



*Ephesians 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*

**You must continually \_\_\_\_\_ in your personal \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ!**

As I was doing some reading and study on Spiritual growth, I came across an article that John MacArthur wrote. His points were very helpful to me so I am going to share them with you, and then we will expand upon them. He addressed some issues that we can often confuse with spiritual growth.

Spiritual Growth is not a matter of...

**1. Your \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.**

*2 Cor. 5: 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

**Application Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. How much God \_\_\_\_\_ you. (Romans 5,8)**

**Application Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. \_\_\_\_\_**

"Draw nigh to me, and I will draw nigh to you."

**Application Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ only.**

*1 Corinthians 8:1 "Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth."*

Your \_\_\_\_\_ can be full and your \_\_\_\_\_ can be empty!

**Application Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. \_\_\_\_\_**

*Matthew 7:22-23 - "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."*

**Application Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**6. \_\_\_\_\_.**

*In Psalm 73 - "3 For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked." ... "12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches."*

*Psalm 37:4-5 - 4 Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. 5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.*

**Application Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

God says that you are His child, you are a new creature, you've been given a new heart, no one can pluck you from His hand, you are valuable, you are righteous, you are a sinner saved by grace. That is your position as a believer in Jesus Christ. So the question now is: \_\_\_\_\_?