

We Need to Grow Spiritually

2 Peter 3:18

The following teach us how to grow Spiritually:

A. We will have to pray more.

1. Ps. 55:17
2. I Thess. 5:17
3. James 5:16

B. We will have to read the Bible more.

1. II Tim. 2:15
2. Rev. 1:3

C. We will have to give more.

1. Mal 3:8
2. 1 Cor 16:2

D. We will have to resist temptation more.

We need to follow Jesus example in:
Matthew 4:1-10

E. 2 Peter 1:5-7 tells us how to do this.

We begin with faith. Faith alone is not enough, we must next add virtue. Faith must find its expression in character. Character demands knowledge. We must know what is right and wrong. Notice that faith is in the heart, character in the life, knowledge in the head. Growth must be outward as well as inward. So the apostle Peter adds self-control. Children do not grow steadily, but we must grow steadily and never stop growing. This is steadfastness. Such steps will lead us to godliness and brotherly affection and love.