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THEME

❖ GROWING IN SPIRITUAL MATURITY II

SCOPE

- INTRODUCTION
- STAGES IN GROWTH
- THE NEW NATURE (*WHAT IT REQUIRES*)
- CONCLUSION
- MEMORY VERSE

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- 1 John 2:12-14 (*stages in spiritual growth; to be studied in details later*)
- Romans 6 (*the new and old nature*)
- 2Peter 1:3-9; 2 Peter 1:3 Amp version
- Hebrews 5:7-10

INTRODUCTION

- God is spirit. By His mercy, God gave us the new birth (*born again, spiritual birth*) through His Word (*Jesus Christ*) (1Pet 1:3)
- God has made provisions for all His children to grow and become spiritually mature. (2Pet1:3-9)

STAGES OF GROWTH

- INFANTS
- CHILDHOOD
- ADULTHOOD
- MATURE

STAGES OF GROWTH

- At conversion, every Christian begins the process of spiritual growth, with the intent to becoming spiritually mature.

STAGES OF GROWTH

- Drastic reordering of priorities, changing from pleasing self to pleasing God and learning to obey God.
- Consistency, Perseverance in doing what we know will bring us closer to God.

THE NEW NATURE (*WHAT IT REQUIRES*)

- Training (1Tim 4:8) (*trials and challenges in life make us skillful to distinguish good between good and evil*)
- Knowledge (Eph 1:17) (*awareness, enlightenment, wisdom, revelation, illumination etc*)
- Faith and Endurance (Heb 10:36; James 1:3 NLT)

THE NEW NATURE (*WHAT IT REQUIRES*).....
SOME SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

- Bible Reading/Study, Meditation
- Prayer
- Fellowship
- Service, Stewardship etc

CONCLUSION

- Spiritual growth is NOT measured by external performance, but by an inner transformation of our hearts. This inner transformation is caused by God.

MEMORY VERSE

- Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you
- James 4:8a