



Am I
Growing
in Grace

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2 Peter 3:17 (NIV)

17 Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position.

**WHAT CAUSES US NOT TO
GROW IN GRACE?**

1.

**WE BECOME STUNTED
WHEN WE REACT
CHILDISHLY
WHEN WE ARE HURT**

2.

**OUR GROWTH CAN BE
EXPLOSIVE WHEN WE
TRY TO EDIFY OTHERS**

Ephesians 4:29-30 (NIV)

29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. **30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

A.

WORDS SHOULD BUILD UP

B.

**WORDS MUST MINISTER
TO OTHERS**

C.

**WORDS CAN GRIEVE
THE HOLY SPIRIT**

MATTHEW 12:34 (KJV)

34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

3.

**DAVID WAS NOT ALWAYS
CALLED "A MAN AFTER
GOD'S OWN HEART"**

1 SAMUEL 22:22 (KJV)

22 Then David said to Abiathar, “That day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, I knew he would be sure to tell Saul. I am responsible for the death of your whole family.

1 SAMUEL 24:11 (KJV)

11 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it.

Ephesians 4:31 (KJV)

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

6 THINGS THAT STUNT OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1.

BITTERNESS

2.

WRATH

3.

ANGER

4.

EVIL SPEAKING

5.

CLAMOUR

6.

MALICE



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