

Sermon Notes
Philippians 2:12-18

This week we took a look at how we can measure our attitude towards spiritual growth. All of us as believers in Jesus Christ desire to grow in Christ and have more of His life living in and through us, but rarely do we understand the metrics on whether or not we are growing. In Philippians 2:12-18, we learn what God sets forth as a standard for us to grow and learn that it is indeed possible to grow in our relationship with Christ if we posture ourselves correctly.

Please review the sermon notes below...

Our Attitude Towards Spiritual Growth
Philippians 2:12-18

When it comes to spiritual growth...

Start Cooperating (12-13)

Stop Complaining (14)

Step Courageously (15-16)

Sacrifice Cheerfully (17-18)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week, you can [watch it here](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group, now is a great time to get involved. Please go to our [online Small Group platform](#) to connect with a group that will work for you.

Questions

1. Who is responsible for our spiritual growth? What role do we play in our spiritual growth? What role does God play in our spiritual growth? How does our identity in Christ play a role in our growth with God?
2. Read the following verses (Psalm 51:17, James 4:6, 2 Corinthians 12:9) and discuss what attitudes bring God's help. Why is the way we position ourselves with God so important? How does pride hinder God's work in our lives?
3. What is God's desire in our personal growth (sanctification)? How active is God in the process?

4. What does it mean that we should “work out” our salvation rather than “work for” our salvation? How did the popcorn illustration describe what God is trying to get out of you?
5. Why does complaining hinder God’s work? How did Israel complain? How did God respond?
6. What are the areas that you are prone to grumble? What are the areas you are prone to dispute? Are you more likely to emotionally or intellectually complain? How can you invite the Holy Spirit into this area of your life?
7. Why are we called to step courageously? What do we mean when we say, “How is your walk with Jesus Christ?” What is different between a walk and standing still?
8. Where has God been asking you to take steps of obedience with Him? What is an area of your life that you haven’t been willing to step with God? Why have you not taken the steps He has wanted for you? What can you change so that you may begin to take steps again?
9. When Jesus made His sacrifice on the cross, what was His attitude? How can we learn to be more cheerful and sacrificial?
10. Where is an area that is aligned with your calling where you could serve in a greater capacity? How could serving Christ in His church bring you greater joy? What competes with your allegiance to give your best to God?