

Accelerating Our Spiritual Growth

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Ephesians 4:14,15 (NLT) Then we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different or because someone has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth. Instead, we will hold to the truth in love, becoming more and more in every way like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

What Jesus came to do is not just save us from our sins, but also to show us how to live.

I Thessalonians 4:1 (NLT) Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You are doing this already, and we encourage you to do so more and more.

A. There are a lot of myths about spiritual growth:

1. Spiritual growth is automatic.
2. Spiritual growth can be instant.
3. Spiritual growth happens by just attending church.
4. We can attain spiritual growth by ourselves.
5. Spiritual growth can be measured by how much we know.

B. Facts about spiritual growth:

1. Spiritual growth is a choice.
2. Spiritual growth is a gradual process.
3. Spiritual growth happens by developing habits.
4. We can't experience spiritual growth without others.
5. Spiritual growth is measured by beliefs and behavior.

Conclusion:

Spiritual growth is intentional.

We grow by making commitments.