

# Moving Beyond the Basics

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**Hebrews 6:1** *Let us leave the elementary*  
**1 Peter 1:13** *Therefore, prepare your minds*  
**1 Peter 5:8** *Curb every passion, and be on*  
**Hebrews 12:14** *Persistently strive for peace*  
**Matthew 28:18** *All power is given unto me*

1. We should be way past the *basics* of the Christian walk at this point.
2. Our life begins heading for a burning lake with no human way of escaping those horrifying flames—but the hope of every *repentant* sinner is that God’s love, mercy, and grace will change our *direction* if we comply with His *correction*.
3. Spiritual growth is a *must* and it continues when we substitute *self and Satan* for *God and Jesus*—every time we have to respond to someone.
4. The Holy Spirit is now in control of us—we are learning how to *meet* things and people and difficulties according to God’s Word.
5. Everything touching our life is part of the package to *prepare* us for eternity—if we do *not stop spiritual progress* by being stubborn and defiant and rebellious.
6. After being *committed to finish* the Christian race, we need to move beyond the basics of Christianity.

7. **NIV Hebrews 6:1** “*Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity.*”
8. We should **NLT** “*become mature in our understanding*”—of spiritual matters like *faith in God* and maintaining a position of *trust* on Him.
9. Spiritual growth is the result of responding to situations and people and work issues as Jesus told us to respond.
10. Every difficult person; every challenging problem; and every perplexing trouble we meet as God’s Words says—is for our spiritual *growth* and the learning of a spiritual *lesson*.
11. Even minor matters can bring about *spiritual growth* because they are *spiritual lessons* on faith in Christ and trust on God.
12. **AV Romans 8:28** “*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*”
13. God’s *purpose* is that every difficulty we meet scripturally brings *growth* **29** “*For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.*”
14. Every repentant sinner has a *living hope* and they are given a *lasting reward* safely kept in Heaven for them.
15. God’s paradise kingdom is for anyone who decides to *believe* God’s *Word* is the only way to Heaven—and they *continue* on that path of trust.
16. **1 Peter 1:13** **NIV** “*Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; AV be sober, and hope to the end.*”
17. *Prepare to act* as God’s Word says to act toward things we face and people we confront each day. *Moving beyond the basics* means to
18. **Hebrews 12:14** **WEY** “*Persistently strive for peace with all men, and for that growth in holiness apart from which no one will see the Lord.*”
19. We are to *begin* the spiritual walk and to *grow* in faith through every trial and test.

- Spiritual growth in holiness means responding to unreasonable people according to the Word.
20. Being *self-controlled* is being “*carefully on your guard lest there be any one who falls back from the grace of God;*
  21. “*lest any root bearing bitter fruit spring up and cause trouble among you, and through it the whole brotherhood be defiled.*”
  22. God is doing *His* part in teaching us to *change* our attitudes, but we have to do *our* part by *allowing* Him to accomplish that spiritual work.
  23. Anything that touches *our life* will prepare us for *eternal life*—if we do not rebel, do not fall back, and do not turn away from God’s Word.
  24. Knowing that God is getting us *ready* for His kingdom makes life worth living as there is a real purpose to live each day.
  25. Much spiritual work has to be done on our rebellious heart, because we began with a sinful nature.
  26. After being born and developing—every thought, word, and decision is controlled by the sinful nature—until we realize this, and change our *defiance* to *compliance* with God’s will.
  27. Opposite to spiritual growth in holiness is spiritual *digression in stubbornness*—which happens when we do *not* learn lessons from God and do *not* meet difficult things as God’s Word says.
  28. Everything works together for the *worst* for the *world*, because they are *not* growing spiritually—they just become more *spiteful* and *resentful*.
  29. The importance of spiritual fruit is this **WEY 2 Corinthians 7:10** “*For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, a repentance not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world finally produces death.*”
  30. When we *give* our life to God, we will be *taught* by Him—as *quickly* as we are *willing* to

learn by keeping our faith and trust on the Atonement sacrifice of Jesus.

**31.** While learning *from* God we can enjoy His many blessings. He *wants* us to have good health, healing, protection, peace, and our loved ones living His Truth.

**32.** Through the *sacrifice* of Christ, we have access to His *wealth* in Heaven. This financial inheritance in *Heaven* is as real as any financial deposit on *earth*.

**33.** **Romans 8:17** NIV “*If we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ*”—made possible “*through the resurrection of Jesus Christ*.”

**34.** When our life is totally given to God for His will to be done—and with no intention of compromising our faith—we move *beyond the basics*; see *spiritual growth*; and will receive God’s *blessings*—spiritually, physically, financially, and with everything.

**35.** Satan prowls to deceive—to get us away from *what* the Atonement of Christ has *provided*.

**36.** We must not believe what many churches believe today—that God has changed and will not do things for people in this life. Many *know of* the healings Jesus did, but they do *not believe* and do *not trust* Him to heal that way today.

**37.** In the first century, the devil convinced the Jews that Jesus was *not* God, so could *not* conquer the devil’s power—and Satan *continues* to deceive the world in that way.

**38.** Many think that God does not heal without medical assistance; does not protect without security systems; and does not supply needs without some financial plan of the world.

**39.** We are fortunate to know that Jesus *is* God and has *not* changed. **AV Hebrews 13:8** “*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever*.”

**40.** He has **AV Matthew 28:18** “*All power*” in *heaven and on earth*. And He **Hebrews 7:25** NIV “*Always lives to intercede for*” us.

**41.** God *wrote* His Truth with *ink* so no one could change it.

**42.** **AV Hebrews 4:12** “*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword*.”

**43.** The Word is also “*a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*”—so we can *know* if we have any wrong intentions or desires.

**44.** The Bible is an instant *text-message* from God when we need direction and spiritual light.

**45.** We *all need* divine light, so we *all pray* before reading—asking God to open our hearts to the Truth of these Scriptures—truths we must *know* and *apply*.

**46.** The most valuable knowledge we will ever *have* is what the Bible *contains*—it can *change* the heart and *inspire* faith in us.

**47.** *Moving beyond the basics*, we learn about forgiveness, spiritual growth, and eternal life.

**48.** Our daily walk can be a spiritual battle against temptation and sin. We have to guard against surprise attacks.

**49.** **1 Peter 5:8** WEY “*Curb every passion, and be on the alert. Your great accuser, the Devil, is going about like a roaring lion to see whom he can devour. 9 Withstand him, firm in your faith*.”

**50.** It is by God’s *grace* that you *bear spiritual fruit*—since He **WEY 1 Peter 5:10** “*has called you to share His eternal glory, through Christ, after you have suffered for a short time, will Himself make you perfect, firm, and strong*.”

**51.** Satan hides his identity so he can deceive us and later destroy us—but Jesus conquered the devil, and the Holy Spirit gives spiritual light to *detect* him when he tries to deceive us.

**52.** We have to be *on guard* against Satan because he wants us to trust some other *plan* or *person* to have what we need.

**53.** There are millions of Satan’s substitutes—like accepting laid-up money; using medication for relief; or getting revenge on someone.

**54.** After we *pray*, the devil can appear with *lies*—to influence us to go back to the rebellious nature that wants to depend on anything but God—many battles are won or lost at this point.

**55.** Only the Holy Spirit can reveal Satan to us—we just keep alert. Satan wants us to *accept* some human source of help or supply.

**56.** He will suggest: *You do what you have to do*—but what we *have to do* is trust God in faith for what is needed. **WEY Romans 14:23** “*All conduct not based on faith is sinful*.”

**57.** The return of Christ comes ever closer—and Jesus said that *very few* would be dealing personally with God; *not* many would be growing spiritually or trusting Him in faith for things in this life; and even less would be living by faith in Him for the salvation of their soul **Luke 18:8**.

**58.** *Moving passed the basics* and seeing spiritual fruit is *vitality* important!

**59.** Learning under God’s teaching is *necessary* and receiving answers to prayer is *promised*—and every promise He made to us is *Yes* in His Son **2 Corinthians 1:20**.

**60.** No spiritual *growth*—no eternal *life*.

**61.** Jesus told His disciples to **Luke 18:1** WEY “*always pray and never lose heart*.”

**62.** Doing *that* is ***Moving Beyond the Basics!***

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