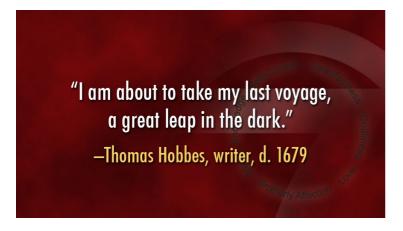
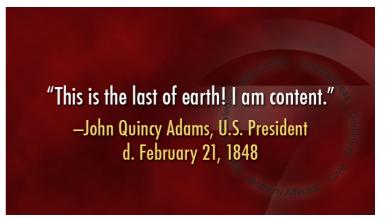


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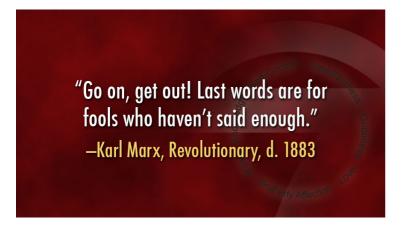
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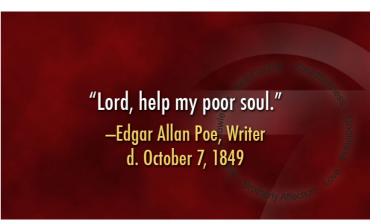


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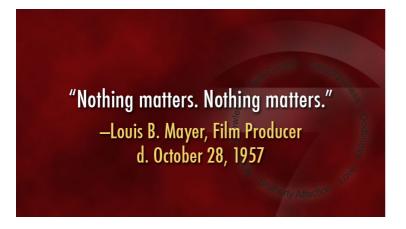
—P.T. Barnum, Entrepreneur, d. 1891

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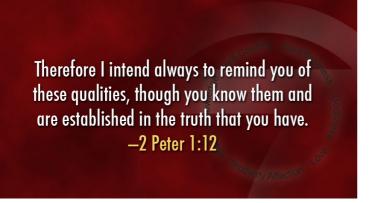


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But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. —2 Peter 3:18

<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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14Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. 15And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, 16 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

## **Examine Growth Concepts**

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### **EXAMINE GROWTH CONCEPTS**

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

### **EXAMINE GROWTH CONCEPTS**

2. Growth comes through exercise, not exposure.

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### **EXAMINE GROWTH CONCEPTS**

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

### **EXAMINE GROWTH CONCEPTS**

4. Growth releases grace and glory through our lives.

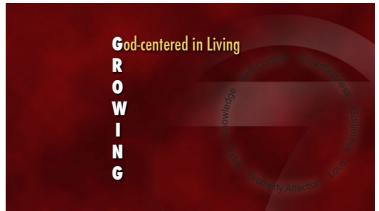
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## **Evaluate Growth Inhibitors**

# **Establish Growth Indicators**

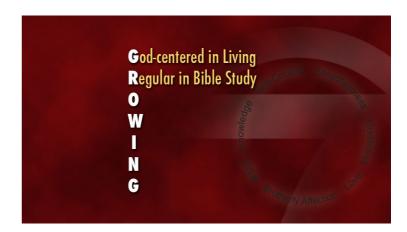
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But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. —Matthew 6:33



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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

"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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6The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8And 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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