The Holy Spirit's ministry of growth in the believer's life

Walk / or forward movement

It's one thing to have an opinion the word of God is valuable; but it's quite another to value the word of truth

Psalm 119:97 How love I your law! it is my meditation all the day.

learning to walk by means of the Spirit

#1. **The fleshy mind / carnal thinking:** is the forward thinking of the believer

Purifying our foundational knowledge

Isaiah 28:9-13 (NKJV)
9 Whom will He teach knowledge,
Whom will He make understand the message?
Those weaned from milk,
Those drawn from the breasts.
10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept,
Line upon line, line upon line,
Here a little, there a little.
11 For with stammering lips and another tongue
He will speak to this people,
12 To whom He said, "This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest,
And this is the refreshing"; yet they would not hear.
13 But the word of the LORD was to them precept upon precept, precept upon precept,
Line upon line, line upon line,
Here a little, there a little,
That they might go and fall backward, be broken, snared, and taken.

Examination of our foundation

Jesus said you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free (**knowledge**) (truth is what we as Jesus thinks - And only Christ, Truth) (Knowledge is what we think)

→ Man's knowledge base

→ **The development of our core beliefs**

In the intermediate accumulation of knowledge, we tend to build upon the foundation of knowledge which is our core belief system

→ **Faith**

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things which are not seen" Hebrews 11:3

"Without faith it is impossible to please God, because he who comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him" Hebrews 11:6

Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV) 1 I beseech you, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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#2. **The Word of truth: food that satisfies and strengthens the spiritual man**

Isaiah 55:1-3 (NKJV)
1 "Ho, everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters;And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.
2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in fatness.
3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul will live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, Even the sure mercies of David.

Proverbs 5:1-6 (NKJV)
1 My son, attend to my wisdom,
Incline your ear to my understanding,
2 That you may preserve discretion,
And your lips may keep knowledge.
3 For the lips of a harlot drip honey,
And her mouth is smoother than oil;
4 But her end is bitter as wormwood,
Sharp as a two-edged sword.
5 Her feet go down to death,
Her steps follow the path to Sheol;
6 Lest you ponder her path of life,
Her ways are unstable; you do not know them.

Proverbs 7:1-3 (NKJV)
1 My son, keep my words,
And treasure my commandments within you.
2 Keep my commandments and live,
And my teaching as the apple of your eye.
3 Bind them on your fingers,
Write them on the tablet of your heart.

Hebrews 5:12-14 (NKJV)
12 For when you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of God's word. You have become like people who need milk instead of solid food.
13 Anyone who still lives on milk is a baby and knows nothing about the teaching about righteousness.
14 But solid food is for those who are mature, who by constant use have their senses trained to discern both good and evil.

Ezekiel 3:1-3 (NKJV)
1 Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; Eat this scroll, and go speak to the house of Israel."
2 So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat this scroll.
3 And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you, and fill your stomach with this scroll." Then I did eat, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness.

Revelation 10:8 (NKJV)
8 Then I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me this little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

Galatians 3:1-5 (NKJV)
1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?
2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith?
3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?
4 Have you suffered so many things in vain, if indeed it was in vain?
5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Reading for overview

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Galatians 3:6 (NKJV) 6 Just as **Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."**

Romans 4:3 (NKJV) 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

Romans 4:9 (NKJV) 9 Is this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness.

Romans 4:22 (NKJV) 22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

Romans 4:23 (NKJV) 23 Now it was not for his sake alone that it was accounted to him,

Romans 4:24 (NKJV) 24 but also for us to whom it will be accounted, who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

Romans 4:25 (NKJV) 25 who was delivered for our offenses and was raised for our justification.

Galatians 3:7 (NKJV) 7 Therefore know that those who are of faith, these are the sons of Abraham.

Galatians 3:8 (NKJV) 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, beforehand preached the gospel to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all nations be blessed."

Galatians 3:9 (NKJV) 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

Galatians 3:10 (NKJV) 10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things written in the book of the law, to do them."

Galatians 3:11 (NKJV) 11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith."

Galatians 3:12 (NKJV) 12 Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them."

Galatians 3:13 (NKJV) 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"

Galatians 3:14 (NKJV) 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Galatians 3:15 (NKJV) 15 Brethren, I speak according to man: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet when it has been confirmed, no one makes void or adds to it.

Galatians 3:16 (NKJV) 16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

Galatians 3:17 (NKJV) 17 And this I say, that the covenant that was confirmed before God in Christ, the law which was four hundred and thirty years later, does not annul, so as to make the promise of no effect.

Galatians 3:18 (NKJV) 18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

Galatians 3:19 (NKJV) 19 What then is the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

Galatians 3:20 (NKJV) 20 Now a mediator is not for one, but God is one.

Galatians 3:21 (NKJV) 21 Is the law then against the promises of God? Let it not be! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, righteousness would indeed have been by the law.

Galatians 3:22 (NKJV) 22 But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Galatians 3:23 (NKJV) 23 But before faith came, we were held captive by the law, shut up to the faith which afterward was to be revealed.

Galatians 3:24 (NKJV) 24 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Galatians 3:25 (NKJV) 25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

Galatians 3:26 (NKJV) 26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:27 (NKJV) 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Galatians 3:28 (NKJV) 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:29 (NKJV) 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 4:1 (NKJV) 1 Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ from a slave though he is the owner of all,

Galatians 4:2 (NKJV) 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.

Galatians 4:3 (NKJV) 3 Even so we also, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.

Galatians 4:4 (NKJV) 4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

Galatians 4:5 (NKJV) 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Galatians 4:6 (NKJV) 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, "Abba, Father."

Galatians 4:7 (NKJV) 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Galatians 4:8 (NKJV) 8 But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods.

Galatians 4:9 (NKJV) 9 But now, after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and miserable elements, to which you desire again to be slaves?

Galatians 4:10 (NKJV) 10 You observe days and months and seasons and years.

Galatians 4:11 (NKJV) 11 I am afraid of you, lest I have labored for you in vain.

Galatians 4:12 (NKJV) 12 Brethren, I urge you to become like me, for I also have become like you. You have not injured me at all.

Galatians 4:13 (NKJV) 13 But you know that because of a bodily infirmity I preached the gospel to you at first.

Galatians 4:14 (NKJV) 14 And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise nor reject, but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.

Galatians 4:15 (NKJV) 15 Where then is the blessedness you spoke of? For I bear you witness that if it were possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and have given them to me.

Galatians 4:16 (NKJV) 16 Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

Galatians 4:17 (NKJV) 17 They zealously court you, but not for good; yes, they want to exclude you, that you may be zealous for them.

Galatians 4:18 (NKJV) 18 But it is good to be zealously courted in a good matter at all times, and not only when I am present with you.

Galatians 4:19 (NKJV) 19 My little children, for whom I labor again in birth until Christ is formed in you,

Galatians 4:20 (NKJV) 20 I desire to be present with you now and change my tone, for I stand in doubt of you.

Galatians 4:21 (NKJV) 21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?

Galatians 4:22 (NKJV) 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a bondwoman and one by a freewoman.

Galatians 4:23 (NKJV) 23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, but he who was of the freewoman was born through promise,

Galatians 4:24 (NKJV) 24 which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants, one from Mount Sinai, which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar.

Galatians 4:25 (NKJV) 25 For this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

Galatians 4:26 (NKJV) 26 But the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Galatians 4:27 (NKJV) 27 For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, you who do not bear! Break forth and cry, you who do not travail! For the desolate has many more than she who has a husband."

Galatians 4:28 (NKJV) 28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise.

Galatians 4:29 (NKJV) 29 But as then he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now.

Galatians 4:30 (NKJV) 30 Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman."

Galatians 4:31 (NKJV) 31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the freewoman.

Galatians 5:1 (NKJV) 1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

Galatians 5:2 (NKJV) 2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.

Galatians 5:3 (NKJV) 3 And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law.

Galatians 5:4 (NKJV) 4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who seek to be justified by the law; you have fallen from grace.

Galatians 5:5 (NKJV) 5 For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

Galatians 5:6 (NKJV) 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith which works through love.

Galatians 5:7 (NKJV) 7 You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?

Galatians 5:8 (NKJV) 8 This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you.

Galatians 5:9 (NKJV) 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

Galatians 5:10 (NKJV) 10 I have confidence in you through the Lord that you will be no otherwise minded; but he who troubles you will bear his judgment, whoever he may be.

Galatians 5:11 (NKJV) 11 And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased.

Galatians 5:12 (NKJV) 12 I wish they were even cut off who trouble you.

Galatians 5:13 (NKJV) 13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Galatians 5:14 (NKJV) 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:15 (NKJV) 15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

Galatians 5:16 (NKJV) 16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:17 (NKJV) 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

Galatians 5:18 (NKJV) 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Galatians 5:19 (NKJV) 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Galatians 5:20 (NKJV) 20 idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

Galatians 5:21 (NKJV) 21 envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I have told you in times past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:22 (NKJV) 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Galatians 5:23 (NKJV) 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:24 (NKJV) 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Galatians 5:25 (NKJV) 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:26 (NKJV) 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Galatians 6:1 (NKJV) 1 Brethren, if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

Galatians 6:2 (NKJV) 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:3 (NKJV) 3 For if anyone thinks himself something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

Galatians 6:4 (NKJV) 4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

Galatians 6:5 (NKJV) 5 For each shall bear his own burden.

Galatians 6:6 (NKJV) 6 Let him who teaches share in all good things with him who teaches.

Galatians 6:7 (NKJV) 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that will he also reap.

Galatians 6:8 (NKJV) 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Galatians 6:9 (NKJV) 9 And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we will reap if we do not lose heart.

Galatians 6:10 (NKJV) 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Galatians 6:11 (NKJV) 11 See what large letters I write to you with my own hand!

Galatians 6:12 (NKJV) 12 As many desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these compel you to be circumcised, lest they should be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

Galatians 6:13 (NKJV) 13 For even those who are circumcised do not keep the law themselves, but desire your circumcision that they may boast in your flesh.

Galatians 6:14 (NKJV) 14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6:15 (NKJV) 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creature.

Galatians 6:16 (NKJV) 16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

Galatians 6:17 (NKJV) 17 Henceforth let no man trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Galatians 6:18 (NKJV) 18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Romans 8:1 (NKJV) 1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:2 (NKJV) 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:3 (NKJV) 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin condemned sin in the flesh,

Romans 8:4 (NKJV) 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:5 (NKJV) 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

Romans 8:6 (NKJV) 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 8:7 (NKJV) 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can it be.

Romans 8:8 (NKJV) 8 So then those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:9 (NKJV) 9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

Romans 8:10 (NKJV) 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Romans 8:11 (NKJV) 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies by His Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8:12 (NKJV) 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, but not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

Romans 8:13 (NKJV) 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Romans 8:14 (NKJV) 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Romans 8:15 (NKJV) 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by which we cry out, "Abba, Father."

Romans 8:16 (NKJV) 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Romans 8:17 (NKJV) 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.

Romans 8:18 (NKJV) 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 8:19 (NKJV) 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Romans 8:20 (NKJV) 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;

Romans 8:21 (NKJV) 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God.

Romans 8:22 (NKJV) 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pains together until now.

Romans 8:23 (NKJV) 23 And not only that, but also we who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we himself groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

Romans 8:24 (NKJV) 24 For we were saved in this hope, that we might be saved. But hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he sees?

Romans 8:25 (NKJV) 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:26 (NKJV) 26 Likewise the Spirit also helps our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings too deep for words.

Romans 8:27 (NKJV) 27 And He who searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because He makes intercession for the saints according to God.

Romans 8:28 (NKJV) 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, who are the called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:29 (NKJV) 29 For those He foreknew He predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Romans 8:30 (NKJV) 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these also He called; whom He called, these also He justified; and whom He justified, these also He glorified.

Romans 8:31 (NKJV) 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:32 (NKJV) 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how shall He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Romans 8:33 (NKJV) 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Romans 8:34 (NKJV) 34 Who condemns? It is Christ who died, and also rose from the dead, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Romans 8:35 (NKJV) 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Romans 8:36 (NKJV) 36 As it is written: "For your sake we are killed all the day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

Romans 8:37 (NKJV) 37 Nevertheless in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Romans 8:38 (NKJV) 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

Romans 8:39 (NKJV) 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 9:1 (NKJV) 1 I tell the truth in Christ—I do not lie, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

Romans 9:2 (NKJV) 2 that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart.

Romans 9:3 (NKJV) 3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

Romans 9:4 (NKJV) 4 who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service, and the promises;

Romans 9:5 (NKJV) 5 of the fathers, from whom Christ came according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Romans 9:6 (NKJV) 6 But it is not as though the word of God has taken effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel,

Romans 9:7 (NKJV) 7 nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham, but "In Isaac your seed shall be called."

Romans 9:8 (NKJV) 8 That is, those who are children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.

Romans 9:9 (NKJV) 9 For this is the word of promise: "At this time I will come, and Sarah shall have a son."

Romans 9:10 (NKJV) 10 And not only that, but when Rebekah also conceived by one man, our father Isaac,

Romans 9:11 (NKJV) 11 for the children not yet born, nor have done good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls,

Romans 9:12 (NKJV) 12 it was not of them, it was not of works, it was not of them, it was not of works, it was not of them, it was not of works,