



Re-Engaging Growth

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Jesus and Paul talk to us about growth —

In its place you have clothed yourselves with a brand-new nature that is continually being renewed as you learn more and more about Christ, who created this new nature within you.

Colossians 3:10

Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings out of his treasure things new and old.

Matthew 13:52

The reason many of us are frustrated with our spiritual growth is...

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FACT: Spiritual growth is a process.

DISTORTION: We don't always see it in real time!

"Real spiritual need and change is on the inside, in the hidden area of the life that God sees and that we cannot even see in ourselves without his help."

Dallas Willard, *Renovation of the Heart*

FACT: God is super proud of where you are right now...
AND He wants you to grow!

DISTORTION: Comfort and safety motivates us to stay where we are!

FACT: It's not your gig! Growth comes from God.

DISTORTION: We mistake the product for the process.

Our part:

- ✓ Cooperate with the process.
- ✓ Commit to God's word.
- ✓ Courageously step into (re-engage) growth.