

***Being a believer:***

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Repented of your sins							
Believed in Jesus							
Been baptised in water							
Been filled with the Holy Spirit							

***Growing in the Faith:***

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Aware of your gifts & using them to serve God & others <b><i>(Ministry)</i></b>							
Showing God's mercy and compassion to the poor <b><i>(Mercy)</i></b>							
Sharing the good news of Jesus <b><i>(Evangelism)</i></b>							
Being committed to the Church and loving those in it <b><i>(Fellowship)</i></b>							
Bringing God worship which costs you something <b><i>(Worship)</i></b>							
Having a longing for and experiencing the presence of God <b><i>(Presence)</i></b>							
Becoming more like Jesus <b><i>(Discipleship)</i></b>							
Being committed to prayer <b><i>(Prayer)</i></b>							

## **Scriptures highlighting the 8 areas of growth:**

### **Discipleship**

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(Matthew 28:19-20)

### **Worship**

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."  
(John 4:23-24)

### **Fellowship**

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.  
(Acts 2:42)

### **Evangelism**

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."  
(Acts 1:8)

### **Presence**

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.  
(Ephesians 2:19-22)

### **Ministry**

And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;  
(Ephesians 4:11-13)

### **Prayer**

When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.  
(2 Chronicles 7:13-14)

### **Mercy**

He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?  
(Micah 6:8)

## More scriptures on some of the areas covered

### Becoming a Christian:

#### **Repent** (*think differently; change your mind, regretting your sins and changing your conduct*)

(Acts 2:37-38) Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

(Acts 3:19) Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord

(Acts 11:18) When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life."

(Acts 17:30) In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

(Acts 20:21) I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

(Acts 26:20) First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds.

(2 Peter 3:9) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

(Matthew 3:8) Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

(Matthew 4:17) From that time on Jesus began to preach, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.

(Mark 1:15) The time has come, he said. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!

(Mark 6:12) They went out and preached that people should repent.

(Luke 5:32) I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

(Luke 13:3) I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

(Luke 15:7) I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

(Luke 15:10) In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

(2 Corinthians 7:10) Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

### Believe

(John 3:16) "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

(John 3:18) "Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

(John 5:24) "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

(John 6:28-29) Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

(John 6:47) I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life.

(John 20:31) But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

(Rom. 10:9-10) "that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

(Eph. 2:8-9) "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not by works, lest any man should boast."

(1 Tim. 1:16) "And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life."

(1 John 5:13) I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

## **Be baptised**

(Mt 28:18-20) And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

(Mark 16:15-16) And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

(Acts 2:37-38) Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

(Acts 2:40-41) And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

(Acts 10:48) And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

(Acts 18:8) Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.

(Acts 22:16) 'And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

(Rom 6:4) Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

(Gal 3:27) For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

(Col 2:12) buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

(1Pet 3:21) There is also an antitype which now saves us -- baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

## **Be filled with the Holy Spirit**

(Joel 2:28) "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

(Luke 3:16) I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

(John 1:33) "And I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, "He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the one who baptizes in the Holy Spirit."

(Luke 24:49) "And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high."

(John 7:38-39) "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

(John 20:22) And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

(Luke 11:13) If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

(Acts 1:4-5) And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

(Acts 2:33) Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

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(Acts 19:2-6) he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

(Eph 5:18) Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

## **Discipleship**

(Matthew 28:19-20) Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

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(Isa 29:13) Then the Lord said, "Because this people draw near with their words And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote,

(Psa 113:3) From the rising of the sun to its setting The name of the LORD is to be praised.

(Rom 12:1) I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

(Psa 100:2) Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing.

(Mat 22:37-38) And He said to him, "'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' "This is the great and foremost commandment.

(Mark 12:33) AND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART AND WITH ALL THE UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL THE STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE'S NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

(Heb 12:28) Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

(Heb 13:15) Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

(Psa 68:3) But let the righteous be glad; let them exult before God; Yes, let them rejoice with gladness.

(Psa 149:3) Let them praise His name with dancing; Let them sing praises to Him with timbrel and lyre.

(Psa 150:3) Praise Him with trumpet sound; Praise Him with harp and lyre.

(Psa 95:6) Come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

(Exo 34:14) --for you shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God--

(Psa 50:14) "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High;

(2 Sam 24:24) However, the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

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(Ezekiel 37:27) My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

(Matthew 27:51) At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. (also Mk 15:38; Lk 23:45)

(Heb 10:19-20) Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

(Acts 17:34) The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,

(Hebrews 3:6) But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

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(1Cor 3:16-17) Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

(1 Corinthians 3:9) For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

(1 Corinthians 6:19) Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

(2 Corinthians 6:16) What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

(1 Timothy 3:15) if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

(John 14:18) I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

(Exodus 33:18) Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

(John 1:14) The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John 14:20-21) On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

(John 14:23) Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

(John 15:4) Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

(Rev. 3:20) "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me"

(Acts 5:15) As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.

Acts 19:12 so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

(Habakkuk 2:14) For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

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(1 Th 5:17) pray without ceasing;

(Mat 6:7) "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition, as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.

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