

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO GROW?
#SermonGrowth
40 Days of Prayer – Pre-Campaign Message
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Ephesians 4:14 We are not meant to remain as children at the mercy of every chance wind of teaching . . . Instead we are meant to hold firmly to the truth in love, and to grow up in every way into Christ... (PH)

FIVE LAWS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. WE GROW WHEN WE FEED ON GOD’S WORD

Matthew 4:4 Human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that God speaks. (TEV)

Acts 20:32 ...the message of his grace is able to build you up and give you the blessings God has for all his people. (TEV)

Action Step: HAVE DAILY TIME WITH GOD

2. WE GROW WHEN WE LEARN IN DIFFERENT WAYS

Luke 3:18 In many different ways John preached the good news to the people. (CEV)

Job 33:14 God speaks in different ways, and we don't always recognize his voice. (CEV)

Action Step: BE OPEN TO GOD

3. WE GROW WHEN WE DEVELOP SPIRITUAL HABITS

John 13:17 Now that you know this truth, how happy you will be if you put it into practice! (TEV)

Hebrews 5:14 Solid food is for mature people, whose minds are trained by practice to know the difference between good and evil. (GW)

1 Timothy 4:15 Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. (NRSV)

Action Step: MAKE TIME TO PRACTICE

4. WE GROW WHEN WE HELP EACH OTHER GROW

Romans 1:12 I want us to **help each other** with the faith we have. Your faith will **help me**, and my faith will **help you**. (NCV)

1 Corinthians 12:21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "**I don't need you!**" And the head cannot say to the foot, "**I don't need you!**" (ICB)

Action Step: JOIN A SMALL GROUP

5. WE GROW WHEN WE COMMIT TO GROW

Jeremiah 29:13 When you come looking for me, you'll find me. Yes, **when you get serious** about finding me and **want it more than anything else**. (MSG)

Action Step: COMMIT WITH OTHERS

2 Chronicles 16:9 GOD is always on the alert, **constantly on the lookout for people** who are **totally committed to him**. (MSG)