## JUMP STARTING your spiritual growth

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"We are <u>not meant to remain as children</u> at the mercy of every chance wind of teaching... But we are meant to hold firmly to the truth in love, and to <u>grow up in every way into Christ</u> the head." Ephesians 4:14 (Ph)

"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account..." Hebrews 13:17 (NASB)

"Shepherd, nurture, guard and guide the flock of God that He has entrusted to your responsibility." 1 Peter 5:2

MYTHS FACT

Growth is automatic Is a choice

Can be instant A gradual process

By attending church By developing habits

Can attain it by yourself Can't grow without others

Measured by beliefs Beliefs & behavior

How you act at church How you act at home & world

LAWS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS
" <u>Our tools</u> are ready at hand for clearing the ground and <u>building lives of obedience into maturity</u> until finally we all believeand <u>become full-grown</u> in the Lord to the point of being filled full with Christ." Ephesians 4:13 (LB)
2. SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS
"our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like him." 2 Corinthians 3:18 (MSG)
3. SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS
"Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves." 2 Corinthians 13:5 (NRSV)
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"Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more" Hebrews 10:24-25 (TEV)
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"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in m body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for $(NIV)$	
WHAT IS YOUR CUSTOMIZED GROWTH PLAN?	
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"Our greatest wish and prayer is that you will become mature Christians."	
	2 Corinthians 13:9 (LB)