

## **GROWING GROWING GROWING GROWING!**

**We all know that growth may occur in many ways. Three basic areas in human existence are physical, mental, and spiritual. Growth in all these areas is necessary for a person to be a normal, mature, and well-rounded being. If one does not grow physically and mentally, they are considered to be underdeveloped or abnormal, and are often pitied.**

**Of course, as you might suspect, our interest in this article is about spiritual growth. Maturity in Christ should be the goal of each of us. Peter said the pure milk of the Word is to be desired for growth (1Pet. 2:2), and that we should grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 3:18).**

**The fact that many are physically malnourished and their growth has been stunted may be the lack of nourishing food**

**and/or the absence of bodily and mental exercise. This fact; we all surely recognize to be true.**

**However, many who have not matured spiritually, do not seem to understand the same needs must be fulfilled in feeding and exercising oneself with the provisions God has supplied for our spiritual health. Brother Paul pointed out the greater need when he wrote that bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness (godly exercise-cab) profits much in every way. cf. (1 Timothy 4:8 (NKJV) "For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.") Some may not be growing spiritually, because they will not admit their deficiency. Others may be satisfied to "lie abed 'til doomsday".**

**Then, there are some, who just do not know how to grow more mature in Christ. It is to these, especially, that our attention in this article is focused. We have 6 elders and a very willing and capable preacher, as well as many other imminently qualified people, who would just be delighted to assist you with your growth. They will all encourage you to study your Bible regularly with an open mind, pray often and sincerely, and to avail yourself of every opportunity to meet with those who are of like precious faith, and are also striving to grow more. It is a truth that those who study to teach truth to others will**

**themselves grow in the knowledge of the truth. Let us love God's truth and help one another to know truth. CAB**

**NOTICE OF INTENT ... WOW! Those words sure sound official like. What I mean is; now with 6 elders we intend to revitalize our plans of old to visit with every member at Perry Hill in an informal or home setting. When you are asked for a visit, it does not necessarily mean that something is wrong. It is an effort to draw closer, and to receive your input about how you think things are going at Perry Hill and what you might suggest are ways to improve. We love you. CAB**

**CALL THEM! ... If you have or know of a problem that should be the elders concern... Call them! If you just need some encouragement ... Call them! If would like to know of plans the elders may have for the church here ... Call them! If you would like to squelch a rumor, half truth, or innuendo that may be circulating .. Call them! If you would like to compliment the elders, ... Call them! ... Please! ... ☺ ☺ cab**