

Second Olivet Missionary Baptist Church



Are You
Growing?



8—PART WEDNESDAY SERIES FEATURING PASTOR CYRUS L. THORNTON

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God's Word challenges us
to grow. Spiritual growth
is not an option or a "nice
idea"—it is a
commandment.
2 Peter 3:17–18



Our lives in Christ are to
be lives of continual and
steady growth.



A failure to thrive will not bring about spiritual death or a loss of one's salvation, but it can produce a spiritual "deadenning"—which can result in a great loss of joy and a significant falling short of that person's potential and purpose in Christ Jesus.



Ten Signs of Spiritual Growth



Sign 1:
A Growing Hunger to
Know God



They desire to know Him as Lord—to know what it is that the Lord desires of them and for them, and to know the experience of the Lord's presence in their lives on a daily basis.



Sign 2:
A Desire to Know
God's Truth



The spiritually maturing
person will have an
increasing desire to know
the truth of God's Word.



To know the truth means to know the meaning of the Scriptures and to be able to make application of them to daily circumstances, situations, and relationships.



Sign 3:
A Greater Sensitivity
to
Sin and Evil



The Christian is a person who is called and enabled to develop a heightened discernment regarding what is pleasing to the Lord and what isn't.



The person who is maturing spiritually and entering into a more intimate relationship with the Lord is a person who will have an increasing desire to shun evil and to remove himself as far as possible from activities and situations that give rise to sin.



Sign 4:
A Decreasing Desire
for the
World's System



The more you "grow up" spiritually, the less desire you will have for material things and the greater your desire will be to invest and participate in those things that have the potential to win souls and bear eternal fruit.

