

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

2 Peter 3:17 You already know these things, dear friends. So be on guard; then you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing.

18 Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen.

Four Models Of How People Grow

The _____ Model

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We Must Begin With Doctrine

2 Corinthians 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.

19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

God Is The _____

John 1:1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He existed in the beginning with God.

3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.

4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.

God Made Us For _____

Genesis 2:18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

God Is The _____

Genesis 2:15 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.

16 But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—

17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

Roles Of God - Roles Of People

God's Role - To Be The Source Or _____

Our Role - Depend On The _____

God's Role - Be In _____

Our Role - Yield To God's Control Of The World - Control _____

God's Role - The _____ Of Life

Our Role - _____ Life

God's Role - Make The _____

Our Role - _____ The Rules

Reversing the Order

Ephesians 2:1 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins.

Ephesians 4:18 Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him.

They Became _____ From The Source

Isaiah 53:6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.

They Lost Their _____

Colossians 1:21 This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.

They _____ The Structure And Order

They Reversed _____

Isaiah 53:5 But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

Redemption Puts Us Back Into _____ Relationships

Mark 12:29 Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. 30 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' 31 The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

Redemption Is Also A Surrender To God As _____

Romans 7:5 When we were controlled by our old nature, sinful desires were at work within us, and the law aroused these evil desires that produced a harvest of sinful deeds, resulting in death.

6 But now we have been released from the law, for we died to it and are no longer captive to its power. Now we can serve God, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way of living in the Spirit.