

# SADDLE UP

Knowing and Doing – Keys To Spiritual Growth  
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Ephesians 3:16 (Message) I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength 17 that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, 18 you'll be able to take in with all Christians the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! 19 Live full lives, full in the fullness of God. 20 God can do anything, you know, far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

## *This Is What God Wants You to* \_\_\_\_\_

1 – Christ wants to have a \_\_\_\_\_ with you

No matter what we have done or where we have been God \_\_\_\_\_ wants a relationship with us.

† **Romans 5:8 (NKJV)** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were** still sinners, Christ died for us.

2 – You can experience Christ's \_\_\_\_\_

† Ephesians 3:17 ...And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, **18** you'll be able to take in with all Christians the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love.

3 – You can live a \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_ life

† John 10:10 (NASB) Jesus said, I have come that you might have life, and have it more abundantly.

4 – God's power is not \_\_\_\_\_

† **Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV)** Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

5 – God can do a great work \_\_\_\_\_

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† **Ephesians 4:1 (MESSAGE)** In light of all this, here's what I want you to **do**. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to **get out there and walk—better yet, run**—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere.

Many times we **KNOW** what to do BUT we don't **DO** it!  
The apostle Paul was in this position at times in his life...

† **Romans 7:15 (MESSAGE)** What I don't understand about myself is that I **decide one way**, but **then I act another**, doing things I absolutely despise.

If you want to **GROW** you have to **KNOW** what to **DO**

**To Grow In Christ you need to** \_\_\_\_\_ **your faith**

† **Philippians 2:12b (NIV)** — continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

Points To Ponder For Spiritual Growth

1 – Growth doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ to you

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2 – You have to be \_\_\_\_\_ in your pursuit to grow.

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3 – You have to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

† **Ephesians 4:2** ...do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love

It's Not Enough To Have Desire – Pursuit Is The **EVIDENCE** Of Desire!

MEDITATION PASSAGE FOR THE WEEK

† Ephesians 4:15 God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. 16 He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.