

# *The Call to Grow*

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We should not attempt to direct  
our own lives.  
Instead we should yield to  
Jesus' leading and direction.



PRAY

# Recap of what we have covered

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1. Vision – to be an IDMC of Effective Priests and Kings
2. The Call to Worship – to spend time with God
3. The Call to Fish – to win the lost
4. The Call to Pray – to connect with God
5. The Call to Surrender – to give in to God
6. The Call to Grow – to grow towards Christlikeness
7. The Call to Service
8. The Call to Abide



## Goal of our growth - Christlikeness

Eph 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; <sup>2</sup> and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

1 Cor 11:1

Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.






## Goal of our growth – Christlikeness

2 Cor 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Luke 6:40

A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.





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## **Bible Reading/Studying**

### **1. Observation**

– Lord, help me to see

### **2. Interpretation**

– Lord, help me to understand

### **3. Application**

– Lord, help me to live



# 2 Peter

## 2 Peter 1:5-8

<sup>5</sup> Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply **moral excellence**, and in your moral excellence, **knowledge**,

<sup>6</sup> and in your knowledge, **self-control**, and in your self-control, **perseverance**, and in your perseverance, **godliness**,<sup>7</sup> and in your godliness, **brotherly kindness**, and in your brotherly kindness, **love**.

<sup>8</sup> For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 2 Peter 1:9-11

<sup>9</sup> For he who lacks **these qualities** is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you **practise these things**, you will **never stumble**; <sup>11</sup> for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.



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## ***Conditions*** for growth:

### **Diligence**

- Evaluation
- Feedback
- Modelling
- Coaching
- Doing

<sup>4</sup> For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

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### **Faith**

- Brings us into the family of God
- The foundation of all other qualities in the Christian life

***Qualities*** of a growing Christian:  
**A relationship with GOD**

01

## **Moral excellence**

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- Goodness, good quality of any kind; a gracious act of God, 1 Pet. 2:9; 2 Pet. 1:3; virtue, uprightness, Phil. 4:8; 2 Pet. 1:5
- Virtue



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02

## **Knowledge**

- Knowledge of an especial kind and relatively high character
- Particularly in respect of Christian enlightenment, Rom. 15:14; 1 Cor. 8:10; 12:8; 2 Cor. 11:6, et al.
- Spiritual knowledge which comes through the Holy Spirit and is focused on the person and Word of God.

***Qualities*** of a growing Christian:  
**The relationship with SELF**

03

## **Self-control**

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- Have one's passion under control
- Moves weakness and imparts strengths
- Encourage endurance

**Qualities of a growing Christian:**  
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04

## **Perseverance**

- Patient endurance; patient awaiting; a patient frame of mind, patience perseverance,
- Endurance in adherence to an object,
- Enduring of affliction, etc., the act of suffering, undergoing, etc.,  
2 Cor. 1:6; 6:4



***Qualities* of a growing Christian:**  
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05

## **Godliness**

- Piety, man's obligation of reverence towards God
- Showing practical awareness of God in every aspect of your existence
- Don't fall for temptations

***Qualities* of a growing Christian:**  
**Relationships with BELIEVERS**

06

## **Brotherly kindness**

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- Concern for the needs of fellow believers
- Kindness, generosity, courteousness
- To be sanctified by godliness

# ***Qualities* of a growing Christian:** **Relationships with EVERYONE**

07

## **Love**

- Desiring the highest good for others
- John 3:16, Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:9-11: Similar to the love that God exhibits towards sinners



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<i>Moral Excellence</i>	<i>Virtue</i>	<i>Virtue</i>	<i>Goodness</i>	<i>Goodness</i>
Knowledge	Knowledge	Knowledge	Knowledge	Knowledge
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Godliness	Godliness	Godliness	Godliness	Godliness
<i>Brotherly Kindness</i>	<i>Brotherly Kindness</i>	<i>Brotherly Affection</i>	<i>Mutual Affection</i>	<i>Brotherly Affection</i>
Love	Love	Love	Love	Love

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- Faith
- Moral excellence
- Knowledge

## *Relationship with self*

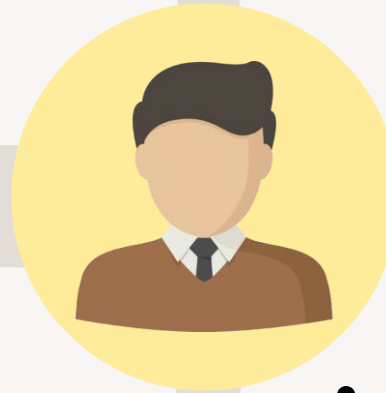
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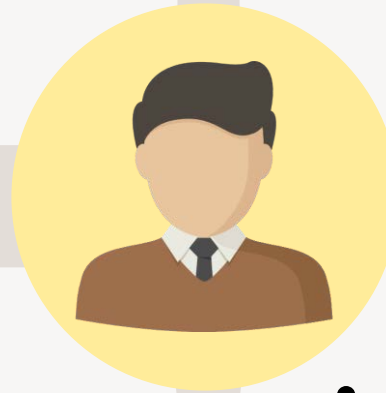
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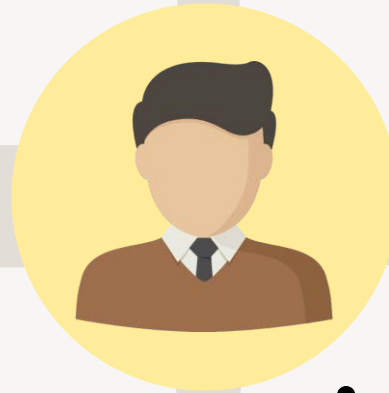
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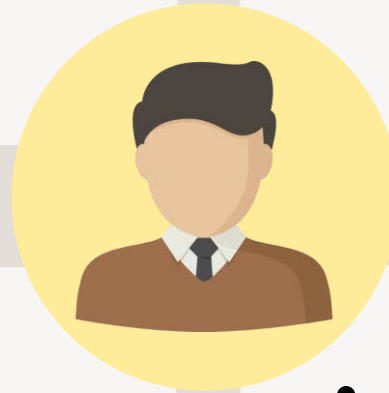
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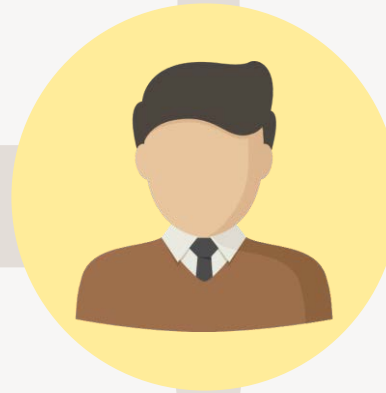
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# FROM OBSERVATION TO INTERPRETATION



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4

**SHEPHERD  
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1 Jn 2:12-13

I am writing to you, little children, ... 13 I am writing to you, fathers, ... I am writing to you, young men,

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# THE BBTCIAN JOURNEY OF A DISCIPLE

**STAGE** New Believers & Seekers

**1 START HERE**

Growing Believers & New

**2 SETTLE HERE**

Maturing Believers

**3 SERVE HERE**

Potential Leaders

**4 SHEPHERD HERE**

**SPIRITUALITY** Growing in Intimacy with God

**KICKSTART**

Your Personal Spiritual Walk

**GROW**

Your Personal Spiritual Walk

**SERVE OUT OF**

A Vibrant Spiritual Walk

**LEAD OUT OF**

A Consistent Spiritual Walk

**STUDY** (Growing in Knowledge, Understand & Wisdom)

**FIRST STEPS**

NDT: 7/2, 4/7, 31/10

Baptism: 9/4, 20/8, 25/12

**NEXT STEPS**

GDT: 16/2, 20/7

(7 Sessions)

**FURTHER STEPS**

13/4, 14/9

(7 Sessions)

**LEADERS' TRAINING**

SPT: 18 & 25/3, 19 & 26/8

CLT: 29/4 & 6/5, 21 & 28/10

**SINKING IN ROOTS** (Growing in BBTC Body-Life)

**ENTRANT**

Newcomers' Lunch

**EXPLORING**

Find a Cell Group

**ENGAGED**

Serve in your Cell Group

**EQUIPPED**

Be an SPT, ACGL, CGL

**INTERESTED? EMAIL**  
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**SERVE** (Giving back to God)

**RECEIVE MINISTRY**

**JOIN A MINISTRY**

**LEAD A MINISTRY**

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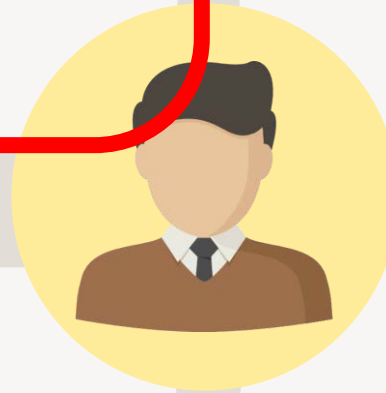
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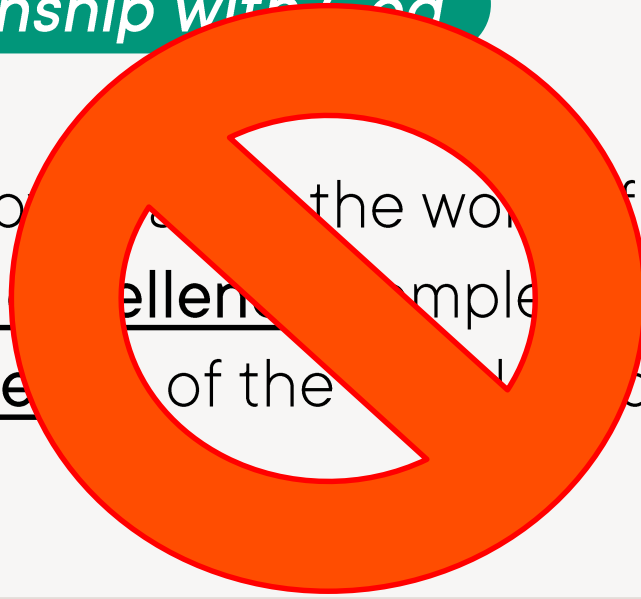
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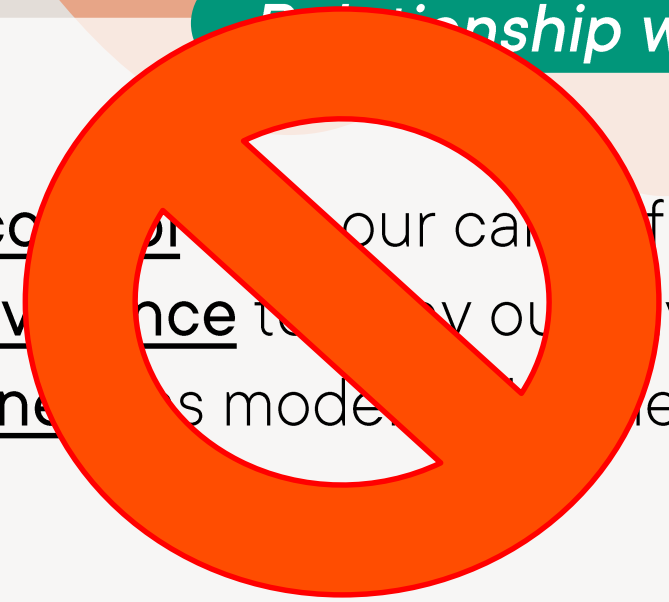
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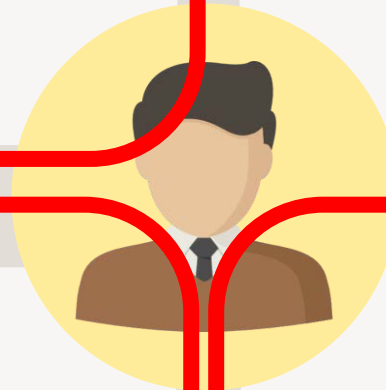


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Heb 5:12-14 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.<sup>13</sup> For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.<sup>14</sup> But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.



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## towards love and Christlikeness

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- Be more like Jesus and less like the world



**Eros**  
sensual or romantic love



**Storge**  
familial love



**Philia**  
brotherly love that unites believers



**Agape**  
God's love for humankind



## Myths about Agape Love

1. Love is about being nice.
2. Love means I must like the person.
3. Love is about feeling warm and fuzzy.
4. Love is ...

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## Application

1. Set aside 4 hours weekly to grow yourself, *e.g. reading the Word, prayer time, Altar (T/P/W).*
2. Begin from the inside out *e.g. my relationship with God & self.*
3. Do acts of kindness *e.g. to my "enemies".*



**Battleships are designed for battle.  
Christians are designed for Christ.**







### VERSE 1

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

### VERSE 2

Turn your eyes to the hillside  
Where justice and mercy embraced  
There the Son of God gave His life for us  
And our measureless debt was erased

### CHORUS

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes  
Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

### VERSE 3

Turn your eyes to the morning  
And see Christ the Lion awake  
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone  
For we carry His life in our veins

### VERSE 4

Turn your eyes to the heavens  
Our King will return for His own  
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout,  
'All glory to Jesus alone!'