

HOW TO GROW

Nine Sermon Outlines



THE BEST NEWS EVER

Romans 8:1-17

Big Idea: God offers us freedom from condemnation and a new way to live.

1. God offers us freedom from condemnation. (8:1)
2. God offers us a new way to live. (8:2-17)



CREATED TO GROW

2 Peter 1:3-11

Big Idea: We grow by relying on what Jesus has given us and by taking steps to grow.

1. Jesus has divine power, and gives us everything we need to grow. (1:3-4)
2. Our role is to take small, consistent steps to grow. (1:5-11)



RETHINKING GROWTH

Matthew 22:34-40

Big Idea: The essence of growth is love for God and others.

1. It's easy to miss the point of growth. (22:34-35)
2. The essence of growth is love for God and others. (22:36-40)

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KNOW WHERE YOU ARE

2 Corinthians 13:1-10

Big Idea: Test yourself to know where you stand spiritually.

1. Examine yourself, not others. (13:5-6)
2. Leaders exist to help you know where you stand, and to help you to grow. (13:7-10)
3. Your spiritual condition matters! (13:1-4)



MASTER THE BASICS

Ephesians 3:14-21

Big Idea: Pray to grow in every dimension of your faith.

1. Pray that God strengthens you with power. (3:16-17a) — to know, worship, and obey
2. Pray that you understand the limitless dimensions of Jesus' love. (3:17b-19)
3. Pray this way because God is able and God is worthy.



HOW HABITS HELP YOU GROW

Deuteronomy 6:4-25

Big Idea: Grow by developing habits

1. God calls us to know and love him. (6:4-5)
2. We're in danger of forgetting God instead. (6:10-12)
3. Develop habits that help you know and love so you don't forget. (6:7-9)

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THREE CORE HABITS

Philippians 4:4-9

Big Idea: Stand firm through fellowship, prayer, and Scripture.

Stand firm! How?

1. Engage in fellowship. (4:2-5)
2. Engage in prayer. (4:6-7)
3. Engage in Scripture. (4:8-9)



PRACTICES TO PROPEL YOUR GROWTH

Colossians 3:12-17

Big Idea: Engage in practices that help you to grow.

1. Focus on what's above. (3:1-4)
2. Put away your old way of life. (3:5-11)
3. Engage in new practices. (3:12-27)



PURSUE GROWTH TOGETHER

2 Timothy 2:1-13

Big Idea: Build your life around the gospel.

1. Strengthen yourself in the gospel. (2:1)
2. Pass on the gospel. (2:2)
3. Suffer for the gospel. (2:3-7)