GROWTH MODE II PETER 1:1-9

Woodland Park Church of Christ

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- Encouraged to continue to grow in the faith.
- Baptism is not the destination, but the commencement of a life-long journey.
- Continue to grow and add to our character.
- •Notice that we should be overflowing in the "graces."
 - For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. II Peter1:8

APOSTLE PAUL'S WISDOM

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things **I have learned** both to be full and to be **hungry**, both to abound and to suffer need. Philippians 4:11-12

NOTE THE PROPHET AMOS' WARNING TO ISRAEL

Woe to you who are at ease in Zion, and trust in Mount Samaria, notable persons in the chief nation, to whom the house of Israel comes! . . . Who drink wine from bowls, and anoint yourselves with the best ointments, but are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. **Therefore** they shall now go captive as the first of *the captives*, and those who recline at banquets shall be removed. Amos 6:1, 6-7

A LESSON FROM THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

"But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not **sown**, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest." Matthew 25:26-27

DO NOT GROW STAGNANT OR LOSE ZEAL FOR GROWTH

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord [always doing your best and doing more than is needed], being continually aware that your labor [even to the point of exhaustion] in the Lord is not futile nor wasted [it is never without purpose]. I Cor. 15:58

LORD'S INVITATION EXTENDED TO ALL

•Be added to the Lord's body Hear the gospel (Acts 15:7) Believe (Acts 15:7) Repent (Acts 2:38) Confess (Acts 8:37) Be baptized for the remission of sin (Acts 2:38, 8:38) or

•Be reconciled to the Lord (I John 1:9);

•Desire prayer (James 5:16).