



# *Growing Up Together*

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Introduction: We are living in an age when the Christian home is under attack. We are bombarded from every side and it is taking its toll on faithful Christians. We need to put the family first! In this specific lesson we will focus on the need to grow up together. We are all growing up spiritually and we need to learn to be patient with one another. Everyone one of have been given a role and a responsibility in the home. God has a plan for each and every one of us. Let's study together...

Discussion:

***I. How Do We Grow Up Together?***

- A. Growing up physically together (Proverbs 5:18, Colossians 3:12-25)
- B. Growing up emotionally together (Hosea 12:3-6, Genesis 25-49)
- C. Growing up intellectually together (Job 32:7, Luke 2:40, 52)
- D. Growing up spiritually together (II Peter 3:18, Ephesians 4-6)

***II. How Can We Grow Spiritually Together?***

- A. Read together as a family (II Timothy 1:5, 3:14-15)
- B. Pray together as a family (Acts 16:13-15, 40)
- C. Worship together as a family (Acts 10:2, 10:7, 10:34, 16:15, 16:31, 15:34, 18:8)
- D. Serve together as a family (Acts 12:25, 13:5, 15:36-41, Colossians 4:10, II Timothy 4:11)

***III. How Can We Hinder Spiritual Growth?***

- A. Make it ALL about you (Genesis 1:26-31, 2:24)
- B. Do what you want to do (I Corinthians 7, Colossians 3:21, I Timothy 5:8)
- C. See what you want to see (Genesis 1:27, Ecclesiastes 7:29, Romans 3:10)
- D. Hear what you want to hear (Matthew 13:13, Mark 8:18, II Thessalonians 2:12)

Conclusion: God's word says that we were made for each other. God's word also reminds us that there is no place like home. If you are not living as a faithful and godly family... PLEASE repent and set your house in order. Do you need prayers for any other thing going on in your life? The family of God is here to pray for you! If you have not been added to the family of God, come and take the steps necessary for salvation. Your Heavenly Father is waiting for you now!