



I Peter 2:1-3 Four Steps in Christian Growth

The first two steps are our doing, the second two are God's doing.

1. Lay Aside. *Wherefore laying aside.*

- a. Malice – anger and hatred towards people. *all malice*
- b. Guile – deceiving and lying to people. *and all guile*
- c. Hypocrisies – putting on an act in front of people. *and hypocrisies*
- d. Envy – wanting what people have. *and envies*
- e. Evil speakings – criticizing and talking about people. *and all evil speakings*

→ All of these pertain to your interaction with people.

→ You will not grow spiritually until you decide to be right with other people.

2. Desire.

- a. Choose to pursue your spiritual appetites. *As newborn babes desire*
- b. Seek God's truth. *the sincere*
- c. Stay hungry for the basics. *milk*
- d. Be rooted in the Scriptures. *of the word*

3. Grow. *that ye may grow thereby*

→ God will see to it that a consistent Scriptural diet will produce spiritual growth.

4. Taste. *If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious*

→ We taste the grace of God in the growing that results from feeding on the Word.

→ The person who feeds on the Word will not be disappointed.

God never utters any opinion, what He says is truth.

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