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PERFECT  
PEOPLE  
ALLOWED

...‘Choosing to Grow’

“Watch out that you do not lose what you’ve worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully.” ~ 2 John 1:8

Spiritual growth **is a choice**.

Growth is a **continual process**.

“Continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” ~ 2 Peter 3:18

## Six Steps to Take in 2010

1. A **daily time** with God.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” ~ John 15:5

“And now dear children, continue to live in fellowship with Christ.” ~ 1 John 2:28

2. **Fill my mind** with scripture.

<sup>31</sup> “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

<sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ~ John 8:31-32

3. Focus on my **goals** not my **habits**.

<sup>12</sup> “Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” ~ Philippians 3:12-14

4. **Face** and **forsake** my failures quickly.

“He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”  
~Proverbs 28:13

“Let us examine our ways and test them, and return to the Lord.” ~ Lamentations 3:40

5. **Flee temptation**.

“Be alert; continue strong in the faith; have courage and be strong.” ~ 1 Corinthians 16:13

6. Follow Christ **to the finish line**.

...“being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” ~ Philippians 1:6