

**"Et tu, Brute?"**

—Gaius Julius Caesar, Roman Emperor  
d. 44 B.C.

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**"My God. What's happened?"**

—Diana (Spencer), Princess of Wales  
d. August 31, 1997

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**"I am about to take my last voyage,  
a great leap in the dark."**

—Thomas Hobbes, writer, d. 1679

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**"This is the last of earth! I am content."**

—John Quincy Adams, U.S. President  
d. February 21, 1848

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**"Is it the Fourth?"**

—Thomas Jefferson, U.S. President  
d. July 4, 1826

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**"How were the receipts today at  
Madison Square Garden?"**

—P.T. Barnum, Entrepreneur, d. 1891

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"Go on, get out! Last words are for fools who haven't said enough."

—Karl Marx, Revolutionary, d. 1883

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"Lord, help my poor soul."

—Edgar Allan Poe, Writer  
d. October 7, 1849

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"Nothing matters. Nothing matters."

—Louis B. Mayer, Film Producer  
d. October 28, 1957

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"I am ready."

—Woodrow Wilson, U.S. President, d. 1924

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But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. —2 Peter 3:18

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<sup>8</sup>For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. —2 Peter 1:8-10

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Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have.

—2 Peter 1:12

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<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. <sup>15</sup>And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, <sup>16</sup>as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

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<sup>17</sup>You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. <sup>18</sup>But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

—2 Peter 3:14-18

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## Examine Growth Concepts

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### EXAMINE GROWTH CONCEPTS

1. Growth is necessary, but it is not automatic.

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2. Growth comes through exercise, not exposure.

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3. Growth can be painful, but it is profitable.

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4. Growth releases grace and glory through our lives.

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Evaluate Growth Inhibitors

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Establish Growth Indicators

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Self-Control Steadfastness  
Knowledge Godliness  
Virtue Love  
Brotherly Affection

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But seek first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness, and all these  
things will be added to you.

—Matthew 6:33

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<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure  
spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to  
salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the  
Lord is good. —1 Peter 2:2-3

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<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in  
heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go  
therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing  
them in the name of the Father and of the Son and  
of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that  
I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you  
always, to the end of the age." —Matthew 28:18-20

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"The holiest moment of the church service  
is the moment when God's people—  
strengthened by preaching—go out the  
church door to the world to be the Church.  
We don't go to church, we are the church."  
—Ernest T. Campbell

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...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. —**Hebrews 10:25**

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<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. —**Romans 12:3-5**

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<sup>2</sup>Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup>for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup>And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. <sup>5</sup>If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. —**James 1:2-5**

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**G**iving Faithfully, Cheerfully  
 and Generously

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<sup>6</sup>The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. —2 Corinthians 9:6-8

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"If there were a yardstick to measure  
 the spirit and you could record all the past,  
 I wonder what answer you'd find  
 to this question:  
 Are you taller this year than last?"

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