



## Growing Up

NorthRidge Church

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The Church had ceased growing; Here are the Clues ...

- Dullness ... \_\_\_\_\_
- of Hearing ... \_\_\_\_\_

### The Truth About Spiritual Growth

I. It's not about how much we \_\_\_\_\_. It's about how much we \_\_\_\_\_.

Cp. Hebrews 5:13-14; John 13:17; John 14:15; Matthew 21:28-32

II. It starts with Obeying what we \_\_\_\_\_.

Cp. Proverbs 4:18

III. It's a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

Cp. Philippians 3:12-16

IV. A good start is no guarantee of a \_\_\_\_\_.

Cp. Hebrews 6:1-8; Luke 8:4-14

V. It's never too late to \_\_\_\_\_.

Cp. Matthew 20:1-16; 2 Peter 3:9-10

### Growing Up

You cannot Grow Up without a Consistent Diet of \_\_\_\_\_.

You cannot Grow Up without the Word \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.

You cannot Grow Up depending upon \_\_\_\_\_.

## Truth for Life

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. This weekend we wrapped up another year with a challenge to start this new year with a commitment that will ensure growth and development in our spiritual journey. When you think of a growing or maturing Christian, what character qualities or attributes come to mind?

What habits, practices or disciplines, if any, have you used to develop any of those character qualities in your own life?

2. Read Psalm 119:9-16. The Psalmist uses several words to describe God's Word (the synonyms for God's Word). What are they?

He also identifies several attitudes that he has toward God's Word. What are they? Do you think that the attitudes toward God's Word matters? If so, Why? And what difference do they make?

3. Psalm 119:11 is one of the most memorized verses in Scripture. Why do you think it is so common? It serves as promise to us. What is the promise?

Will you make a commitment to "hide God's Word in your heart?" If so, consider this being the first verse to commit to memory. If you have already memorized this verse, which verse will you memorize?

### Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

May we be the kind of worshipers the Father seeks! ... *Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in Spirit and in truth. – John 4:23-24*



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- Dullness ... **Slow or Sluggish**
- of Hearing ... **Hearing without Benefit**

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II. It starts with Obeying what we **Already Know**.

Cp. Proverbs 4:18

III. It's a **Never-Ending Process**.

Cp. Philippians 3:12-16

IV. A good start is no guarantee of a **Good Ending**.

Cp. Hebrews 6:1-8; Luke 8:4-14

V. It's never too late to **Get Started**.

Cp. Matthew 20:1-16; 2 Peter 3:9-10

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You cannot Grow Up without a Consistent Diet of **Word**.

You cannot Grow Up without the Word **Transforming** your **Life**.

You cannot Grow Up depending upon **Yesterday's Faith**.

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