



# SET YOUR FOUNDATION

Grow In Christ  
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*2 Peter 3:17-18 ESV*

*Ephesians 4:14-15 ESV*

*2 Peter 1:3-11 ESV*

Three important observations about spiritual growth:

**1) Spiritual growth requires knowledge but is not to be equated with knowledge.**

“I prayed for faith and thought that some day faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, “Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.” I had up to this time closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since.” (*Dwight L. Moody*)

*Ephesians 5:19-20 ESV*

*Colossians 3:16-17 ESV*

*1 Corinthians 8:1 ESV*

**2) Spiritual growth requires time but is not to be equated with time.**

*Hebrews 5:11-14 ESV*

**3) Spiritual growth involves activity but is not to be equated with activity.**

*Galatians 5:13-14 ESV*

*Grow in Christ: “Stop neglecting; start connecting.”*

Three words, three essentials, into play with the concept of connecting:

**1) Abide**

*John 15:1 ESV*

- **You will be fruitful** – *John 15: 5, 8 ESV*
- **You will be obedient** – *John 15:9-10 ESV; 1 John 2:3, 5-6 ESV*

*John 15:11 ESV*

**2) Trust**

**3) Obey**

*James 1:22-25 ESV*

“The great thing is to prevent his doing anything. As long as he does not convert it into action, it doesn’t matter how much he thinks about this new repentance. Let the little brute wallow in it. Let him, if he has any bent that way, write a book about it; that is often an excellent way of sterilizing the seeds which the Enemy plants in a human soul. Let him do anything but act. No amount of piety in his imagination and affections will harm us if we can keep it out of his will.” (C.S. Lewis)

Abide; trust; obey – essentials in spiritual growth. To grow spiritually, to thrive in your relationship with God, your part is this:

**“Stop neglecting; start connecting.”**