

The Gathering (Growing in God's Feedlot)

Hebrews 5:13-14 (NCV) (13) Anyone who lives on milk is still a baby and knows nothing about right teaching. **(14)** But solid food is for those who are grown up. They are mature enough to know the difference between good and evil.

How do I grow?

1. Have the right feed fed to us. (God's word)

2 Peter 1:20-21 (GW) (20) First, you must understand this: No prophecy in Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation. **(21)** No prophecy ever originated from humans. Instead, it was given by the Holy Spirit as humans spoke under God's direction

Psalm 119:105 (NLT) (105) Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Romans 15:4 (NCV) (4) Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us. The Scriptures give us patience and encouragement so that we can have hope.

Colossians 3:15-17 (MSG) (15-17) Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

2. Free of disease (sin)

John 8:34 (GW) (34) Jesus answered them, "I can guarantee this truth: Whoever lives a sinful life is a slave to sin.

Romans 6:11-14 (GW) (11) So consider yourselves dead to sin's power but living for God in the power Christ Jesus gives you. **(12)** Therefore, never let sin rule your physical body so that you obey its desires. **(13)** Never offer any part of your body to sin's power. No part of your body should ever be used to do any ungodly thing. Instead, offer yourselves to God as people who have come back from death and are now alive. Offer all the parts of your body to God. Use them to do everything that God approves of.

3. Be willing to Change (be Christ like)

Matthew 18:3 (NLT) (3) Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Ephesians 4:15 (MSG) God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.

James 1:2-4 (GW) (2) My brothers and sisters, be very happy when you are tested in different ways. **(3)** You know that such testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴Endure until your testing is over. Then you will be mature and complete, and you won't need anything.