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- I Have a Desire to Grow:
 - If I have become a Christian, then there should be a desire to grow. **1 Pet. 2:1-3**
 - Jesus has promised to fulfill our desire to grow. **Matt. 5:6**
 - God has given me what is necessary for my growth.
2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2:15; Eph. 4:11-12

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- **My Thoughts Are More Spiritual:**
 - **The way I think sets the course of my life.**
Prov. 23:7a
 - **The mind is where righteousness or wickedness comes from.**
Prov. 4:23; Mk.7:20-23
 - **The great need to set our minds on spiritual things.** **Rom. 8:5-8** (cf. **Phil. 4:8**)

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- **My Speech Is More Graceful:**
 - The way I speak reveals my spiritual condition. **Matt. 12:33-37**
 - Do my words provide refreshment to those who hear me? **Col. 4:5-6**
 - Much prayer is warranted in this area. **Jas. 3:2ff; Eph. 6:19-20**

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- **My Behavior Is Godlier:**
 - Faith that is not lived is not faith.
Jas. 2:14-17, 18
 - We cannot simply claim fellowship with God. **Matt. 7:21**
 - Christianity is a life lived *daily*.
Rom. 12:1ff cf. Rom. 8:12-13

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- How Can I Know I'm Growing?
 - I desire to grow.
 - My thoughts are more spiritual.
 - My speech is more graceful.
 - My life or conduct is more like Christ.