

**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:**

- ✓ I will memorize **Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)**
- ✓ I will accept Christ for the first time
- ✓ I will join the New Life church family
- ✓ I will sign up for the next baptism

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# Developing Spiritual Growth

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**WHAT SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS NOT**

- **BEING SPIRITUAL DOES NOT MEAN I LOSE**

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Against such things there is no law.*  
**Galatians 5:22 23 (NIV)**

- **BEING SPIRITUAL IS NOT** \_\_\_\_\_

*"You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right."*  
**Hebrews 5:12-13 (NLT)**

## WHAT IS SPIRITUAL GROWTH?

- **GROWING SPIRITUALLY IS A \_\_\_\_\_**  
(The sanctification process)

"You have been raised to life with Christ, so set your hearts on the things that are in heaven, where Christ sits on his throne at the right-hand side of God. Keep your minds fixed on things there, not on things here on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Your real life is Christ and when he appears, then you too will appear with him and share his glory! You must put to death, then, the earthly desires at work in you, such as sexual immorality, indecency, lust, evil passions, and greed (for greed is a form of idolatry). Because of such things God's anger will come upon those who do not obey him. At one time you yourselves used to live according to such desires, when your life was dominated by them. But now you must get rid of all these things: anger, passion, and hateful feelings. No insults or obscene talk must ever come from your lips. Do not lie to one another, for you have taken off the old self with its habits and have put on the new self. This is the new being which God, its Creator, is constantly renewing in his own image, in order to bring you to a full knowledge of himself." **Colossians 3:1–10 (GNB)**

"But continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory, now and forever! Amen." **2 Peter 3:18 (GNB)**

## 4 SPIRITUAL HABITS OF A DISCIPLE

### 1. THE HABIT OF TIME IN GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." **John 8:31–32 (NIV)**

### 2. THE HABIT OF \_\_\_\_\_

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." **John 15:7–8 (NIV)**

### 3. THE HABIT OF \_\_\_\_\_

"In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples." **Luke 14:33 (NIV)**

"...The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always **put God first** in your lives." **Deuteronomy 14:23 (LB)**

### 4. THE HABIT OF \_\_\_\_\_ WITH OTHERS

"And so I am giving a new commandment to you now—love each other just as much as I love you. Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are my disciples." **John 13:34–35 (LB)**

"A habit is an established disposition of the \_\_\_\_\_."

**"Sow a thought, reap an act.**

**Sow an act, reap a habit.**

**Sow a habit, reap a character.**

**Sow a character, reap a destiny."**