

Main Point: Spiritual growth happens when we stop _____ what God is _____ on our hearts.

For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation. - 2 Corinthians 6:2 (NLT)

Point #1: We _____ faithfully in every circumstance.

Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. - 2 Timothy 4:2 (NLT)

"Wherever Paul went there was either a riot or revival." - Vance Havner

Point #2: We _____ with integrity before we _____ with authority.

Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world. - 1 Peter 2:12 (NLT)

And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching. Teach the truth so that your teaching can't be criticized. Then those who oppose us will be ashamed and have nothing bad to say about us. - Titus 2:7-8 (NLT)

"Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning. Earning is an attitude; effort is an action." - Dallas Willard

And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. - John 16:8 (NLT)

Our lives need to preach these qualities:

1. Righteousness – How we _____ before _____.
2. Self-Control – How we _____ before _____.
3. Judgement – How we will _____ to _____.

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. - 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. - Romans 3:21-22 (NLT)

Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. - Romans 5:7-9 (NLT)

So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. - Romans 5:21 (NLT)

A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls. - Proverbs 25:28 (NLT)

Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful. - 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (NLT)

Point #3: We _____ on conviction instead of _____ obedience.

For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead." - Acts 17:31 (NLT)

Don't brag about tomorrow, since you don't know what the day will bring. - Proverbs 27:1 (NLT)

In addition, the Father judges no one. Instead, he has given the Son absolute authority to judge, - John 5:22 (NLT)

And he ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. - Acts 10:42 (NLT)

For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body. - 2 Corinthians 5:10 (NLT)

Spiritual growth happens when we stop postponing what God is pressing on our hearts.