

Exploring Spiritual Growth

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2 Peter 1 Common English Bible (CEB)
From Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ. To those who received a faith equal to ours through the justice of our God and savior Jesus Christ. 2 May you have more and more grace and peace through the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. 3 By his divine power the Lord has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the knowledge of the one who called us by his own honor and glory. 4 Through his honor and glory he has given us his precious and wonderful promises, that you may share the divine nature and escape from the world's immorality that sinful craving produces. 5 This is why you must make every effort to add moral excellence to your faith; and to moral excellence, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, endurance; and to endurance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, affection for others; and to affection for others, love. 8 If all these are yours and they are growing in you, they'll keep you from becoming inactive and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 Whoever lacks these things is shortsighted and blind, forgetting that they were cleansed from their past sins. 10 Therefore, brothers and sisters, be eager to confirm your call and election. Do this and you will never ever be lost. 11 In this way you will receive a rich welcome into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

1. Everyone can and should experience spiritual growth.

2 Peter 1:1 Simeon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ:
To those who have received a faith equal to ours through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Peter experienced some of history's most incredible moments, yet he makes the extraordinary statement that the same faith God gave to him, is available to everyone!

2. So how do you experience growth?

2 Peter 1:3 "His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us"

2 Peter 1:5 "make every effort to supplement (add) your faith"

God has given us EVERYTHING we need to grow and we should do everything we can to nurture the work of His Spirit in us!

3. Growth takes time!

2 Peter 1:2 "May you have more and more grace and peace"

2 Peter 1:8 "possess these qualities in increasing measure"

Most people want a magic bullet. When they hear Christianity helps you grow and changes your life, people say, "That's for me." We have a couple of problems. One is, we live in a very impatient culture. Look at how impatient you are with your phone when it takes 10 seconds instead of the normal 5 seconds to download the thing you want. "What's going on here?" We are really impatient.

-Tim Keller, sermon: 1 Peter 1:1-9 December 5, 2010

4. Who is your "Peter"?

2 Peter 1:13&15 I think it's right that I keep stirring up your memory... 15 I'm eager for you always to remember these things...

We all need people in our lives who love God and love us enough to challenge us and encourage us.

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