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HOW TO GROW MORE LIKE JESUS

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9 WAYS TO GROW MORE LIKE CHRIST

1 Peter 3:8-12 (CSB) 8 Finally, all of you be like-minded and sympathetic, love one another, and be compassionate and humble, 9 not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult but, on the contrary, giving a blessing, since you were called for this, so that you may inherit a blessing. 10 For the one who wants to love life and to see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit, 11 and let him turn away from evil and do what is good. Let him seek peace and pursue it, 12 because the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do what is evil.

8. _____.

Be morally _____.

4 Ways to Grow in Holiness

- a. Don't keep any _____ of your life from God. (1 Pt 1:15-16)
- b. Don't tolerate any _____ in your life. (2 Cor 7:1)
- c. Don't compare your holiness to _____, but to Christ. (Eph 5:1)
- d. Don't _____ the consequences of holiness. (Acts 3:19-20)

9. _____.

Matthew 5:9 (CSB) "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."

Hebrews 12:14a (CSB) "Pursue peace with everyone...."

Romans 12:18 (CSB) "If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

Exodus 21:23-25 (CSB) "23 If there is an injury, then you must give life for life, 24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25 burn for burn, bruise for bruise, wound for wound."

Matthew 5:38-39 (CSB) "You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. 39 But I tell you, don't resist an evildoer." That word "resist" doesn't mean don't protect yourself; it means literally "don't set yourself against; don't retaliate; don't try to get even."

As my next step today I want to:

(Life is a series of next steps. What's yours?)

- Return next week to Church Acadiana and learn more.
- Invite a friend to come with me next week.
- Trust in Christ as my Savior and King for the first time.
- Sign up for the next Baptism Party.
- Attend the next Newcomer's Lunch.
- I commit to fasting for Easter.
- If you are a first time guest, how did you hear about us?

I'd like more info about:

- I would like a personal call from the pastor.
- I would like a personal visit from the pastor.
- Home Groups.
- Church Acadiana's weekly Email Newsletter.
- Baptism.
- Newcomer's Lunch.

How can we pray for you? _____

Welcome to Church Acadiana!

We're excited that you are here today. The worship experience will begin with music because we love Jesus and like to sing songs of praise to Him. We hope you enjoy it -- you're welcome to sing along or just listen. Then Pastor Andy Manning will lead us in Bible study. Please take a few moments to fill out the **Connection Card**, introducing yourself to us and informing us of how we can better serve you. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the worship experience.

New Here?

Church Acadiana is probably different from the churches you've visited in the past. **Our mission** is to help people far from God become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. But it is **our vision** that sets us apart. Our focus is on reaching the next generation by equipping parents to disciple their kids. **We are family-integrated** — that means we keep families together and teach parents how to disciple their kids at home. **We keep it simple** — we just do three things — Sunday worship, Home Group, and volunteer. On **Sundays** you'll experience verse-by-verse Bible teaching and passionate praise music. And our **Home Groups** are small groups of people who meet weekly for prayer, fellowship, and deeper study of Sunday's sermon. If you're looking for a loving church family that will help you and your family grow to maturity in Christ, then look no further.

Upcoming Events

Home Group The winter Home Group quarter has just begun. Go online to find the right group for you! Newcomers are always welcome.

Baptism March 4. Baptism is the first step of Christian obedience. Have you been baptized as a believer? Sign up on your Connection Card and we will contact you with more information.

Marriage Retreat March 9-10. Join Pastor Andy and Lydia for the annual marriage retreat at Acadian Baptist Center in Eunice. Go to ABCCamp.com to register today!

Palm Sunday Picnic Sunday, March 25. Meet us at Foster Park in Youngsville after church for burgers, an Easter egg hunt, relay games, and fellowship with church family!

You can find out more about Church Acadiana by visiting our website at www.ChurchAcadiana.com.

Want to take notes?

How to Grow More Like Jesus — Week 3
1 Peter 3:8-12



2 Peter 3:18 (CSB) "but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

1 John 2:6 (NLT) "Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did."

3 WAYS TO IMITATE JESUS

1. Your character: How you _____.

Philippians 2:5 "Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus."

2. Your conduct: How you _____.

1 Peter 2:21-22 (CSB) "21 For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 22 He did not commit sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

3. Your convictions: How you _____.

John 14:6 (CSB) "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

4 WARNINGS ABOUT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. Christianity is a _____ with Jesus, not a bunch of rules and rituals.

2. Spiritual growth is only possible through the power of the _____.

3. Spiritual growth can be a _____ process.

4. We pursue spiritual growth _____ God has saved us, not to convince God to save us.

My Key Takeaway

Connection Card

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Name _____ Change in contact info

Email (please print) _____

Address _____ Apt _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Best Contact Phone (_____) _____

Place this card in the offering basket as you leave.

1st -time guest
 2nd -time guest
 Regular Attendee
 Member

