

RECEIVING CORRECT INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE

Growing in Grace, Knowledge, and Spiritual Maturity

Introduction

Spiritual growth does not happen all at once. It is a process.

Just as a plant develops progressively—from a seed, to roots, to a blade, to a head, and finally to mature grain—our understanding of God also develops as we **receive, retain, and apply correct information from His Word**.

The first question is not simply, *“How much do I know?”*

The more important question is:

“Am I willing to receive the correct information God has provided?”

If we reject information at the beginning, we cannot hold it, transport it, or deliver it to someone else.

PURPOSE OF THIS TEACHING

The purpose of this teaching is to establish the **critical importance of receiving correct information and knowledge about our Father and His Word**.

Spiritual growth cannot begin with information we have rejected. Before we can hold, understand, apply, transport, or deliver what God has given us, **we must first be willing to receive it**.

Our responsibility is not merely to hear information, but to carefully receive **correct information** so that it can take root within us and produce spiritual growth. As we continue to receive, listen, learn, and apply God's truth, our knowledge of the Lord can increase and our lives can become increasingly fruitful.

This teaching will help us understand that **spiritual growth is a process**. Like a plant that first develops roots beneath the surface before producing visible fruit, God's Word may be establishing something within us long before the results become apparent.

Therefore, we must learn to:

**Receive correct information.
Allow it to take root.
Be patient with the process.
Continue to grow in knowledge.
Apply what we receive.
And ultimately bear fruit.**

The objective is not simply to **know more about God**, but to allow the correct knowledge we receive about Him to produce **maturity, understanding, application, and lasting fruitfulness**.

1. GROW IN GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE

2 Peter 3:18 NKJV

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.”

Peter gives us a direct instruction:

Grow in grace and knowledge.

Growth requires time.

We should not expect our understanding of the Lord to become complete overnight. We need to take the time necessary for our knowledge of Him to grow.

Teaching Principle

Spiritual growth requires intentional effort.

We grow as we:

- Study God's Word.
- Listen.
- Learn.
- Receive instruction.
- Apply what we have learned.
- Continue even when immediate results are not visible.

The goal is not simply to collect information.

The goal is to grow.

2. BE WILLING TO LISTEN AND RECEIVE INSTRUCTION

Proverbs 19:20 RSV

“Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future.”

There is a connection between **receiving instruction** and **gaining wisdom**.

We cannot receive what we have already decided to reject.

A teachable heart is essential for spiritual maturity.

Receiving correct information requires humility. We must be willing to listen, examine what we are hearing, and allow the Word of God to establish what is true.

Key Thought

Being teachable is part of growing.

We should not become discouraged simply because we do not understand everything immediately.

Instead:

Listen.
Receive.
Learn.
Apply.
Grow.

3. UNDERSTAND THAT GROWTH TAKES PATIENCE

One of the great mistakes we can make is expecting immediate visible results.

Growth is a process, and processes take time.

If we do not see results right away, **do not give up**.

Think about a plant.

Before the plant comes up, the roots need to go down.

The roots may be growing even though we cannot see them.

2 Kings 19:30 RSV

“And the surviving remnant of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.”

Notice the progression:

Root downward → Fruit upward

The roots are foundational.

You may not see what is happening underneath the surface, but that does not mean nothing is happening.

Unless the plant is growing in a clear container, we cannot see the roots developing.

The same principle applies to our spiritual growth.

There may be foundational work taking place within us that is not immediately visible to others.

Teaching Principle

Do not confuse the absence of visible results with the absence of growth.

God's Word can be establishing roots before fruit becomes visible.

4. SPIRITUAL GROWTH HAS A PROGRESSION

Mark 4:28–29 NKJV

“For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

Jesus describes a progression:

First — the blade

Then — the head

After that — the full grain

Finally — the harvest

There is an order to the process.

We should not become frustrated because we are not yet experiencing the final stage.

Each stage has a purpose.

Spiritual Growth Also Has Stages

Receive → Understand → Apply → Grow → Bear Fruit

We must allow the process to develop.

We should celebrate progress without pretending that the process is finished.

5. RECEIVING CORRECT INFORMATION IS ESSENTIAL

This brings us to a critical point:

We must receive correct information about the things of our Father.

Why is receiving so important?

Because **everything stops if we reject the information at the beginning.**

Think about the object lesson of a business card holder.

If someone hands you a business card and you reject it, what happens?

You cannot put it into your holder.

You cannot carry it.

You cannot transport it.

You cannot deliver it to someone else.

Why?

Because you rejected it at the beginning.

The same principle illustrates the importance of receiving.

If we reject correct information about God, we cannot properly hold that information, carry it forward, or communicate it to someone else.

6. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO RECEIVE

The responsibility is not merely to hear information.

We need to receive **correct information**.

The teaching emphasizes that we have a responsibility to receive correct information about the things of our Father.

That means we should approach God's Word with a willingness to learn.

Ask:

What does God's Word actually say?

Am I willing to receive it?

Am I willing to allow it to correct my understanding?

Am I willing to continue learning even when growth takes time?

Receiving is the beginning of the process.

7. KNOWLEDGE MUST EVENTUALLY PRODUCE FRUIT

Receiving correct information is not the destination.

It is the beginning.

The progression described in Mark 4 shows that growth ultimately moves toward maturity and harvest.

Therefore:

Information should lead to understanding.

Understanding should lead to application.

Application should produce growth.

Growth should eventually produce fruit.

This is why we should not become impatient with the process.

The roots matter.

The blade matters.

The head matters.

The full grain matters.

And the harvest matters.

8. WHEN RESULTS ARE NOT IMMEDIATE, KEEP GOING

There will be times when we wonder:

“Why am I not seeing the results yet?”

The answer may simply be:

The process is still taking place.

Roots may be developing.

Understanding may be increasing.

Character may be developing.

Knowledge may be becoming established.

Do not give up simply because you cannot yet see the finished product.

Remember:

Invisible does not mean inactive.

Roots can be growing beneath the surface before fruit appears above the surface.

9. THE COMPLETE PRINCIPLE

The teaching can be summarized this way:

RECEIVE

Be willing to receive correct information from God's Word.

RETAIN

Allow that information to become established within you.

UNDERSTAND

Continue learning until you understand what you have received.

APPLY

Put what you have learned into practice.

GROW

Give the process time to develop.

BEAR FRUIT

Allow maturity to produce visible results.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take a moment and consider:

- 1. Am I willing to receive correct information from God's Word?**
- 2. Have I rejected information simply because it challenged what I previously believed?**
- 3. Am I allowing myself time to grow?**
- 4. Am I becoming discouraged because I do not see immediate results?**
- 5. Are my spiritual roots going deeper?**
- 6. Am I moving from information to understanding and application?**
- 7. What fruit should eventually become visible from what God is teaching me?**

CONCLUSION

Our spiritual growth is a process.

First the blade.

Then the head.

Then the full grain.

Then the harvest.

We cannot skip the process.

We must be willing to **receive correct information**, allow it to take root, patiently continue to learn, and faithfully apply what God teaches us.

Final Principle

If we reject correct information at the beginning, we cannot properly hold it, carry it, or deliver it.

But when we receive God's truth, allow it to take root, and patiently continue through the process of growth, we position ourselves to move from **knowledge to understanding, from understanding to application, and from application to fruitfulness.**

Receive the information.

Allow it to take root.

Give it time to grow.

And let the fruit appear in God's time.

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PURPOSE

To understand the importance of receiving correct information and knowledge about God and His Word.

Before we can hold, understand, apply, or deliver what God gives us, we must first receive it. Spiritual growth is a process that produces maturity and fruitfulness in God's time.

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1 BE WILLING TO LISTEN AND RECEIVE

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- Be teachable.
- Receive godly instruction.
- Allow God's Word to correct and guide you.
- Being open to receive is essential for wisdom.

2 GROWTH TAKES PATIENCE

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3 THERE IS A PROGRESSION

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First the blade → Then the head → After that the full grain → Then the harvest

- Spiritual growth is step-by-step.
- Each stage has a purpose.
- Celebrate progress and keep going.

4 RECEIVING IS ESSENTIAL

Everything stops if we reject correct information.

If we reject it at the beginning, we cannot hold it, transport it, or deliver it to someone else.



- ✗ Cannot hold it
- ✗ Cannot transport it
- ✗ Cannot deliver it

5 IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY

It is our responsibility to receive correct information about the things of our Father.

- Be willing to receive.
- Seek the truth of God's Word.
- Allow it to take root.
- Apply what you learn.
- Continue learning, even when results are not immediate.



6 THE RESULT IS FRUIT



- Receiving leads to understanding.
- Understanding leads to application.
- Application leads to growth.
- Growth produces fruit.

KEY TRUTH

If we reject correct information at the beginning, we cannot properly hold it, carry it, or deliver it. But when we receive God's truth, allow it to take root, and patiently grow, we will bear fruit in His time.

THE PROCESS



From Information to Fruitfulness

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- 1 Am I willing to receive correct information?
- 2 Am I allowing time for the process?
- 3 Am I applying what I learn?
- 4 Are my spiritual roots going deeper?
- 5 What fruit should become visible from what God is teaching me?