

GROWING TOWARD *Spiritual* MATURITY

STUDY 1
HANDOUT A

Principles of Spiritual Growth

Look up each Bible verse and identify the missing word in the principle.

1. _____ is ultimately responsible for all spiritual growth.

Isaiah 61:11

1 Corinthians 3:7–9

1 Corinthians 15:10

Galatians 3:3

Ephesians 1:4

Philippians 1:6

2. Effort, diligence, and _____ are absolutely necessary for growth.

1 Corinthians 9:25–27

2 Peter 1:1–11

1 Timothy 4:7–8

Philippians 2:12–13

3. Spiritual growth _____ may not be easy to see at first.

1 Samuel 16:7

1 Corinthians 1:26–29

Matthew 13:29–32

4. Spiritual growth depends on an _____ relationship with Christ.

John 15:1–17

Galatians 5:22–23

5. Spiritual growth is primarily an _____ - _____ process.

Deuteronomy 6:4–6

Mark 4:1–20

6. Spiritual growth relates to _____ aspect of our lives.

Deuteronomy 6:5

Luke 2:52

Zechariah 7:9–10

Matthew 3:2,8

Matthew 23:34–40

Romans 12:1–2

7. Growth happens most _____ within a close social context.

Deuteronomy 6:6–9

Acts 2:42–47

Ephesians 4:11–16

8. Significant growth often occurs within the context of frustration, _____, or challenge.

2 Thessalonians 1:3–4

Romans 8:18–27

Philippians 1:29

Hebrews 5:8–9

Philippians 3:10–11

James 1:12

Memory Verse:

“His divine power has given us _____ we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.” (2 Peter 1:3)