

Christian Growth

1Peter 2:1-2

Most Express Concern For The Under Developed

We want to assist what seems undernourished - **Hebrews 5:12-13**

Lament physical lack of development but excuse spiritual

Shouldn't we have even more concern for the spiritually mal nourished

Some Desire Growth Before Birth

"Test and see if we can live the right way."

Yes there is some development before birth, Otherwise many would never obey

One does not grow as a child of God till after their birth - **1Peter 1:23; John 3:3,5**

After being born one is expected to grow - **2Peter 3:18; Romans 6:3-4**

There Are Essentials For Proper Growth

There must be the proper food

Growth depends on right food at right time

Babies need different food from adults - **1Corinthians 3:1-3**

Spiritual food is necessary - **John 6:53-56; 1Peter 2:2; Hebrews 5:12-14**

Word of God supplies food - **2Timothy 3:16-17; 2Peter 1:3**

There must be the proper care

All members should have the same care - **1Corinthians 12:25-26; Romans 15:1-2**

Christians influence people by their care - **Matthew 5:13-16**

Care in the church - **Acts 20:28-30; 1Peter 5:1-3; 2Corinthians 11:28**

Exhort one another - **Hebrews 10:24-25; 3:13**

There must be the proper exercise

We stress physical exercise very much and well we should

But God says in comparison to godliness, physical exercise is of little importance - **1Timothy 4:7-8**

Note Paul's admonitions - **1Corinthians 9:24-27; 1Corinthians 15:58**

As children of God we must exercise our senses to discern good and evil - **Hebrews 5:14**

Note The Result Of This Growth

2Peter 1:10; 1Timothy 4:16; Revelation 2:10

Good Healthy Growth Is A Combination Of All Three Areas

In regard to the physical body we understand that:

Without proper food it will die

Without proper care will become physically or mentally maladjusted

Without proper exercise it will be of no use and will eventually die.

These same principles are true regarding the spiritual body!

Have you been born into the spiritual family of God? If so, are you growing and developing as you should?

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