

GROWING IN GRACE

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"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."
(2 Peter 3:18 NIV)

Five secrets to help you grow in grace...

I. QUIT _____ & START _____.

A. Understand, your best isn't _____
enough!

Galatians 5:4 You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from **grace**.

Galatians 3:3 Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?

B. Jesus is your _____ net!

Galatians 2:21 I do not set aside the **grace** of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!

II. DEVOTE YOURSELF TO _____.

A. God's word imparts **GRACE**

Acts 20:32 "Now I commit you to God and to the **word of his grace**, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

2Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the **knowledge** of God and of Jesus our Lord.
Romans 12:2-3

III. PERSEVERE IN PRAYER.

A. Grace comes from God: _____ for it!

Romans 1:7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: **Grace and peace** to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

B. Q: How _____ do you want grace?

Hebrews 4:16 Let us then approach the throne of **grace** with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find **grace** to help us in our time of need.

IV. PRACTICE HUMILITY.

A. Humility is a _____.

1Peter 5:5-6 Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with **humility** toward one another, because, "**God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.**"
6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

B. Humble _____...so God doesn't have to

James 4:6 But he gives us more **grace**. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives **grace** to the humble."

V. EMBRACE YOUR _____.

A. More _____ equals more grace?!?

Romans 5:20-6:2 The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, **grace** increased all the more, ²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also **grace** might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. ^{6:1} What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer

B. Much _____ = Much love.

Matt 18:23-25

Luke 7:47 "Therefore I tell you her many sins have been forgiven -- for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."