

Growing in Grace

Part 1

Judging: we place ourselves _____ the other person.

Evaluating: we identify with the other person.

Judging: intends to condemn.

Evaluating: intends to _____.

Judging: creates the standards.

Evaluating: _____ to God's standards.

Your own _____ and _____ comes when you acknowledge I'm in charge of me.

All I have must be _____ by God's standards, not my own.

God is the rule _____. As His children we are the rule _____.

God gives us rules and principles to live by so we can have healthy relationships.

Satan will try to get you to _____ whether or not God's instructions really need to be followed.

Eph 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

1. We _____ the reality that this is one of God's relational principles.

2. We don't look to God's principles as a way to _____ the relationship.

Deut 6:24-25 The LORD commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the LORD our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today. And if we are careful to obey all this law before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness."

Either you'll _____ to be boss, or you'll let God rule.

1. Are you being _____?

2. Do you have _____ or are you being controlling?

3. Are you _____ life and others instead of judging?

4. Are you _____ the rules or are you trying to _____ them?

Heb 6:1-3 Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And God permitting, we will do so.

To mature we have to grow _____ there, not stop there.

One of the biggest obstacles to growth is our _____ of God.

John 14:8-9 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time?"

To understand God we need to understand _____.

Grace is _____ favor.

1. God is _____ us. He is on our side. He desires _____ for us.
2. The favor can't be _____. God gives what we can not provide for ourselves.

To grow any relationship these two implications of grace must be present.

Romans 6:14 For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

Galatians 3:10-12 All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith." The law is not based on faith.

Trying to grow yourself or your relationship by operating under the attitude of the _____ instead of grace will result in failure.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

2 Cor 12:9-10 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Instead of seeing weaknesses as an opportunity for failure, view it as an opportunity to see God's _____ at work in your life!

Quit trying to _____ your weaknesses, but rather let God's grace be at work so you can be made strong in your area of weakness.

Grace is only _____ when there's a need for it.