

**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)