

**“...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.”**

II Peter 3:18

Growing in Christ: The Goal...

**We are to grow in Christ-likeness,
being conformed to His character,
bearing fruit and
growing in good works**

Factors in Growing in Christ:

- Salvation!
- Scripture: Meaningful encounters with the Word of God!, Col. 3:16
- Abide in Christ, John 15:1-16
- Discipline Yourself Toward Godliness, I Timothy 4.
- Baptism.

Factors in Growing in Christ:

- “Latreia Living” ↔ “Worship-Service” Lifestyle
- Have Meaningful Encounters with One Another: Body-Life, Community; Serving and Being Served!
- “Mind-Control”

FOR EXAMPLE...

**WRONG
THOUGHTS:**

**“CAPTIVE”
THOUGHTS:**

“Nobody loves
me!”

“I’m not
important...I
don’t matter to
anyone!”

“I must have
(fill in the blank)

In order to be
happy.”

**“My situation is
hopeless!”**

“I...

and the world...

would be better

off if I was

dead!”

**“I just can not
change!”**

**“My wife/
husband/child/
parent/boss
will never
change.”**

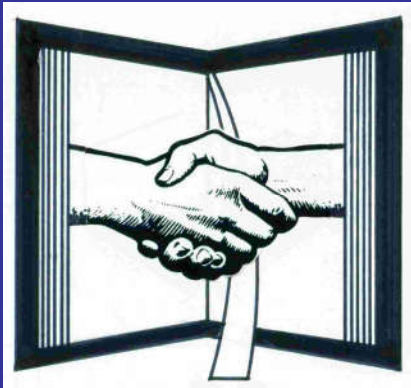
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captive
to the obedience of Christ,
Setting our minds
on things above, and
Dwelling on the things
that are true, honorable, right,
pure, lovely, etc.

Facing Temptation...

Overcoming and...Rebounding

- Temptation is universal! James 1:13,

Temptation to sin
will be a recurring reality
of life in this flesh,
and we grow when we
resist it,
and forgiveness is
available when we do not!



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