

The Command To Grow

II Peter 3:17-18

INTRODUCTION

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
3. Do I confidentially pass on to another what was told to me in confidence.
4. Can I be trusted?
5. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work or habits?
6. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
7. Did the Bible live in me today?
8. Do I give it time to speak to me every day?
9. Am I enjoying prayer?
10. When did I last speak to someone else of my faith?
11. Do I pray about the money I spend?
12. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
13. Do I disobey God in anything?
14. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
15. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
16. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy or distrustful?
17. How do I spend my spare time?
18. Am I proud?
19. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisee who despised the publican?
20. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?
21. Do I grumble or complain constantly?
22. Is Christ real to me?

I The Devine Command To Grow

II The Divine Picture of Growing

A. Scripture pictures our growth like a tree – Psalm 1:1-3.

B. The Scriptures pictures our growth like a child

1. Growth is from the inside out.

2. We grow best in a loving family.

3. Healthy growth is balanced.

4. Growth is slow but steady.

5. No growth is a sign of death.

III The Divine Parameters For Growth

A. We must grow in grace.

B. Peter listed the growth in II Peter 1:5-7

1. Faith = _____

2. Virtue = _____

3. Knowledge = _____

4. Self-control = _____

5. Perseverance = _____

6. Godliness = _____

7. Brotherly kindness = _____
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8. Love = _____