

TALK IT OVER

GROWING & GOING: GROWING INWARDLY

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Healthy things grow. This principle is evident in all of creation including plants, animals, and of course, human beings. Just as it is normal to grow physically, it is also normal to grow spiritually.

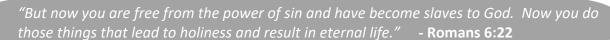
The moment we come to Christ, we are born again as babies in Christ. If we remain stagnant in our spiritual growth years after knowing Christ, that is a tragedy. Apostle Paul challenges us to sanctify ourselves in everything, just as God, our Father, is holy (1 Peter 1:15).

Holiness - living in a state of total devotion and obedience to God in ALL aspects of life.

2 Corinthians 7:1 commands us to strive for complete holiness. This may seem impossible, considering that we are imperfect beings. But God will never tell us to try to achieve something that is impossible to achieve. In our own powers, it is impossible, but God has given us the Holy Spirit, so that with HIS help, we can strive to live in complete holiness.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are the weak areas of your life that the enemy tempts you in (kryptonite)?
- 2. What is the only sin that affects both the spirit and the body? 1 Corinthians 6:18-19
- 3. What does Ap. Paul say we should do when tempted sexually? 1 Corinthians 6:18



Ezekiel 44: 11-18 tells us about two types of priesthoods. There are those (**Priesthood of Eli**) who, because they are not pursuing sanctification, they may be able to serve and attend church, but not minister to God (**v. 13**). But then there are those who do please God (**Zadok Priesthood**) and strive to sanctify themselves, and these, in turn, minister to God (**v.15**).

Encourage your group to be intentional about sanctifying themselves to the Lord each day. Model a prayer that they can pray each day, asking the Holy Spirit to help them walk in righteousness and holiness (but without legalism!). JTP Church, we belong to the SADOC PRIESTHOOD!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT STEPS COURSE MOTHER'S DAY @ JTP

May 2 (9am via Zoom or Live) May 9 (10am & 12pm)

