

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH

SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS GOD'S JOURNEY FOR THE BELIEVER



GROW IN RELATIONSHIP

Effective leaders continuously grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ by fellowship with Him and spending time in His Word.
(see [Romans 8:14-17](#))



GROW IN UNDERSTANDING

Effective leaders grow in the understanding of their lost and sinful condition apart from the work of Christ. This drives them to worship and service.
(see [Job 40:6-14](#))



GROW IN OBEDIENCE

Effective leaders constantly strive to remove sin from their lives, replacing it with an ever-growing desire to serve Jesus.
(see [Hebrews 12:1-2](#) / [1 Peter 1:13-16](#))



GROW IN GOD'S WORD

Effective leaders are immersed and filled with God's Word daily to renew their minds and keep their hearts focused on serving Jesus.
(see [2 Timothy 2:15](#) / [Psalm 19:7-11](#))



GROW IN THE CHURCH

Effective leaders grow in the family of God, the church, by being in relationship with brothers and sisters in Christ and serving in ministry together.
(see [Ephesians 4:4-16](#))



GROW IN BOLDNESS

Effective leaders step out in faith and grow in boldness as they share the gospel with lost people who need Jesus.
(see [Acts 4:13-14](#))



EPHESIANS 2:10

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

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FAILURE IS THE ABSENCE OF OBEDIENCE



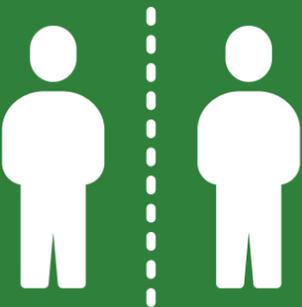
SINS OF COMMISSION

Believers fail to grow spiritually when they consciously choose to act in any way that does not pursue holy living.
(see [James 1:14-15](#))



SINS OF OMISSION

Believers fail to grow spiritually when they allow cares and pursuits of a non-eternal nature to dominate their time, resources, and focus.
(see [James 4:17](#))



IMPACT OF SIN

The impact of sin in the life of the believer is that it causes a wedge of separation between them and God. It also grieves the Holy Spirit.
(see [Isaiah 59:1-3](#) / [1 John 2:4a](#))



CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

The heart that sins repeatedly, without conviction or repentance, proves that it is a heart which is not being sanctified by God.
(see [Hebrews 10:26-31](#) / [1 Corinthians 6:9-10](#))



HEBREWS 10:26-31

"For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

MATTHEW 5:3-6, 8

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

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REPENTANCE IS THE ANTIDOTE FOR FAILURE



CONVICTION

Believers overcome failure by being sensitive to the conviction of the Holy Spirit in their heart after they fail in sin.
(They are poor in spirit)



BROKENESS

Believers who are truly convicted will be broken over the sin in their life and the reality of what it cost Jesus on the cross to cover that sin.
(Blessed are those who mourn)



HUMILITY

Believers who are broken over their sin will have a correct and humble perspective of their position before God, which will lead them to repentance.
(Blessed are the meek)



ADMISSION

From a humble position, the believer will crave forgiveness so that they can be restored to a right relationship with God.
(Blessed are those who hunger for righteousness)



RESTORATION

Believers who cry out to God in humble repentance will be restored to full fellowship by God through the work of Christ on the Cross.
(Blessed are the pure in heart)

DEFINITIONS

Sanctification

Secular: The state of being set apart to a sacred purpose or to religious use; to free from sin; to make productive of holiness or piety.

Biblical: The process or result of being made holy; to be set apart by God for holy use; to be in the process of being freed from sin.