

**I'M GROWING!**  
**God Loves You – Part 4**  
**Luke 2:52 (NIV)**  
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*“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”*  
Luke 2:52 (NIV)

WHY DO YOU COME TO CHURCH?

- **TO KNOW GOD AND BE CLOSE TO HIM!**

*“Come close to God and He will come close to you.”* James 4:8a (NASB)

Your spiritual growth depends upon your answer to these 5 questions:

**1. AM I ABSOLUTELY SURE I'M SAVED BY GOD'S GRACE?**

(Jesus said) *“I tell you the truth, whoever hears what I say and believes in the One who sent Me has eternal life. That person will not be judged guilty but has already left death and entered life.”* John 5:24 (NCV)

**2. DO I REALLY WANT TO GROW?**

*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”*  
Matthew 5:6 (NIV)

**3. WILL I DISCIPLINE MYSELF FOR GROWTH?**

*“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”* 2 Timothy 1:7 (KJV)

*“No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”*

Hebrews 12:11 (NIV)

\*\*\*Read Hebrews 12:3-11 (God will discipline you!)\*\*

#### 4. HOW WILL I RESPOND TO TEST, TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS?

*“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:2-4 (NIV)*

#### 5. WILL I DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS THAT WILL HELP ME GROW?

- Who’s on your Spiritual Team!!!

*“He (Barnabas) encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord.”  
Acts 11:23b (TLB)*

- (It’s going to cost you something) Family or Friends!