

Reward of Righteousness

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: 2 Peter 1:8, 11.

II. The Bible assumes that growth is the normal process for the Christian.

III. If we do not possess qualities for growth, we will not grow in our relationship with Jesus.

IV. We grow by...

A. Jesus' resources.

1. Through the Word and prayer. Prayer is the action.

2. Through fellowship with people that springs from fellowship with God (which also enhances our fellowship with people). (Ecclesiastes 4:9)

V. Rewards of growing in godliness.

A. We will gain more personal knowledge of Jesus. (Philippians 3:10; Psalm 27:4; 23; 42; 63:1-2; 1 Timothy 4:7-8)

B. We will receive a rich welcome. (1 Corinthians 3:15)

Application questions:

1. How do we grow?

2. Why should we grow?

3. What can you do to grow more? Be specific.
