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**NEEDFUL**





# THE NEED TO GROW

- A. There is a need for me to grow as an individual. (2 Peter 3:18)
  - 1. Spiritual growth necessitates nourishment. (1 Peter 2:2; John 8:32; 17:3; 1 Peter 3:15)
  - 2. I must develop an appetite for spiritual food. (Matthew 5:6; 2 Thessalonians 2:10; Matthew 4:4)
  - 3. Spiritual growth requires exercise. (2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 17:11; Luke 6:46-49; James 1:22-225; Hebrews 5:12-14)





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## B. Principles for successful Bible study.

1. Be willing to work. (2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 17:11)
2. Trust in the word of God. (2 Corinthians 4:3-4; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Psalm 119:42)
3. Show reverence for the word. (Luke 4:4; Revelation 22:18-19)
4. Expect delight. (Psalm 1:2; 119:162)
5. Love the word. (Psalm 119:97, 113, 159, 167)
6. Desire to understand the word. (Matthew 5:6; Psalm 19:7, 10)





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7. Shun perversions of the word. (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12; 1 Timothy 6:3-5; 2 Timothy 2:14-16)
8. Let prayer be the foundation of your study. (James 1:5)
9. Have a spirit of expectancy. (Ephesians 3:3-4; 2 Timothy 3:14-17)
10. Desire to be obedient. (Psalm 119:33-34; James 1:22-25)





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- C. There is a need for numerical growth of the church by converting sinners. (**Proverbs 11:30; Acts 20:26-27**)
1. Disciples teaching others is God's method. (**Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; 2 Timothy 2:2**)
  2. Several attitudes essential to being a "soul-winner" for Jesus:
    - a. Desire above all to serve God. (**John 15:8**)
    - b. Realize the great need to save souls. (**Matthew 16:26; James 5:19-20; Revelation 21:8; 1 Timothy 4:16; Ezekiel 3:18-21**)





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    - c. Develop love for others that places them before yourself. (**Philippians 2:3-8; Matthew 22:39**)
    - d. Develop a sacrificial attitude toward the work. (**1 Corinthians 9:22**)
    - e. Adorn yourself with a Christ-like spirit of humility. (**Galatians 6:1; 1 Peter 5:5b-6; 3:15**)





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3. How can evangelism be done? (**cf. John 4:3-42**)

a. Take advantage of opportunities and prepare and look for them. (**John 4:5-9**)

b. Find a way to interest your prospect by discussing something of interest to them. (**John 4:10-15**)

c. Be honest and never compromise the truth. (**John 4:16-26**)





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d. Make teaching God's word and saving souls your passion in life. (**John 4:27-38**)

e. These attitudes, actions, and efforts will be blessed by the Lord with results in personal salvation, and the salvation of those who listen to you. (**John 4:39-42; 1 Timothy 4:16**)

