



The Four-Dimensional Growth of a Disciple

Luke 2:52 (NIV)

**And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature,
and in favor with God and man.**

1 Peter 2:2

(NLT)

2 Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment,

(NIV)

2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

Hebrews 5:12-14 (NIV)

11 We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand.

12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.

14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 6:1-2 (NIV)

1 Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death **(1)**, and of faith in God **(2)**,

2 instruction about cleansing rites **(3)**, the laying on of hands **(4)**, the resurrection of the dead **(5)**, and eternal judgment **(6)**.

Discerning the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ

Luke 24:30-31 (NIV)

30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave it to them.

31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

Ephesians 1:7 (NLT)

7 He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

Luke 2:52 (NIV)

52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

- 1) Growth in Wisdom. (intellectual)
- 2) Growth in Stature. (physical)
- 3) Growth in Favor with God. (spiritual)
- 4) Growth in Favor with man. (social)

Luke 1:80 (NIV)

80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.

- 1) Growth in stature. (physical)
- 2) Growth in favor with God. (spiritual)

1 Samuel 2:26 (NIV)

26 And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with people.

- 1) Growth in stature. (physical)
- 2) Growth in favor with the Lord. (spiritual)
- 3) Growth in favor with people. (social)

1 Samuel 3:19 (NIV)

19 The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground.

Daniel 1:3-4 (NLT)

3 Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, his chief of staff, to bring to the palace some of the young men of Judah's royal family and other noble families, who had been brought to Babylon as captives.

4 "Select **only strong, healthy, and good-looking young men,**" he said. "Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning, are gifted with knowledge and good judgment, and are suited to serve in the royal palace. Train these young men in the language and literature of Babylon."

5 The king assigned them a daily ration of food and wine from his own kitchens. They were to be trained for **three years,** and then they would enter the royal service.

Daniel 1:8-12 (NLT)

8 But Daniel was determined not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king. He asked the chief of staff for permission not to eat these unacceptable foods. (favor with God)

9 Now God had given the chief of staff both respect and affection for Daniel.

10 But he responded, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has ordered that you eat this food and wine. If you become pale and thin compared to the other youths your age, I am afraid the king will have me beheaded."

11 Daniel spoke with the attendant who had been appointed by the chief of staff to look after Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

12 "Please test us for ten days on a diet of vegetables and water," Daniel said.

Daniel 1:13-17 (NLT)

13 “At the end of the ten days, see how we look compared to the other young men who are eating the king’s food. Then make your decision in light of what you see.”

14 The attendant agreed to Daniel’s suggestion and tested them for ten days.

15 At the end of the ten days, Daniel and his three friends looked healthier and better nourished than the young men who had been eating the food assigned by the king. (Stature)

16 So after that, the attendant fed them only vegetables instead of the food and wine provided for the others.

17 God gave these four young men an unusual aptitude for understanding every aspect of literature and wisdom. (Wisdom) And God gave Daniel the special ability to interpret the meanings of visions and dreams.

Daniel 1:18-21 (NLT)

18 When the training period ordered by the king was completed, the chief of staff brought all the young men to King Nebuchadnezzar.

19 The king talked with them, and no one impressed him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they entered the royal service. (Favor with man)

20 Whenever the king consulted them in any matter requiring wisdom and balanced judgment, he found them ten times more capable than any of the magicians and enchanterers in his entire kingdom.

21 Daniel remained in the royal service until the first year of the reign of King Cyrus.

Examine your growth pattern as a disciple

- How is your growth?
-1D, 2D, 3D, or 4D?
- What can you do to improve?
- How can we help/support?



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