

GROW GODLY Character

Godly Character Traits

1 Cor 13:1-13; Gal 5:22-23; Eph 4:31-5:4; Col 3:8-14; 2 Pet 1:3-11; 1 Tim 2:2-12; Jam 3:2-12

Grow Your Thoughts

1. Bible knowledge – 2 Pet 1:5; 1 Tim 3:9
2. Meditation (memorization) – Deut 30:14; Josh 1:8; Psa 1:1-3; Rom 12:1-2
3. Think about: true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent & praiseworthy things – Phil 4:8

Grow Your Emotions & Attitudes

1. Love (feel) – Gal 5:22; Rom 5:5
2. Joy – Gal 5:22; Rom 15:13
3. Gratitude – Col 3:16
4. Peace – Gal 5:22; Phil 4:5-7
5. Hope – 1 Cor 13:5; Rom 5:5; 15:13
6. Contentment – Phil 4:11-12; 1 Tim 6:6; Heb 13:5

Grow Your Speech

1. Not malicious talkers or gossips – 1 Tim 3:11
2. Not quarrelsome – 1 Tim 3:3; 2 Tim 2:24
3. Not slanderous – Col 3:8; Eph 4:31
4. No foul language – Col 3:8; Eph 5:4
5. No complaining – Phi 2:14
6. Not boastful – 1 Cor 13:4
7. Not harsh – Prov 15:1
8. No foolish talk or coarse joking – Eph 5:4
9. No arguing – Phi 2:14
10. Honesty & integrity – Lev 19:11
11. Soft answers or responses – Prov 15:1
12. Edifying, gracious words – Col 4:6; Eph 4:29

Grow Your Behaviors

1. Sexual purity – Col 3:5; Eph 5:3; Job 31:1
2. Patience – Gal 5:22; 1 Cor 13:4; Col 3:12
3. Kindness – Gal 5:22; 2 Pet 1:7; 1 Cor 13:4; Col 3:12; Eph 4:32
4. Goodness – Gal 5:22; 2 Pet 1:5
5. Faithfulness – Gal 5:22
6. Gentleness – Gal 5:23; Col 3:12
7. Compassion – Col 3:12; Eph 4:32
8. Humility – Col 3:12
9. Forgiving – Col 3:13; Eph 4:32
10. Boldness – Phil 1:14; 2 Cor 3:12
11. Courage – 1 Cor 16:13; 2 Cor 5:6,8; Josh 1:9
12. Self-control – Gal 5:23; 2 Pet 1:6; 1 Tim 3:2
13. Love (people) – 2 Pet 1:7; Col 3:13
14. Anger/rage – 1 Cor 13:5; Col 3:8; Eph 4:31
15. Self-discipline – 2 Tim 1:7
16. Perseverance – 2 Pet 1:6
17. Not envious – 1 Cor 13:4
18. Not proud – 1 Cor 13:4
19. Not rude – 1 Cor 13:5
20. Not self-seeking – 1 Cor 13:5
21. Does not keep record of wrong – 1 Cor 13:5
22. Always protects – 1 Cor 13:6
23. Always trusts – 1 Cor 13:6
24. Hospitable – 1 Tim 3:2
25. Temperate – 1 Tim 3:2
26. No drunkenness – 1 Tim 3:3,8
27. Not a lover of money; dishonest gain; greedy – 1 Tim 3:3,8; Eph 5:3

Reasons to Grow Godly Character

1. Character makes us fruitful in this lifetime
2. Character affects the outcome of our prayers
3. Character keeps us from falling from the faith
4. Character qualifies us for ministry
5. Character helps us win the war against the devil
6. Character reveals Christ to others
7. Character determines our heavenly reward

Steps to Initiate Godly Character Growth

1. Choose a character trait
2. Pray daily for that trait
3. Identify a time you failed, and listen in prayer for practical steps
4. Learn & memorize Scripture about your trait
5. Tell someone and ask for their prayers
6. Be filled with the Holy Spirit
7. Receive inner healing (if applicable)
8. Confess any bitterness or offense (if applicable)
9. Continue to renew your mind, by meditating (memorize) on eternal things
10. Keep in step with the Spirit (stop & choose correctly)

Steps to Character Growth in Trials & Suffering

1. Worship God, knowing He is working all things out for your good
2. Go to Him daily for comfort & strength to carry on
3. Set your eyes on eternity through meditation (memorizing)
4. Ask God to reveal what His purpose(s) in this are
5. Pray daily for that character trait
6. Confess any bitterness or offense
7. Receive inner healing
8. Tell someone & ask for their prayers
9. Be filled with the Holy Spirit
10. Learn & memorize Scripture about your trait
11. Keep in step with the Spirit (stop & choose correctly)

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