



“Don’t be a Baby”

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1 Peter: The Transforming Epistle

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5 Questions to Help You Grow Spiritually

1. How much do I desire to grow spiritually?

Verse 2: “...like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word...”

2. What keeps me from growing spiritually?

Verse 1: “Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander...”

Five sins that hinder our spiritual growth:

1. Malice
2. Deceit
3. Hypocrisy
4. Envy
5. Slander

Why did Peter list these specific sins?

- They make it impossible to “fervently love one another from the heart” (1 Pet 1:22)
- They are representative, not exhaustive (cf. Heb 12:1; Rom 13:12; Eph 4:22; Jas 1:21)

3. How do I grow spiritually?

Verse 2: “... long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation...”

- The word is pure (2 Tim 3:16; Ps 12:6; Jn 17:17; Mt 24:35)
- The word is nourishing food for the soul (Mt 4:4)

4. What does spiritual maturity look like?

Verse 2: "... so that by it you may **grow in respect to salvation...**"

5. What should I do if I don't want to grow up?

Verse 3: "...if you have **tasted the kindness of the Lord.**"

Remember God's grace and goodness in your life... his faithfulness and love... his patience and salvation! (Ps 34:8, 119:103)

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you define spiritual maturity?
2. How much would you say you are growing in Christ right now: a lot... a little... or not at all?
What are some of the main things that keep you from growing more?
3. How does the word of God cause us to grow spiritually?
4. Brainstorm some ideas for improving your daily devotions and enjoying more time in the word.
5. What main lesson or action item are you going to take away from this message?