

Driven by Purpose
How We Grow Spiritually

Ephesians 4:15

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FIVE COMMON TYPES OF CHURCHES:

1. Soul Winning Church: **DECISIONS**
2. Experiencing God Church: **WORSHIP**
3. Family Reunion Church: **FELLOWSHIP**
4. Bible Classroom Church: **KNOWLEDGE**
5. Social Conscience Church: **ACTIVISTS**

Jesus wants us to be a **Disciple-Making CHURCH**

Ephesians 4 ¹⁵ God wants us to grow up...like Christ in everything. (MSG)

WHAT ARE THE COMMON MYTHS ABOUT SPIRITUAL GROWTH?

1. Spiritual growth is **AUTOMATIC**.

Truth = Spiritual growth is **INTENTIONAL**.

1 Timothy 4 ⁷ Discipline yourself for the purpose of Godliness. (NASB)

2 Peter 3 ¹⁸ Continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (GNT)

We grow by making and keeping **COMMITMENTS**.

Titus 2 ¹⁴ He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds. (NLT)

2. I can grow by **MYSELF**.

Truth = Spiritual growth is **RELATIONAL**.

Ephesians 4 ¹⁶ He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. (NLT)

Titus 2 ¹ Tell believers to live the kind of life that goes along with accurate teachings. (GW)

3. Growth is measured by **KNOWLEDGE**.

1 Corinthians 8 ¹ Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. (CSB)

Truth = Spiritual growth can be **MEASURED**.

***James 1** ²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. (CSB)*

4. Growth can be **QUICK**.

Truth = Spiritual growth is **INCREMENTAL**.

***Matthew 16** ²⁴ If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. (NLT)*

***1 Peter 2** ²¹ This is the kind of life you've been invited into, the kind of life Christ lived. He suffered everything that came his way so you would know that it could be done, and also know how to do it, step-by-step. (MSG)*

Action Step:

COMMIT TO A DAILY QUIET TIME WITH GOD