

# Growing Up

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*Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we...may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—Ephesians 4:13, 15*

*The Bible talks about growing spiritually, physically, intellectually and relationally. As Christians, we are become more and more like Christ. Encountering Him is a sure way to grow. My weekly Immanuel sessions provide such encounters in the presence of a coach. This “church community” of two or three seems to intensify the encounter.*

Studies included in this article are: Grow From, Grow To; We Are To Grow; Jesus Grew; The Word of the Lord Grew; Others Grew; Israel Grew; Increase; Increased; Mature; Maturity; Matured; Babes; Carnal; Carnally; Natural Man; Examples of Immaturity

## Grow From, Grow To

Psalms 84:6-7 *As they* pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; *Each one* appears before God in Zion.

Romans 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from [faith to faith](#); as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from [glory to glory](#), just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

## We Are To Grow

Ecclesiastes 11:5 As you do not know what is the way of the wind, Or how **the bones grow** in the womb of her who is with child, So you do not know the works of God who makes everything.

Jeremiah 12:2 You have planted them, yes, they have taken root; They **grow**, yes, they **bear fruit**. You are near in their mouth But far from their mind.

Matthew 13:30 'Let both **grow together** until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Acts 13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas **grew bold** and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles."

Ephesians 4:12b-13 For the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come **to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.**

Ephesians 4:15 But, speaking the truth in love, may **grow up in all things into Him** who is the head—  
Christ—

Ephesians 4:16 From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes **growth of the body** for the edifying of itself in love.

Colossians 2:19 And not holding fast to the Head, from whom **all the body**, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, **grows with the increase that is from God.**

2 Peter 3:18 But **grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.** To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

## **Jesus Grew**

Isaiah 53:2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.

Jeremiah 33:15 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David A Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.'

Luke 2:40 And **the Child grew** and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

Luke 2:52 And **Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor** with God and men.

John 1:14 And **the Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

## **The Word of the Lord Grew**

Acts 12:24 But **the word of God grew and multiplied.**

Acts 19:20 So **the word of the Lord grew mightily** and prevailed.

## **Others Grew**

Genesis 21:8 So the child [**Ishmael**] **grew** and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the same day that Isaac was weaned.

Genesis 21:20 So God was with the lad [**Ishmael**]; and he **grew** and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

Genesis 25:27 So **the boys grew**. And **Esau** was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but **Jacob** was a mild man, dwelling in tents.

Exodus 2:10 And **the child grew**, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name **Moses**, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."

Luke 1:80 So the child [**John**] **grew** and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

### **Israel Grew and Multiplied**

Genesis 47:27 So Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions there and **grew and multiplied** exceedingly.

Exodus 1:7 But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, **multiplied and grew** exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.

Exodus 1:12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they **multiplied and grew**. And they were in dread of the children of Israel.

Exodus 1:20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people **multiplied and grew** very mighty.

### **Increase**

Proverbs 1:5 A wise *man* will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,

Proverbs 9:9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.

Isaiah 29:19 The humble also shall increase *their* joy in the LORD, And the poor among men shall rejoice In the Holy One of Israel.

Daniel 12:4 But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.

Hosea 4:10 For they shall eat, but not have enough; They shall commit harlotry, but not increase; Because they have ceased obeying the LORD.

Luke 17:5 And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

John 3:30 He must [increase](#), but I *must* decrease.

1 Corinthians 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the [increase](#).

1 Corinthians 3:7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the [increase](#).

2 Corinthians 9:10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and [increase](#) the fruits of your righteousness.

Colossians 2:19 And not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the [increase](#) *that is* from God.

1 Thessalonians 3:12 And may the Lord make you [increase](#) and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we *do* to you.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another, And indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you [increase](#) more and more.

## Increased

Isaiah 9:3 You have multiplied the nation *And* [increased](#) its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus [increased](#) in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Acts 9:22 But Saul [increased](#) all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this *Jesus* is the Christ.

Acts 16:5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and [increased](#) in number daily.

Romans 3:7 For if the truth of God has [increased](#) through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner?

2 Corinthians 10:15 Not boasting of things beyond measure, *that is*, in other men's labors, but having hope, *that* as your faith is [increased](#), we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere.

## Mature

1 Corinthians 2:6 However, we speak wisdom among those who are [mature](#), yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

1 Corinthians 14:20 Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be [mature](#).

Philippians 3:15 Therefore let us, as many as are [mature](#), have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

## Maturity

Luke 8:14 Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to [maturity](#).

## Matured

Ezekiel 16:7 I made you thrive like a plant in the field; and you grew, [matured](#), and became very beautiful. *Your* breasts were formed, your hair grew, but you *were* naked and bare.

## Babes

Psalms 8:2 Out of the mouth of [babes](#) and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

Psalms 17:14 With Your hand from men, O LORD, From men of the world *who have* their portion in *this* life, And whose belly You fill with Your hidden treasure. They are satisfied with children, And leave the rest of their *possession* for their [babes](#).

Isaiah 3:4 I will give children *to be* their princes, And [babes](#) shall rule over them.

Joel 2:16 Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing [babes](#); Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room.

Matthew 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and have revealed them to [babes](#)."

Matthew 21:16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of [babes](#) and nursing infants You have perfected praise?'"

Luke 10:21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and revealed them to [babes](#). Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

Romans 2:20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of [babes](#), having the form of knowledge and truth in the law.

1 Corinthians 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to [babes](#) in Christ.

1 Corinthians 14:20 Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be [babes](#), but in understanding be mature.

1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.

## Carnal

Romans 7:14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.

Romans 8:7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

1 Corinthians 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:3 For you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere* men?

1 Corinthians 3:4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I *am* of Apollos," are you not carnal?

2 Corinthians 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds.

## Carnally

Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

## Natural Man

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

## Examples of Immaturity

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 And I, brethren, **could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.** I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere* men?

Hebrews 5:13-14 For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* **unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.** But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

1 John 2:12-14 I write to you, **little children**, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. I write to you, **fathers**, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I write to you, **young men**, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, **little children**, Because you have known the Father. I have written to you, **fathers**, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I have

written to you, **young men**, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

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