

The right ATTITUDES to grow in Christ

The attitudes necessary to pursue Christ, Philippians 3:15-16

Introduction:

1 Thessalonians 5:16 *Rejoice always; 17 pray without ceasing;*

18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4 *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!*

James 1:2 *Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials*

15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; 16 however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.

#1 D _____ - never become _____ 15a

15a *Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude;*

1 Peter 1:4 *an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you*

ONE = Growth is an innate DESIRE

Philippians 1:6 *For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus*

TWO = Growth is a biblical MANDATE

2 Peter 1:8 *For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;*

#2 **D** _____ - never become _____

15b

15b *and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you*

Philippians 4:9 *The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, ...*

#3 **D** _____ - never become _____

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16 *however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.*

James 1:22 *prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.*

Hebrews 12:14 *Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.*

Conclusion:

Galatians 6:9 *Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.*

Philippians 1:6 *For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.*

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-Why do we find it difficult to 'count it all joy' during a hard time in life?
- 2-What are some things we can do in the midst of our trials to fight for joy?
- 3-What does it mean to be discerning? What are ways you become more discerning?
- 4-What scriptures instruct you on the importance of attitudes for a Christian? What should we learn from each?
- 5-How do we know whether we are teachable or not? Would those who know you best say you are 'teachable'?
- 6-What steps will you take to adjust your attitude so that you might intensify your growth in Christ?

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