

MAKING PROGRESS IN YOUR FAITH 2 PETER 1:5-7

⁵FOR THIS VERY REASON, MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SUPPLEMENT YOUR FAITH WITH VIRTUE, AND VIRTUE WITH KNOWLEDGE,

2 PETER 1:5-7 (ESV)

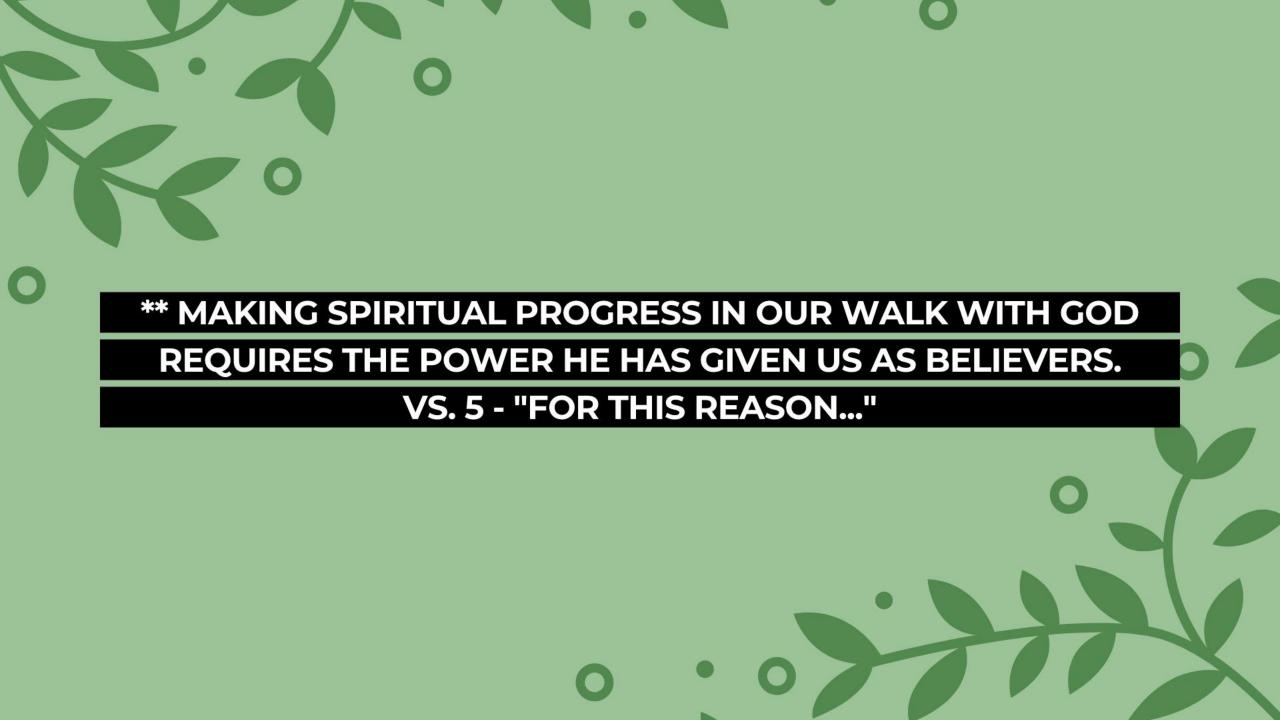
⁶AND KNOWLEDGE WITH SELF-CONTROL, AND SELF-CONTROL WITH STEADFASTNESS, AND STEADFASTNESS WITH GODLINESS,

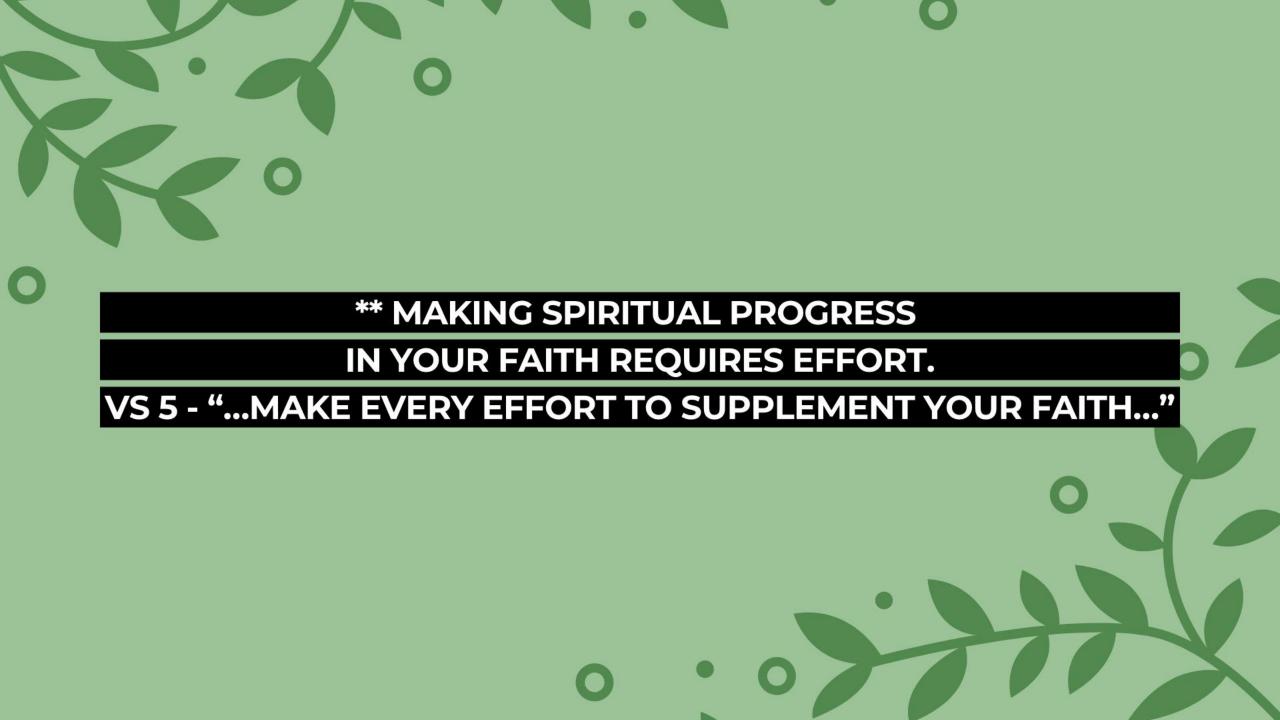
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⁷AND GODLINESS WITH BROTHERLY AFFECTION, AND BROTHERLY AFFECTION WITH LOVE.

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¹³FOR 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 8:13 (ESV)

⁵PUT TO DEATH THEREFORE WHAT IS EARTHLY IN YOU: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY, PASSION, EVIL DESIRE, AND COVETOUSNESS, WHICH IS IDOLATRY.

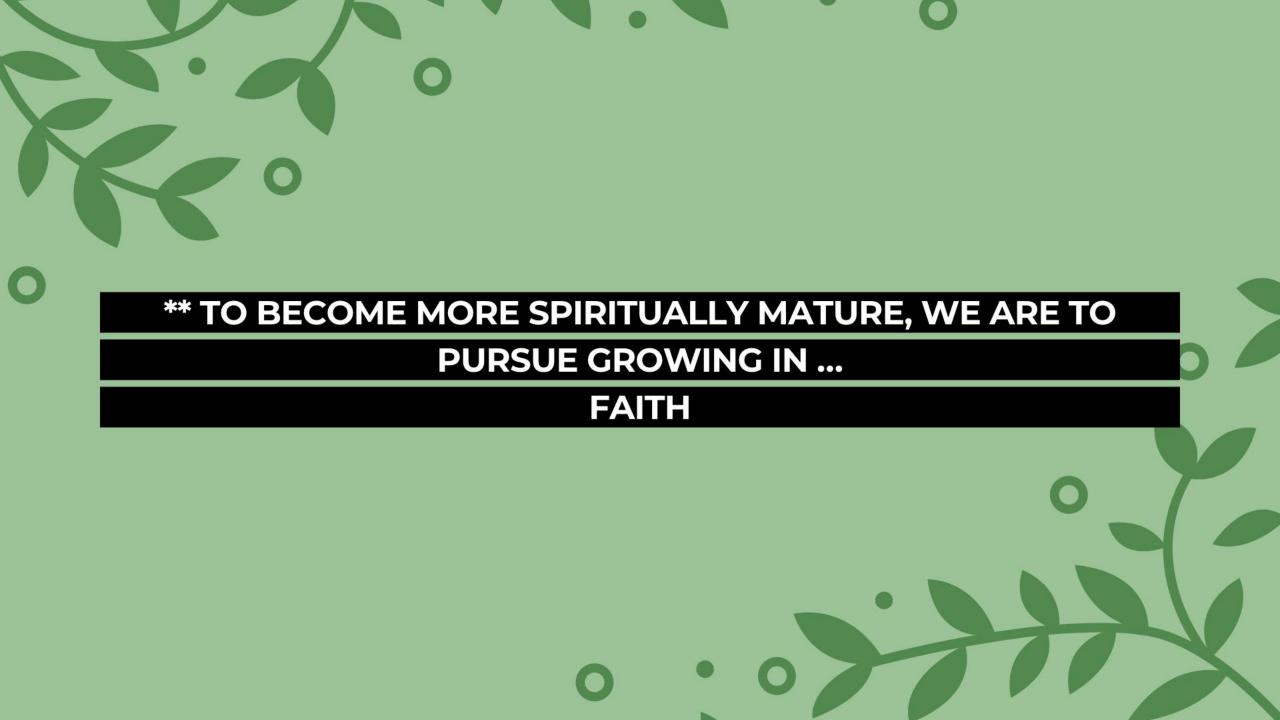
ON ACCOUNT OF THESE THE WRATH OF GOD IS COMING.

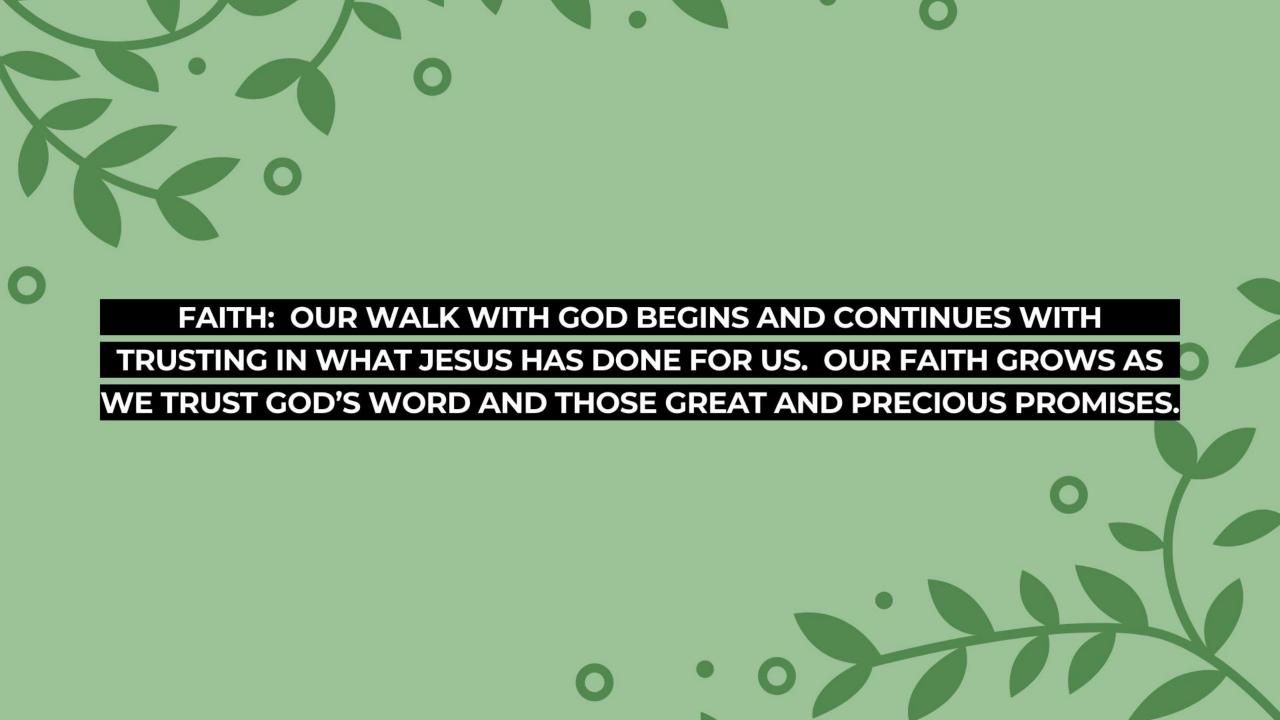
⁷IN THESE YOU TOO ONCE WALKED, WHEN YOU WERE LIVING IN THEM.

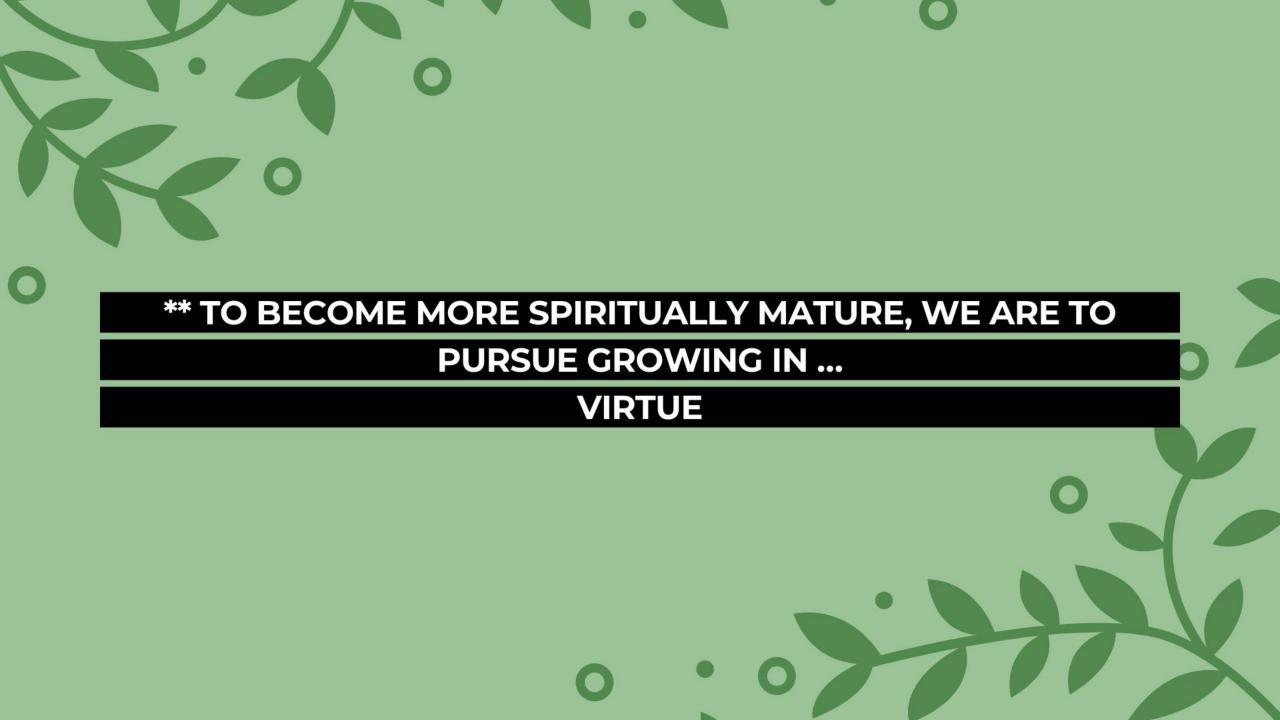
BUT NOW YOU MUST PUT THEM ALL AWAY: ANGER, WRATH, MALICE, SLANDER, AND OBSCENE TALK FROM YOUR MOUTH.

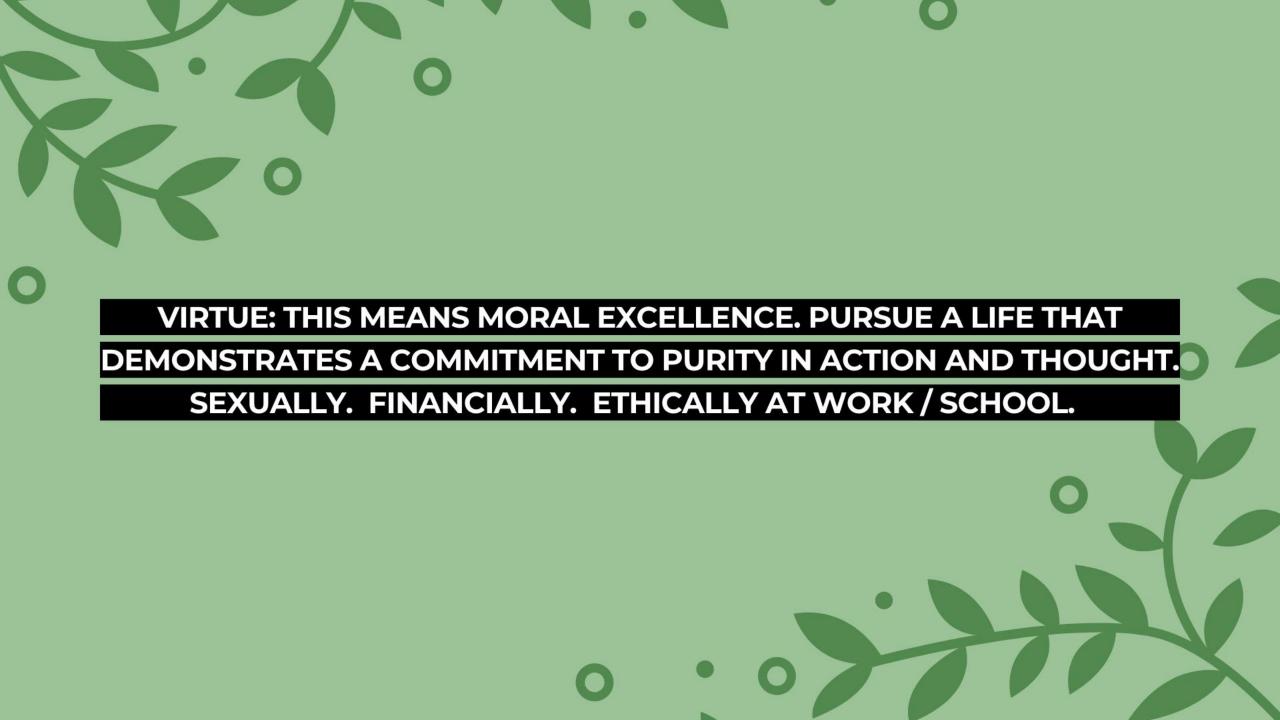
⁹DO NOT LIE TO ONE ANOTHER, SEEING THAT YOU HAVE PUT OFF THE OLD SELF WITH ITS PRACTICES

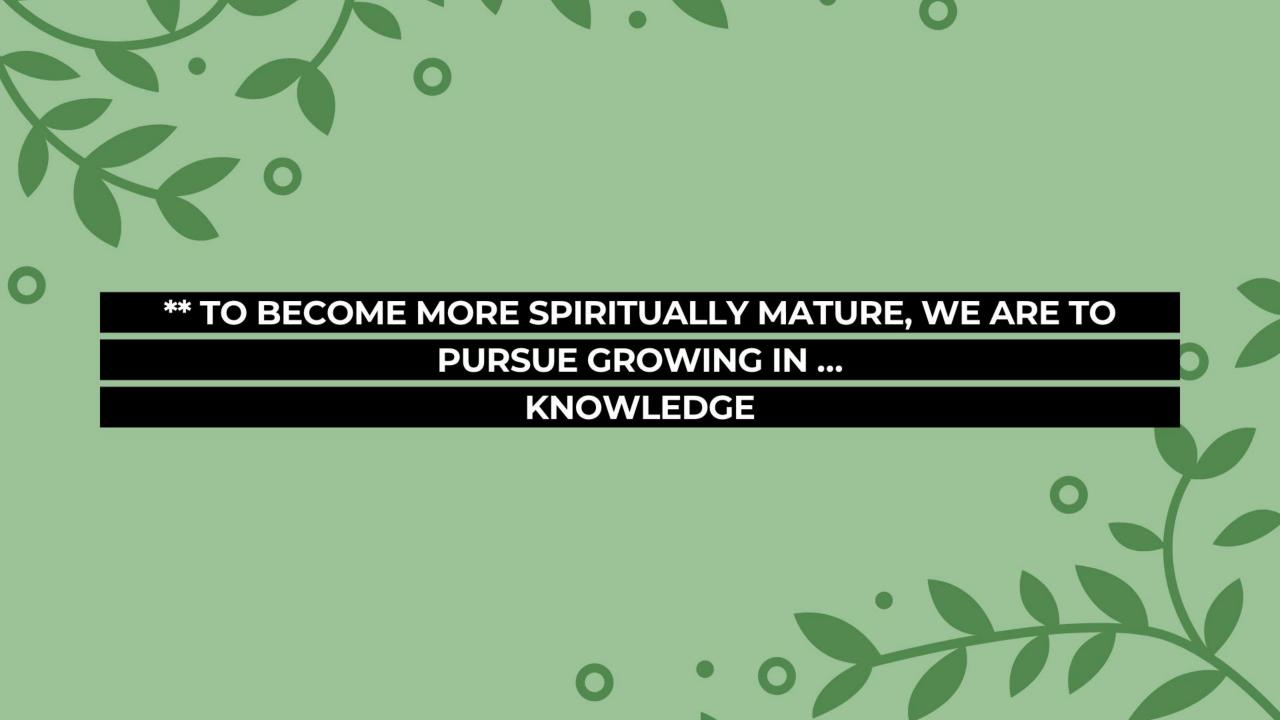
¹⁰AND HAVE PUT ON THE NEW SELF, WHICH IS BEING RENEWED IN KNOWLEDGE AFTER THE IMAGE OF ITS CREATOR.

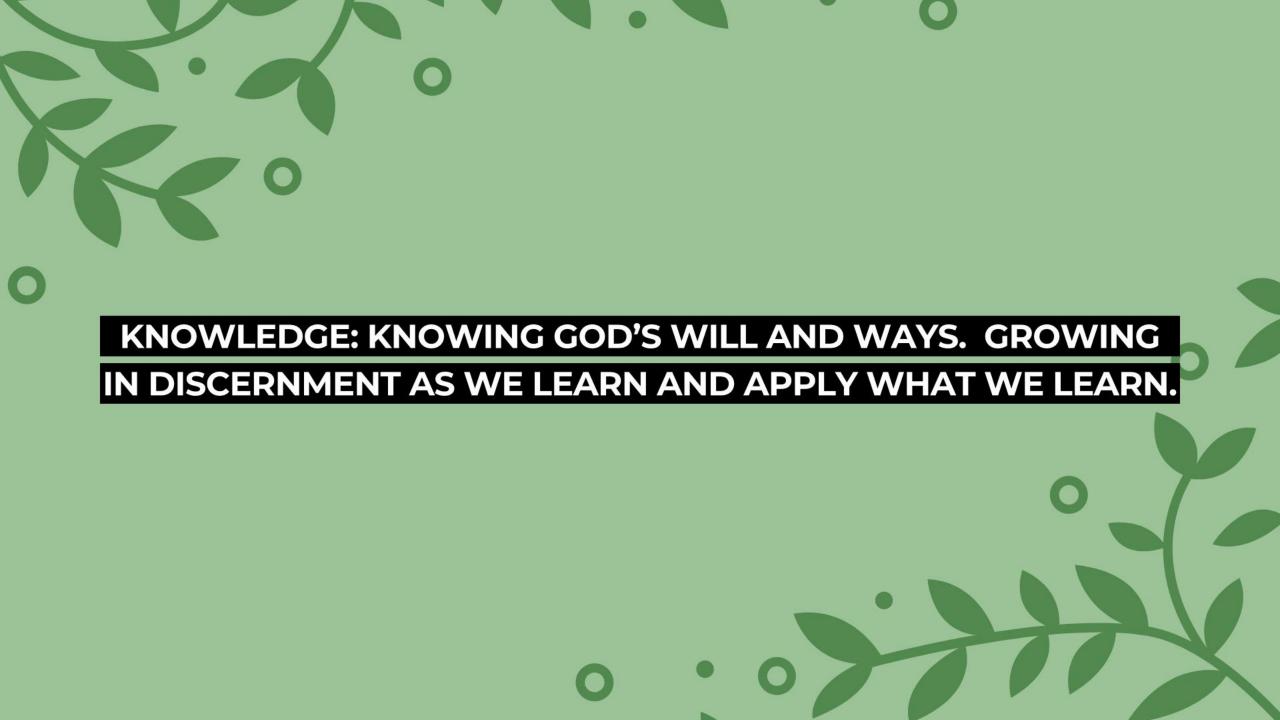




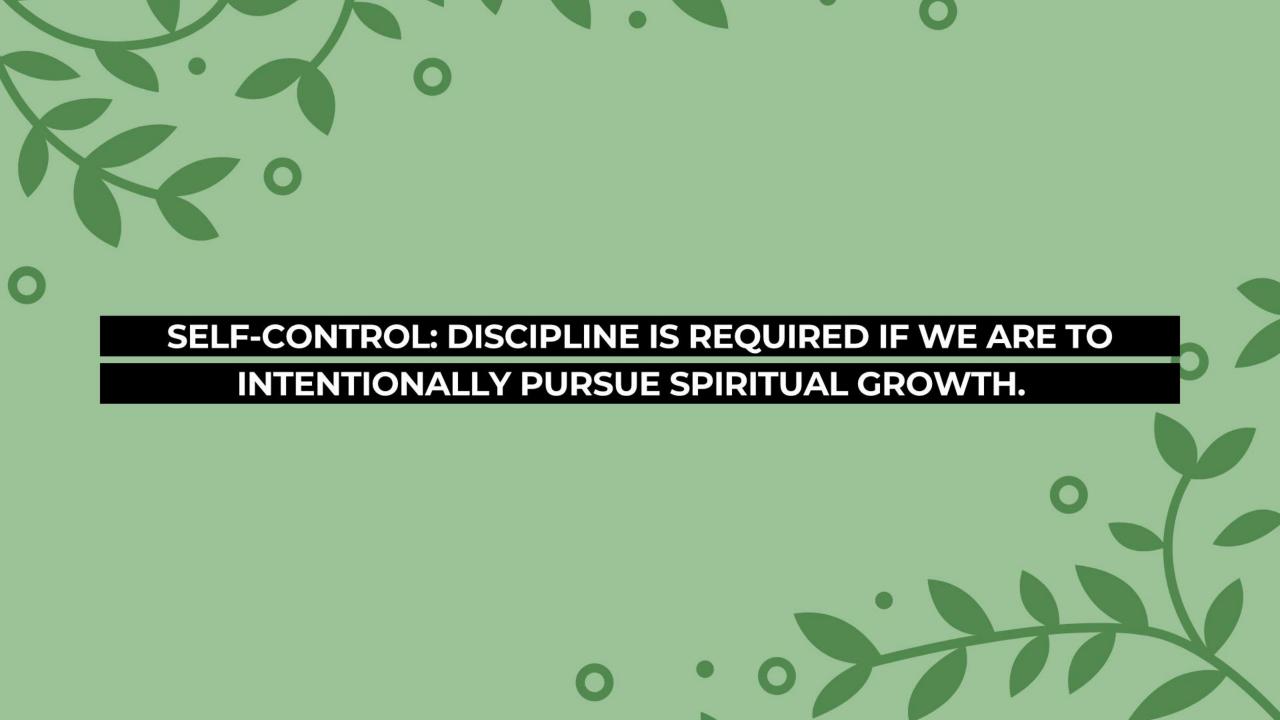












²⁴DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT IN A RACE ALL THE RUNNERS RUN, BUT ONLY ONE RECEIVES THE PRIZE? SO RUN THAT YOU MAY OBTAIN IT.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27 (ESV)

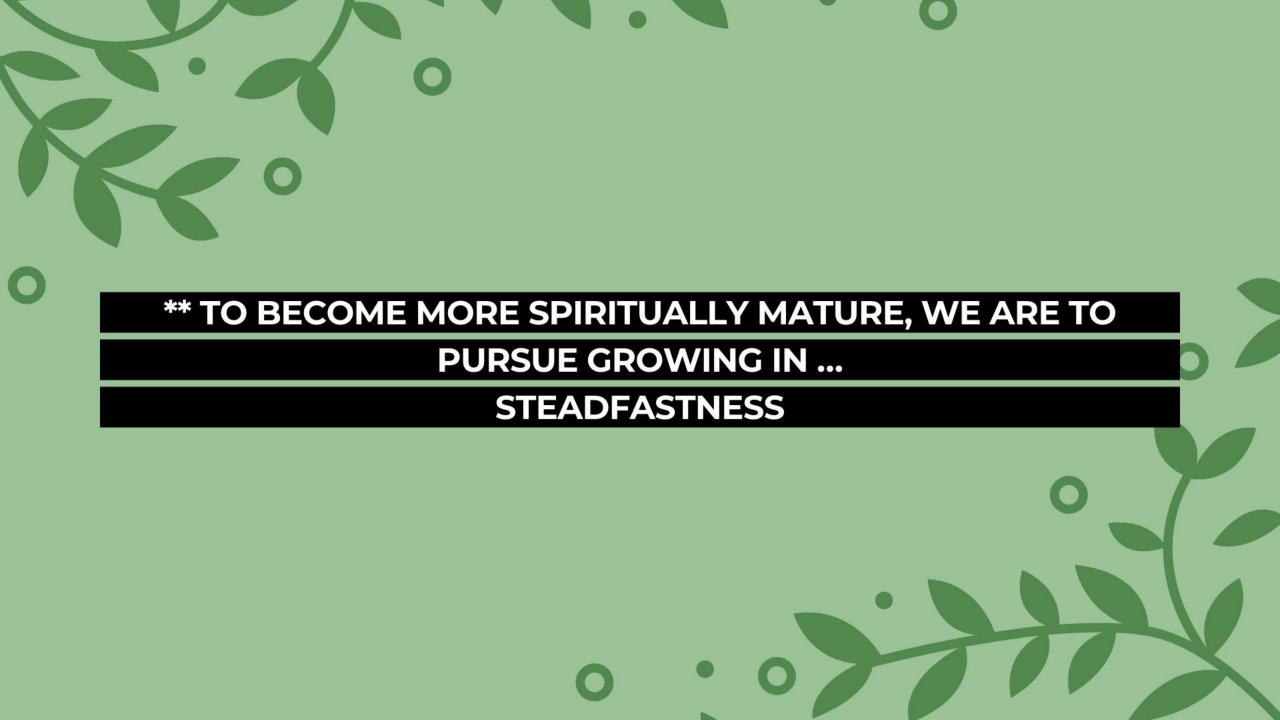
²⁵EVERY ATHLETE EXERCISES SELF-CONTROL IN ALL THINGS. THEY DO IT TO RECEIVE A PERISHABLE WREATH, BUT WE AN IMPERISHABLE.

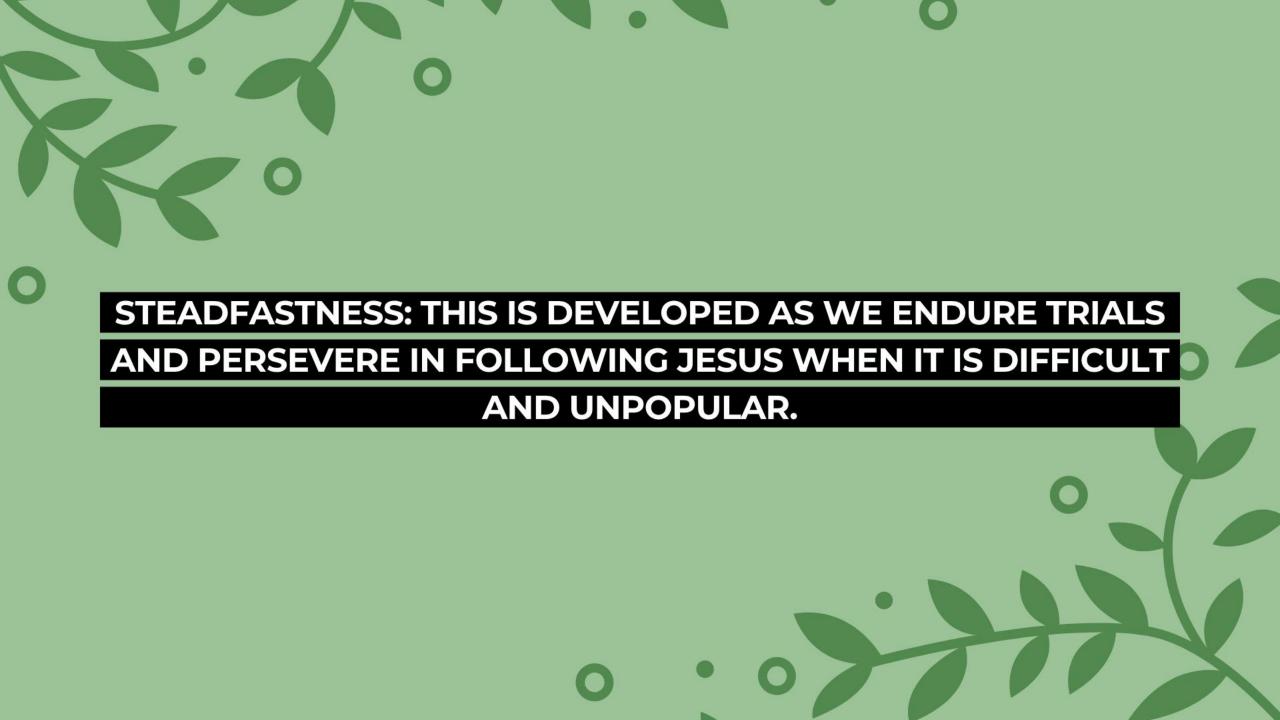
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²⁶SO I DO NOT RUN AIMLESSLY; I DO NOT BOX AS ONE BEATING THE AIR.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27 (ESV)

²⁷BUT I DISCIPLINE MY BODY AND KEEP IT UNDER CONTROL, LEST AFTER PREACHING TO OTHERS I MYSELF SHOULD BE DISQUALIFIED. 1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27 (ESV)





¹THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US ALSO LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, AND SIN WHICH CLINGS SO CLOSELY, AND LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US,

HEBREWS 12:1 (ESV)

¹¹BEHOLD, WE CONSIDER THOSE BLESSED WHO REMAINED STEADFAST.
YOU HAVE HEARD OF THE STEADFASTNESS OF JOB, AND YOU HAVE SEEN
THE PURPOSE OF THE LORD, HOW THE LORD IS COMPASSIONATE AND
MERCIFUL.

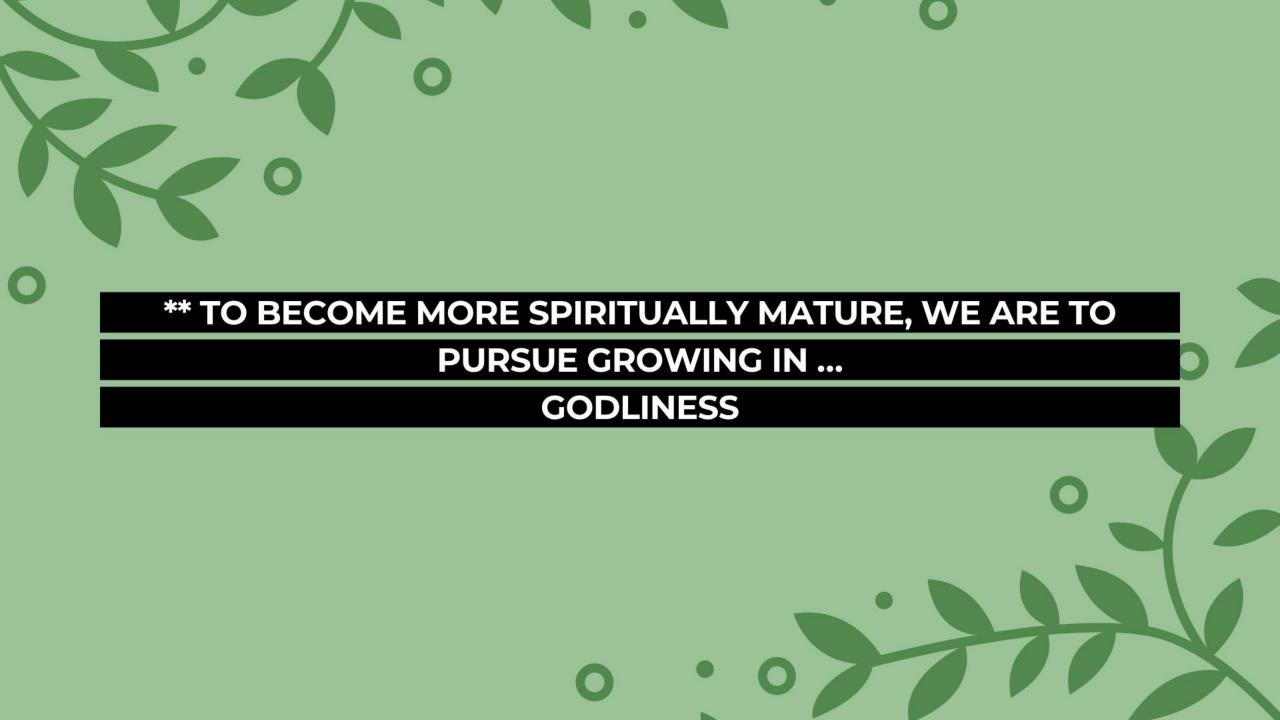
JAMES 5:11 (ESV)

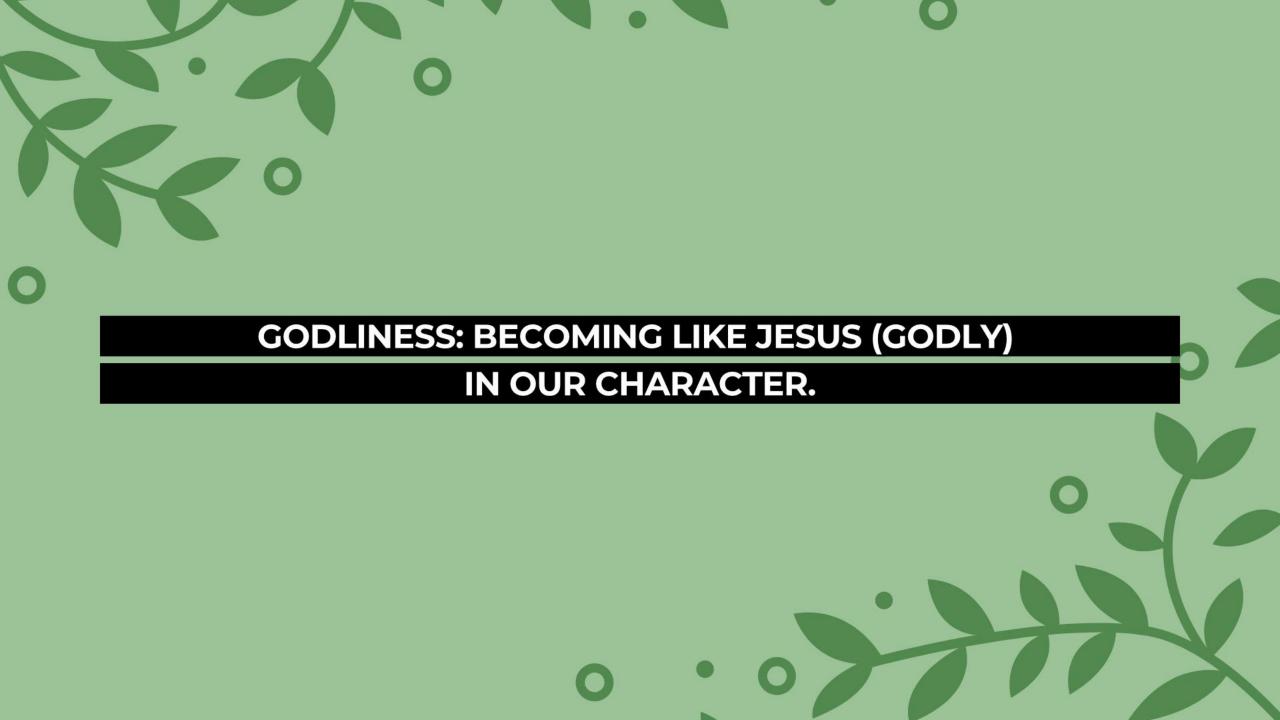
²"I KNOW YOUR WORKS, YOUR TOIL AND YOUR PATIENT ENDURANCE, AND HOW YOU CANNOT BEAR WITH THOSE WHO ARE EVIL, BUT HAVE TESTED THOSE WHO CALL THEMSELVES APOSTLES AND ARE NOT, AND FOUND THEM TO BE FALSE.

REVELATION 2:2-3 (ESV)

³I KNOW YOU ARE ENDURING PATIENTLY AND BEARING UP FOR MY NAME'S SAKE, AND YOU HAVE NOT GROWN WEARY.

REVELATION 2:2-3 (ESV)





⁷HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IRREVERENT, SILLY MYTHS. RATHER TRAIN YOURSELF FOR GODLINESS;

1 TIMOTHY 4:7-8 (ESV)

FOR WHILE BODILY TRAINING IS OF SOME VALUE, GODLINESS IS OF VALUE IN EVERY WAY, AS IT HOLDS PROMISE FOR THE PRESENT LIFE AND ALSO FOR THE LIFE TO COME.

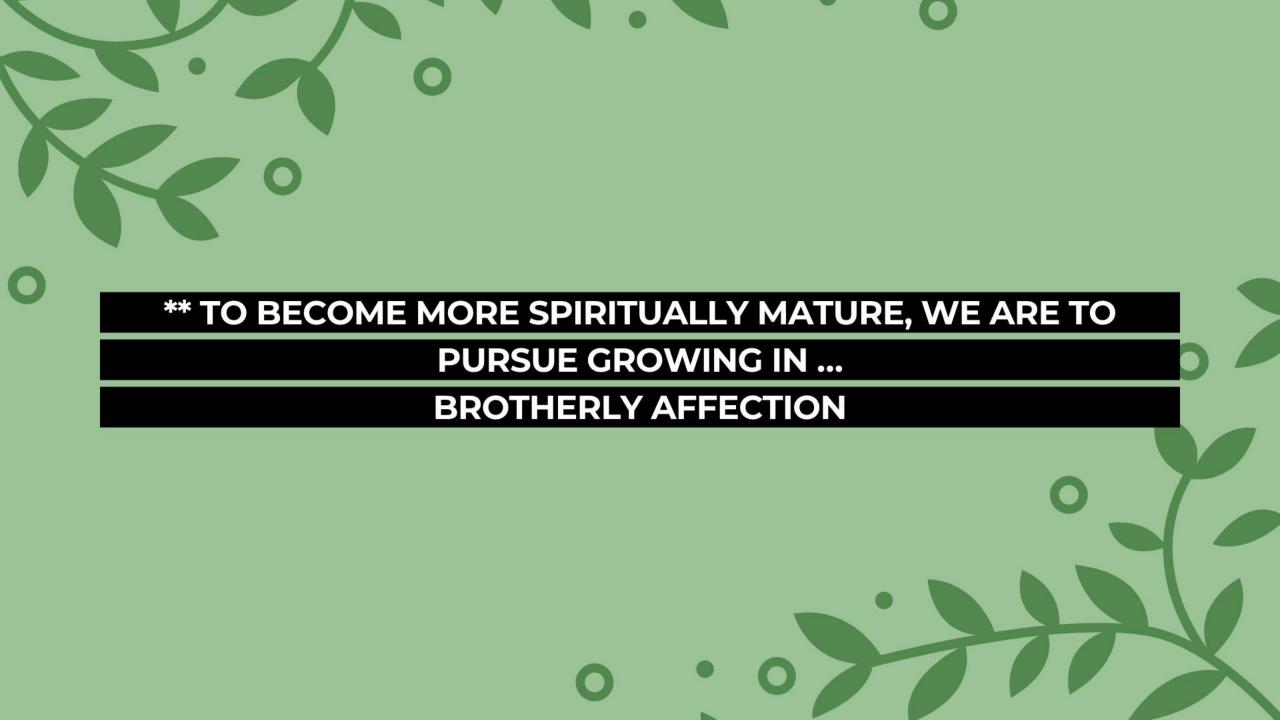
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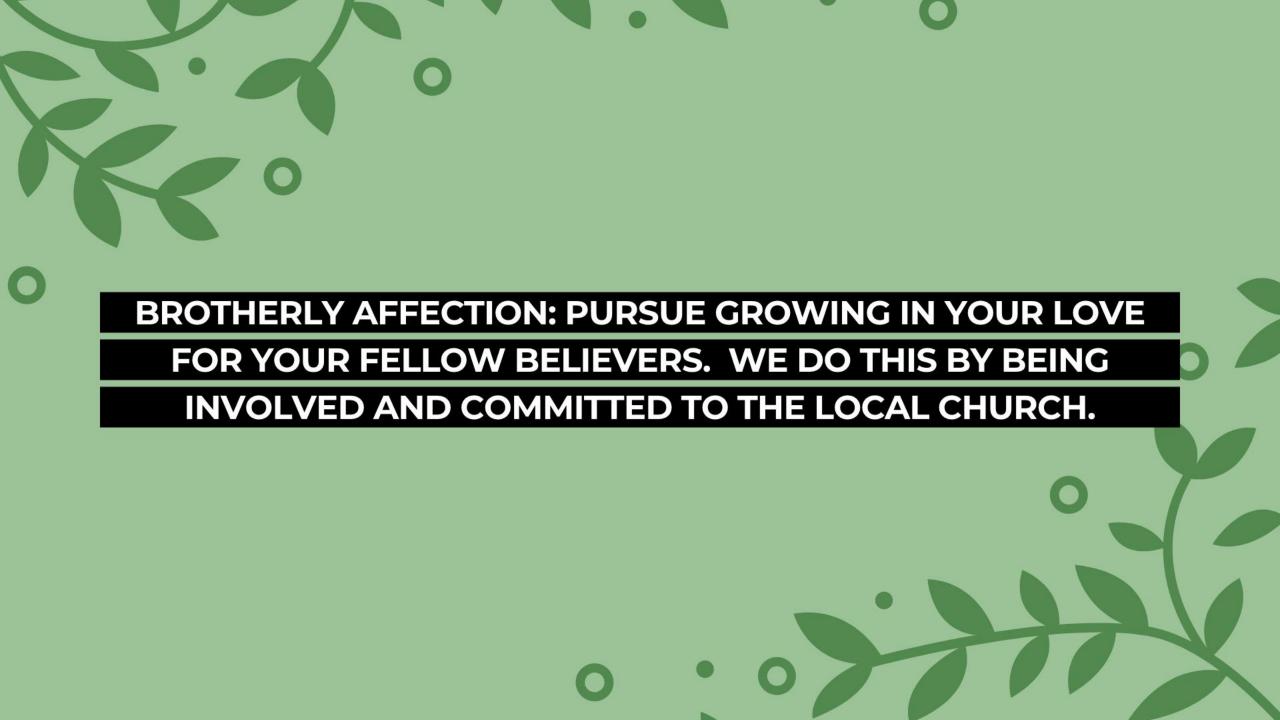
¹⁰BUT THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME LIKE A THIEF, AND THEN THE HEAVENS WILL PASS AWAY WITH A ROAR, AND THE HEAVENLY BODIES WILL BE BURNED UP AND DISSOLVED, AND THE EARTH AND THE WORKS THAT ARE DONE ON IT WILL BE EXPOSED.

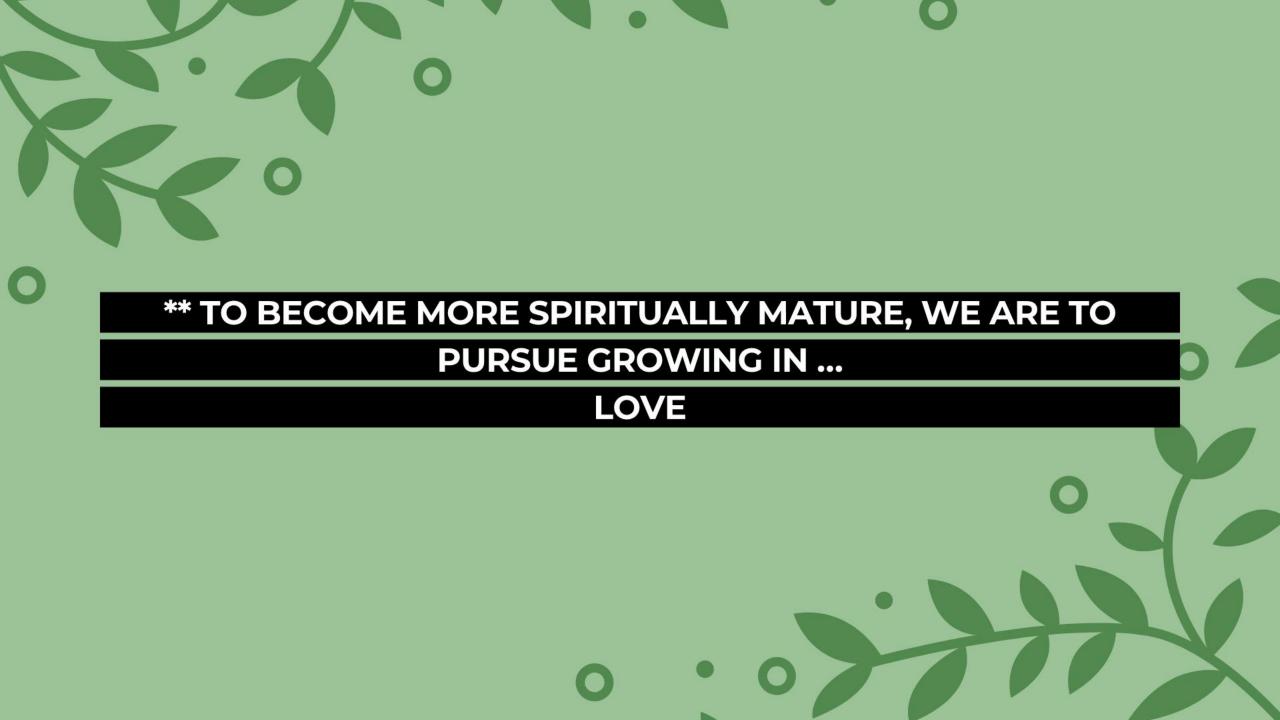
2 PETER 3:10-11 (ESV)

¹¹SINCE ALL THESE THINGS ARE THUS TO BE DISSOLVED, WHAT SORT OF PEOPLE OUGHT YOU TO BE IN LIVES OF HOLINESS AND GODLINESS,

2 PETER 3:10-11 (ESV)







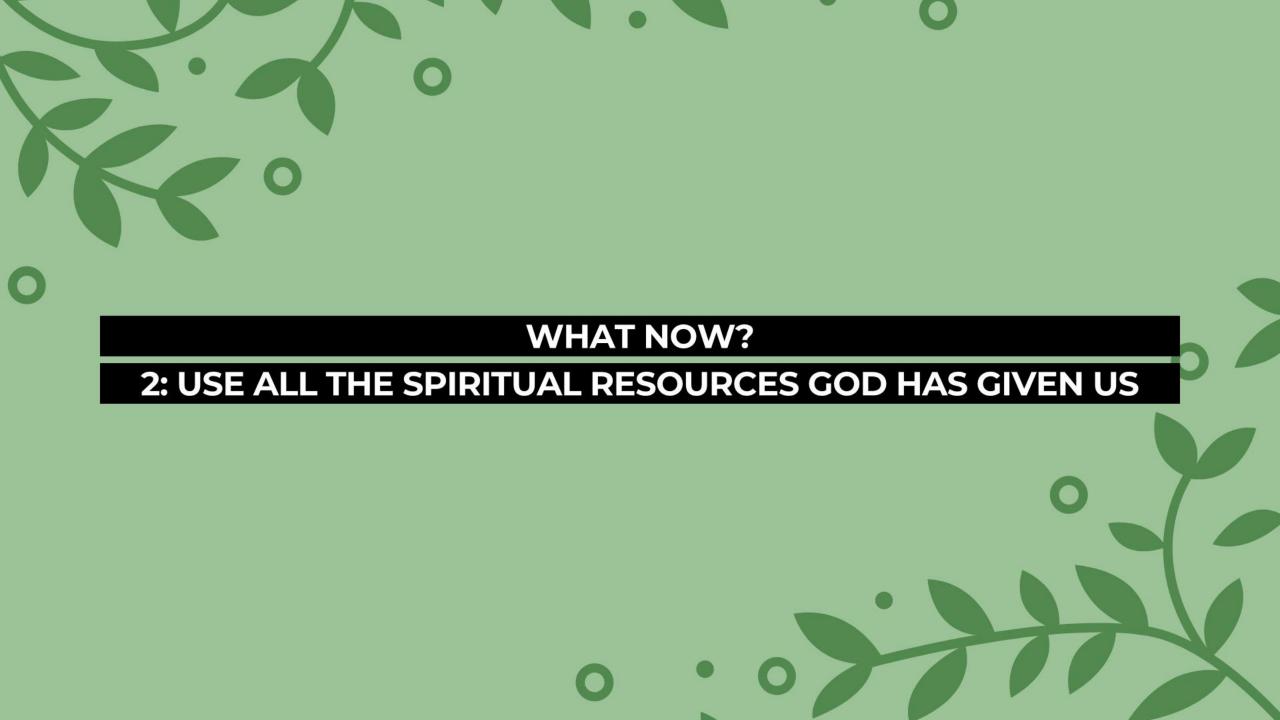
³DO NOTHING FROM SELFISH AMBITION OR CONCEIT, BUT IN HUMILITY COUNT OTHERS MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN YOURSELVES.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4 (ESV)

⁴LET EACH OF YOU LOOK NOT ONLY TO HIS OWN INTERESTS, BUT ALSO TO THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4 (ESV)







We today lack a theology of growth. And so we need to learn how we "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). In particular, we need to learn to cooperate with "the means of grace" that God has ordained for the transformation of the human personality. Our participation in these God-ordained "means" will enable us increasingly to take into ourselves Christ's character and manner of life. ~ Richard Foster



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