

"Growing in God's Truth" **Genesis 3:1-7**

1. Christ demonstrated an expectation for growth.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

We have allowed God and His expectations for spiritual maturity to be taken out of our government, our schools, and if we are not careful—out of our churches. We have ourselves to blame.

2. Building a lasting legacy of success means growing in our knowledge of God's truth.

1 Peter 2:1-3 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ²Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Philippians 1:6 ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Colossians 2:6 ⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him.

3. Three very Destructive Philosophies:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

4. What are you doing to make sure that you are growing in God's truth?

Luke 6:40 A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.

5. So what is the cost of not growing in God's truth?

Proverbs 29:18 ¹⁸ Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law.

Isaiah 5:20 ²⁰ Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

6. What is God's remedy for a collapsing culture?

Proverbs 2:6-9 ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,⁸ for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. ⁹ Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

7. What will be your personal application of God's truth?