## LESSON 2 GROWING BY LEAPS & BOUNDS

All Christian growth is the direct result of a right relationship to God. Bible study, prayer life, church attendance, and witnessing all play a major part in our growing to maturity. As we are obedient and seek to know God's will, we will grow in our faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

## **READY TO GO!**

Begin with prayer. Ask God to give you wisdom as you study through this lesson (James 1:5). Remember that the Holy Spirit will lead you and guide you into all truth (John 16:13). This study is designed to help you develop your faith as a believer in Jesus Christ.

Before beginning your study please read the following passages of Scripture: John 15:1-11; John 16:1-14; Romans 12:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-32; Philippians 3:12-21; Colossians 3:1-17.

Answer the following questions using your own words (use extra paper if necessary).

I)	According to the passages you just read, what kind of life can you have as a born-again Christian?
2)	What is the Bible's definition of faith? (Hebrews 11:1-3)
3)	How can I grow in my faith? (Romans 10:17)
4)	What two facts must I believe for my faith to be pleasing to God? (Hebrews II:6)
5)	What do the following verses tell me in regards to living a victorious Christian life?
	Luke 9:23
	I John 2:6
	I John 2:15-17

6)	How often should we pray? (Philippians 4:6-7)
7)	Prayer is like oxygen; it will keep us from fainting spiritually! What lesson is Jesus trying to teach us from Luke 18:1-8?
8)	What else can I do to pray effectively? (Mark 11:25)
9)	Will my prayers always be answered immediately? (Hebrews 10:35-36)
	Why Not?
10)	What are some things I should pray for? (Matthew 6:11-13)
ŀ	Read & highlight the following verses in your Bible (These are great to remember or refer back to!)
	Matthew 26:41; I John 3:22; Matthew 7:7; I John 5:14-15
11)	Why do you need to talk with God every day in prayer? Does He talk back? How?

## **MEMORY VERSE**

"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." James 5:16 (NKJV)

## GOOD TO KNOW 🧣 💡 🥤

There are many translations of the Bible so which one you pick is important!

The Bible was originally written in Hebrew (Old Testament) and Greek (New Testament). That means the Bibles we read today in English had to be translated. There are many popular translations that are more true to the original text such as the New King James (NKJV) and the New American Standard (NASB). Other translations such as the New International Version (NIV) and the New Living Translation (NLT) are less concerned with a "word for word" translation and more concerned with a translation that makes the text easier to read and understand. It's important to know which translation you are reading because not all translations are equal. Morningstar teaches and reads from the New King James Version.

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- 2) Email newbelievers@morningstarcc.org and request the next lesson (10 lessons total)
- 3) Mail in this study to Morningstar and we'll send you the next lesson along with this lesson back to you

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