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LIVING STONES

FUEL FOR GROWTH

1 PETER 2:1-3

- Spiritual growth comes from surrendering and receiving not laboring and achieving.
- Our struggle is between our fleshly desires and our spiritual desires.

How to Fuel Spiritual growth:

- 1) Prime the pump. - Receive the forgiveness of God through faith in Christ.
- 2) Change your fuel. - Fill yourself with the truth of God in fellowship with Jesus Christ.
- 3) Be patient and persistent - Spiritual growth is a lifelong process.

Memory Verse for January

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 1:27-28

Scripture to Pray

Psalm 1

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish."

From the Resources

“The point Peter is making is that just as infants have a strong desire for milk, so the Christian, who is born of God, should have a similar thirst for the Word of God. When it is time for a baby to be fed, he will protest vociferously if the meal is even a few minutes delayed ... You will not grow as a Christian unless you are nurtured by the Word of God. There is no substitute for that.

- R.C. Sproul
1-2 Peter: An Expository Commentary
(Pg. 45)