
Abundant Life has Growth

Ephesians 4:11-32

The spiritual walk is not an isolated hour on the Lord's Day or the giant steps that are taken during events that are mountain top experiences. The spiritual walk that Christians take is an ongoing progression of life in Christ. Christ has given us abundant life and the Bible makes it clear that abundant life includes growth.

1. The goal is to _____ into Christ

Ephesians 4:11-16

- a) Leaders are supposed to build up the _____ of Christ (vs. 11-12)
- b) Christians are to attain _____ in the fullness of Christ (vs. 13)
- c) God's _____ and love are keys to our growth (vs. 15)
 - Jesus has a passion to see you _____.

2. The goal is to put on the _____

Ephesians 4:17-24

- a) Those who don't know God live in _____ (vs. 17-19)
- b) Christians must lay aside the _____, which is being corrupted with the lusts of deceit (vs. 22)
- c) Christians _____ the new self, which has been created in righteousness, holiness and truth (vs. 23-24)
 - Jesus has a passion to give you _____ life.

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3. The goal is to grow as _____ of one another

Ephesians 4:25-32

- a) We choose to speak the _____ and not lie (vs. 25)
- b) We experience anger but do not let anger dominate us (vs. 26-27)
- c) We _____ with others and do not steal (vs. 28)
- d) We use edification instead of unwholesome words (vs. 29-30)
- e) We choose to live in kindness instead of _____
We are tenderhearted instead of having wrath and anger
We are _____ instead of choosing clamor, slander and malice (vs. 31-32)
 - Jesus has a passion to _____ you to others in His body.

❖ Insight for life:

As a follower of Christ, I will _____ myself to the abundant life that Jesus died to give me.

John 10:10

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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1. The goal is to grow up into Christ

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- a) Leaders are supposed to build up the body of Christ (vs. 11-12)
- b) Christians are to attain maturity in the fullness of Christ (vs. 13)
- c) God's truth and love are keys to our growth (vs. 15)
 - Jesus has a passion to see you grow.

2. The goal is to put on the new self

Ephesians 4:17-24

- a) Those who don't know God live in futility (vs. 17-19)
- b) Christians must lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted with the lusts of deceit (vs. 22)
- c) Christians put on the new self, which has been created in righteousness, holiness and truth (vs. 23-24)
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3. The goal is to grow as members of one another

Ephesians 4:25-32

- a) We choose to speak the truth and not lie (vs. 25)
- b) We experience anger but do not let anger dominate us (vs. 26-27)
- c) We share with others and do not steal (vs. 28)
- d) We use edification instead of unwholesome words (vs. 29-30)
- e) We choose to live in kindness instead of bitterness
We are tenderhearted instead of having wrath and anger
We are forgiving instead of choosing clamor, slander and malice (vs. 31-32)
 - Jesus has a passion to connect you to others in His body.

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