

Growth of a Child of God ...

1Pt 2:1 “Therefore, **PUTTING ASIDE** all malice and all deceit and ^{hypocrisy} and envy and all slander, **2** like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may **GROW** in respect to salvation, **3** **if** you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.”

since/because

*Change of life style—“putting aside”—“grow”... **SHOULD** be our concern.*

Why? ...

Gratitude and love! “**THEREFORE...IF** you have tasted...” **1:18-23**

2Co 5:13-15 “**LOVE OF CHRIST compels us**” (NKJV) (NAS95 “controls”)

HOW to grow as a Child of God ...

★ FOOD

1Pt 2:2 “long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow ...”

- the WORD 2Tim 3:16 (soc. media; movies; utube; bks ?)
- PURE milk of the word ...” 2Ti 2:15 (know how? effort?)
- LONG for ... Ps 19:7-11 (time? diligence ...words, cntxt?)

Personal study ... Bible classes ...
Sermons ... Meetings ...

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★ EXERCISE

Heb 5:14 “whom the faculties having been exercised through habit” KJ3

- v12 “by this time”
- lack of exercise (v14) >>> “dull in understanding” NRSV; “poor listeners” NAS20 (v11)

“because of practice have their senses trained” NAS95

“have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice” ESV

Read, read, read ... look up words, exam. sentence struc. ...
word threads ... make notes ... tools for study ...

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★ ENVIRONMENT

Eph 2:2-3; 1Co 5:6; 15:33; Pro 13:20

To deny the power of associations with others is to deny God's Word!

Be AWARE ... be SELECTIVE ...STAND FIRM ...

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★ CLEANLINESS

Moral cleanliness - Eph 4:20-24...v25f

Legal cleanliness - Justification, Forgiveness Ro 3:23-25

How does this promote growth, bearing fruit?

Psa 51:12-15; 1Tim 1:12-16

Are you clean?

Rom 6:4...17-18

You can STAY clean!

1Jn 1:5-7; 2:1-2