Christians Grow

Daniel Lee · Psalm 1:1–4

INTRODUCTION

- The blessed man is the man who's growing. The righteous man is the one who's deeply rooted, firmly established.
- God wants us to be people that flourish, that bear fruit. He wants us to be deeply rooted like a tree by a stream of water. God wants us to grow.
- Christians grow. God's people ever increase. They're moving onward and upward. We grow in what we know. We grow in what we do.

1 Raised to Your Highest Level

Matthew 5:48

- Jesus says, you therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
- This word for perfect is a word that means mature or raised to your highest level.
- Just as our Heavenly Father exists at his highest level. We must strive to exist at our highest level.
- We need to be constantly improving, constantly moving upward and onward to better things.

2 Grow in Grace and Knowledge

2 Peter 3:9–11; 2 Peter 3:14; 2 Peter 3:18

- Since all of these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness.
- But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- We need to trust God more and more every day as we saturate our thinking with his word.
- We forget that we're not putting down roots here on this earth. We're putting down roots in heaven.

3 Christians Grow in Influence and Impact

Luke 13:18–19; Luke 13:6–9; Luke 8

- It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree.
- If the rule and reign and power and authority of Christ is growing, should not we as citizens of the kingdom be growing also?
- God doesn't just want us to grow. There's an expectation from God that when he plants his word in our hearts, there's an expectation that we grow.
- We need to provide a place for God's word to grow in our hearts.

4 Christians Grow in Humility

Luke 17; Philippians 2:9–10

- We have to believe that the word of God is going to change us when we plant it in our hearts.
- We need to be humble and let the word of God do what it's supposed to do in our lives.
- Spiritual growth begins when I realize it's not about my strength. It's not about my significance.
- If we're going to grow, we need to take our cues from Jesus Christ, who humbled himself in the form of a man and died.

5 Christians Grow in Selflessness

Philippians 2:3; John 12:24–25

- Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others as more significant than yourselves.
- Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.
- Growth happens when we lose our life for the purposes of God.
- What he's calling us to do is to die to ourselves. It's not about me.

6 Christians Grow in Reliance

John 15:1–8

- I am the vine. You are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit. For apart from me, you can do nothing.
- Growth is not possible without a connection to Jesus Christ.
- Jesus is the source of all Christian growth and accomplishment.

THE CHALLENGE

Cultivate your heart for growth. Let's be people who grow.

MY NOTES