

1 Pt 2:1 *“that you may grow”*

Why?

- **Heb 5:12** *“by this time you OUGHT TO BE”*
- **2Co 5:14,15** *“LOVE OF CHRIST compels us”* (NKJV)
- **Eph 4:14,15** *“no longer...TOSSED HERE AND THERE”*

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Why NOT grow ... ?

- Not EXPECTED? **Mt 25:15,25,30**
- Not GRATEFUL? **Rom 12:1f...6**
- INVINCIBLE? **2Pt 3:17,18**

Warnings! Rev 2:4; 3:1-2; 3:16

● FOOD

1Pt 2:2 “*long for* the pure milk of the WORD, so that *by it* you may grow ...”

Col 1:9-12 “*be filled with* the KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL ... *so that* ... bearing fruit ... increasing ... being strengthened ... giving thanks...”

Personal study ... Bible classes ...
Sermons ... Meetings ...

● EXERCISE

Heb 5:14 “*have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice*” ESV

v12 “*by this time*”

v11 lack of exercise > “*dull in understanding*”
NRSV

Read, read, read ... look up words,
exam. sentence struc. ... word threads
... make notes ... tools for study ...

● ENVIRONMENT

Eph 2:2,3; 1Co 5:6; 15:33; Pro 13:20

To deny the power of associations with others is to deny God's Word!

1Co 5:10, in the "world," so ...

Be AWARE ... be SELECTIVE ...

STAND FIRM ...

Eph 5:6-11 ... 15-17; 1Pt 2:11,12

● CLEANLINESS

Eph 4:20-24...v25ff *Moral cleanliness*

Legal cleanliness, Justification, Forgiveness ... how does this promote fruit bearing?

Psa 51:12-14; 1Tim 1:12-15

2Co 5:14-15

Hope; Obligation of love!

Rom 6:17-18,22-23

Are you clean?