

**Kingdom Keys  
to Walking in the Spirit  
You Do You**

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**How to grow up spiritually**

**1. Have your faith tested  
(resistance training)**

<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

JAMES 1:2-4

<sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 PETER 1:6-7

<sup>2</sup> through whom (Jesus) we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope.

ROMANS 5:2-4

Resist in the day of the evil - Ephesians 6:13

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you - James 4:7

(Submit to God and . . .)

Resist him, standing firm in the faith -1 Peter 5:9

(he prowls looking to devour)

Anything that seeks to drive distance between you and Jesus

Whatever makes you want to give up or shut down

Whatever focusses you away from the gospel

WHAT TO RESIST

## **2. Submit to Holy Spirit appointed leaders (ascension gifts)**

<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

EPHESIANS 4:11-13

<sup>7</sup> Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, <sup>8</sup> so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well . . . .<sup>11</sup> For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children,

1 THESSALONIANS 2:7-8, 11

## **3. Devote yourself (body life)**

<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who

EPHESIANS 4:14-16

is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

EPHESIANS 4:14-16

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give

ACTS 2:41-47

to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

ACTS 2:41-47

"We formerly rejoiced in uncleanness of life, but now love only chastity; before we used the magic arts, but now dedicate ourselves to the true and unbegotten God; before we loved money and possessions more than anything, but now we share what we have and to everyone who is in need; before we hated one

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another and killed one another and would not eat with those of another race, but now since the manifestation of Christ, we have come to a common life and pray for our enemies and try to win over those who hate us without just cause."

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Commit yourself to rejoicing in God through trials while resisting the devil

Submit yourself to godly leadership

- Devote yourself to fellowship, breaking bread, doctrine, prayer, church meetings