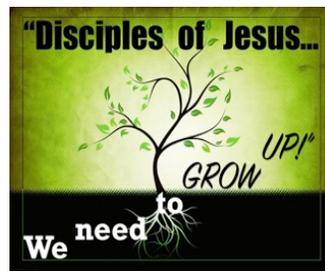


**“Disciples of Jesus ... We need to GROW UP!”**

**Part 4: “Bible Study ... food for the soul!”**

**II Timothy 3:14-17; Psalm 119:1-16**



Introduction: There is, within the soul of every human being, a hunger for knowledge, for truth, for answers ...

**I Corinthians 3:1-2:** “I fed you milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it” (vs. 2).

**Hebrews 5:11-14:** “Solid food is for the mature ...” (vs. 14).

The primary mission Jesus entrusted to His disciples, to His Church, was to make more disciples and to teach them everything He had commanded them.

***Our spiritual hunger for truth can only be satisfied by “eating” daily from the spiritual food of God’s Word.***

If you are going to “eat” regularly, you must be convinced that it is here that your spiritual hunger will be satisfied!

**I. Your spiritual life and growth begins with God’s Word ...**

Adam and Eve had one source for truth: GOD !!!

**II Timothy 3:1-5, 10-13:** “... while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived!” (vs. 13).

Anything and anyone opposed to God’s reign and God’s truth is, by God’s definition, EVIL !!

**II Timothy 3:14-15:** “... how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus” (vs. 15).

Mankind has no other source to satisfy our hunger for knowledge, for wisdom concerning the deeper things of life in this world.

**Hebrews 1:1-3:** “... God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son!” (vss. 1-2).

**II Timothy 3:16:** “ALL Scripture is breathed out by God ...”

**II Peter 1:21:** “No prophecy was every produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

**II. Your spiritual life and growth continues with God’s Word ...**

**II Timothy 3:14:** “... continue in what you have learned ...”

Spiritual growth and maturity is directly connected to your reading and studying and learning from God’s Word.

**Psalm 119:1-16 ...** God’s Word is the source of truth we need to build our life upon. (Matthew 7:24)

**Acts 17:10-11:** “... they received the Word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so!” (vs. 11).

God’s Word teaches us God’s will.

God uses reproof from His Word to get our attention!

Correction from God’s Word gets you back where you need to be.

“Righteousness” is the goal for life as a disciple of Jesus.

**Ephesians 4:20-24:** “... to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness” (vs. 24).

**III. Your spiritual life and growth “ends” with God’s Word ...**

We will have an ETERNAL need for God to speak to us!

**Revelation 21:1-4:** “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man ... God Himself will be with them as their God” (vs. 3).

In the new Jerusalem it is the voice of the Father, the voice of God, that we will hear and obey perfectly ... FOREVER!!!