO YOU REALLY WANT TO GROW UP? 40 Days of Prayer – Week 1 September 16, 2017

"We are <u>not meant to remain as children</u> at the mercy of every chance wind of teaching... Instead we are meant to hold firmly to the truth in love, and <u>TO GROW UP IN EVERY WAY INTO CHRIST</u>..."

Ephesians 4:14 (Ph)

SIX LAWS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. WE GROW WHEN WE
Jesus: "People need more than bread for their life; they must feed on every Word of God." Matthew 4:4 (NLT)
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Paul: " the <u>Word of grace</u> is able to <u>build you up</u> and give you all the blessings that God has for his people." Acts 20:32
Hear Read Study Memorize Meditate Apply
Action Step:
2. WE GROW WHEN WE
"In many different ways John preached the good news to the people." Luke 3:18 (CEV)
By Listening (Auditory)
By Watching/Reading (Visual)
By Talking (Verbal/Oral)
By Doing it (Physical/Kinesthetic)
"God speaks in different ways, and we don't always recognize his voice."
Job 33:14 (CEV)
3. WE GROW WHEN WE
"Now that you know these things, you'll be blessed if you practice
<u>them</u> !" John 13:17
"Solid food is for mature people, whose minds have been TRAINED BY
PRACTICE to know the difference between good and evil."
Hebrews 5:14 (GW)

"All good athletes train hard and practice to get better. They do it to win a prize that won't last. But we practice to win a prize that will last forever!"

1 Corinthians 9:25

 Habit of weekly large group worship Habit of small group fellowship Habit of a daily time alone with God (Bible & Prayer) Habit of memorizing God's Word
4. WE GROW WHEN WE
me, and my faith will help you." Romans 1:12 (NCV)
"Let us be <u>concerned for one another</u> , to <u>help one another</u> to show love and to do good. Let us not give up <u>the HABIT of meeting together</u> , as some are doing. Instead, let us <u>encourage one another</u> all the more" Hebrews 10:24-25 (TEV)
Action Step:
5. WE GROW WHEN WE Jesus said, "According to your faith will it be done to you." Matthew 9:29 (NIV)
6. WE GROW WHEN WE God: "You'll find me when you get serious about finding me and
want it more than anything else" Jeremiah 29:13 (Message)
Action Step:
Nehemiah: "In view of all this, we are MAKING A COVENANT TOGETHER in writing, and all of us are signing our names to it" Nehemiah 9:38
"Our greatest wish and prayer is that you will become <u>mature</u> Christians." 2 Corinthians 13:9 (TLB)