

Mini Series “Growing In Christ”
Just Don't Go Through The Motions Part 1
Philippians Ch. 2:12-13

Introduction:

Spiritual Growth – is the process of becoming more like Jesus Christ, by learning how to walk in obedience to God. It is making the choice to live by and grow in God's commandments rather than our fleshly desires.

I. Understanding the Ultimate Model v.12a

- a. Paul points back to Jesus' Model in verse 5-11
- b. Paul gave them Jesus' life as the pattern we are to follow in our own life.
- c. To be Christ like

II. Understanding We are Loved v.12b

- a. We need to always remember we are Loved by God
- b. Even when we stumble, fall, and fail in our Christian walk.
- c. There is a representation of Christ in Paul's words of Love.

III. The Importance of Obedience v.12c

- a. Obedience to the word of God should be the model of a spirit filled life. Eph 2:10
- b. We are called to obey Christ 1 Pet 1:2

IV. Obedience at All Times v.12d

- a. We are not to have environmental obedience or faith
- b. Our conduct should be worthy of the Gospel at all times Phil 1:27

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v.12e

- c. God blessed us with the Greatest Gift of Salvation
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- e. Remembering God chastises those He loves 1 John 4:18

V. Help in God's Person v.13a

- a. It is no body else but God who works in us
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VI. Help in God's Power v.13b

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Jn 15:5

VII. Help in God's Presence v.13c

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1 Cor 3:16-17

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IX. All For God's Pleasure v.13e

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