

What is it that every boy and girl wants to do?

A clue - eating will help this to happen.

Still, can't guess the answer?

They want to grow up! Why, you knew that.

Imagine 50 years from now and you are still the same size. That would be so sad.

GOD WANTS YOU TO GROW UP IN HIM

Did you know that God wants every Christian to grow up in the Lord? He does not want you to be a "baby" Christian all your life.

II Peter 3:18 says ". . . But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

God wants us to grow to love people like Jesus loved them and grow every day in what we know about Jesus.

Now our bodies will grow by eating food and exercising until

we get big like our parents.

THE BIBLE IS THE FOOD

But eating food and running will not help our soul to grow.

The Bible is to be the food for our soul. And the exercise we need will come in obeying what God tells us in the Bible.

Of course you won't actually eat the pages of your Bible, but you will read the Words in the Bible like you really want to know what they mean and how God wants you live in this world to please Him.

Then you will begin to try to memorize some verses (just like you memorize dates for school tests) so that you can think about what they say when you are taking a walk or riding your bike.

IT'S TIME FOR EXERCISE

The exercise that your soul needs will come when you begin to do what the Bible tells you to do.

Let me give you an example: The Bible says "Children obey

your parents in the Lord for this is right.” When you read this in the Bible, you say, “**This is a verse just for me.**” You could memorize it so you could think more about what it says, but you must then do what your parents tell you to do because that is what the Bible tells you to do.

YOU NEED CHURCH

Something else that will help your soul to grow is to go to church every Sunday. At church you will hear the Bible being taught, and you will meet other Christians trying to grow in the Lord.

PRAYER IS SO IMPORTANT

But there is something else that is very important if you are to grow in the Lord Jesus Christ. That other thing is prayer. We often think of prayer as just asking for things that we want, but you will need to ask God to help you understand the Bible (without God’s help, you will never understand it). And especially will you need God’s help if you are to do what the Bible tells you to do.

You’ve never prayed before?

God is waiting for every new Christian to begin asking (praying) for His help in doing right. So begin asking right now.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE QUESTIONS?

1. What does God want every Christian to do? G_____U_____
2. We are to grow to L_____ people like Jesus.
3. We also are to grow in what we K_____ about Jesus
4. What is the Christian’s food to grow up? The B_____.
5. Not only should we read the Bible, we should also M_____ verses in the Bible.
6. Where should a Christian go every Sunday? C_____
7. If you are going to understand the Bible & do what it says, you need to learn to P_____

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