

How to Undermine Your Faith

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Key Verse: *"But GROW in the GRACE and KNOWLEDGE of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."*

II Peter 3:18 ESV

Message Thread: If you want to undermine your faith, don't pursue intimacy with God.

1. Spiritual intimacy is a **PROCESS**.

GROW - to increase, to become greater, to grow up.

2. Spiritual intimacy is based on **OBEDIENCE**.

GRACE – God's favor, goodwill, loving kindness, delight, sweetness, loveliness, thanksgiving, joy, pleasure.

- Grace is what saved us. (Eph. 2:8-9)
- Grace is what strengthens us. (2 Tim. 2:1-4)
- Grace enables us to endure difficult hardships. (2 Cor. 12:7-10)
- Grace motivates us to be shaped by God. (2 Cor. 8:1)
- Grace moves us to praise. (Col. 3:16)

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right." **2 Timothy 3:16 NLT**

3. Spiritual intimacy is **CULTIVATED**.
(nurtured, developed, improved)

KNOWLEDGE - Understanding, comprehension, experience of God's Word.

We need to CULTIVATE a lifestyle of learning.

Always Remember:

We need to GROW in GRACE and KNOWLEDGE simultaneously.

- Knowledge WITHOUT grace is mean and smells of legalism.
- Grace WITHOUT knowledge is shallow. (Know the "WHY")

Challenge:

- What process do you need to begin today to GROW in your intimacy with God?
- Is there an area in your life that is resisting God's will? How can you begin to exercise obedience in those areas?
- Schedule Chair Time to cultivate intimacy with Jesus.

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