

**Growing in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus**  
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**Key Verse of the Day**

*So be on guard; then you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing. Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:17-18 NLT*

**Key Thought of the Day**

A person that has a stagnant faith is in danger of being influenced by the World, while a person growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus is prepared to **GLORIFY CHRIST.**

**We Grow In Grace And Knowledge When We...**

1. Hold firmly to the **AUTHORITY** of God's Holy Word.

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8 NLT*

*Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God. 2 Peter 1:20-21*

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 2 Timothy 3:16 NLT*

**We Grow In Grace And Knowledge When We...**

2. Establish godly accountability that challenges us **HIGHER AND DEEPER** in our faith in Jesus.

*Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ. Hebrews 13:12-14 NLT*

**We Grow In Grace And Knowledge When We...**

3. Practice a healthy dependence upon God through an active **PRAYER LIFE.**

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT*

*Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened... if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him. Matthew 7:7-8, 11 NLT*

## **We Grow In Grace And Knowledge When We...**

4. Strive to live out our calling to follow Jesus by **DOING THE THINGS** He desires for us to do.

*Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith. Galatians 6:8 NLT*

### **Doing Good For Jesus' Kingdom Includes...**

- **SERVING.**

*Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Romans 12:11 NLT*

### **Doing Good For Jesus' Kingdom Includes...**

- **GIVING GENEROUSLY.**

*You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." 2 Corinthians 9:7 NLT*

### **Doing Good For Jesus' Kingdom Includes...**

- Contribute to and remain in **BIBLICAL COMMUNITY.**

*Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment. Proverbs 18:1 ESV*

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some... Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV*

## **We Grow In Grace And Knowledge When We...**

5. Fully **SUBMIT** to the Holy Spirit.

*Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. John 3:6 NLT*

### **The Bottom Line**

Growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus = more opportunities for us to **BRING GLORY TO JESUS.**

### **The Challenge**

Which of these areas would you like to grow in to be more like Jesus?