



2 Peter 3:18 (ESV) But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ . . .

God's Will Is For Us To Grow . . .

**MENTALLY . . . We Grow Wiser.
EMOTIONALLY . . . We Grow Stronger.
SPIRITUALLY . . . We Grow Purer.**

WHAT KEEPS US FROM GROWING: SIN.

The Truth About Sin . . .

Sin Complicates, Damages And Ultimately Destroys Our Lives. So RUN From It.

1 John 2:1a (NLT) My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin.

Jesus Is The ANSWER For Sin.

1 John 2:1b-2 (NLT) But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. ² He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

Obedience Is The Truest Test Of Our FAITH.

1 John 2:3-6 (NLT) And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. ⁴ If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. ⁵ But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. ⁶ Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

How Do We Prepare . . .

EXAMINE Our Own Hearts.

1 Corinthians 11:28 (NLT) That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup.

REPAIR Strained Relationships.

1 Corinthians 11:18-22 (NLT) First, I hear that there are divisions among you when you meet as a church, and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹ But, of course, there must be divisions among you so that you who have God’s approval will be recognized! ²⁰ When you meet together, you are not really interested in the Lord’s Supper. ²¹ For some of you hurry to eat your own meal without sharing with others. As a result, some go hungry while others get drunk. ²² What? Don’t you have your own homes for eating and drinking? Or do you really want to disgrace God’s church and shame the poor? What am I supposed to say? Do you want me to praise you? Well, I certainly will not praise you for this!

Focus On The CROSS.

1 Corinthians 11:23-25 (NLT) For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread ²⁴ and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.” ²⁵ In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember me as often as you drink it.”

Proclaim JESUS IS ALIVE And Is Lord.

1 Corinthians 11:26 (NLT) For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord’s death until he comes again.