



Shofar Christian Church

GROWING

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Ephesians 4:11-16

¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

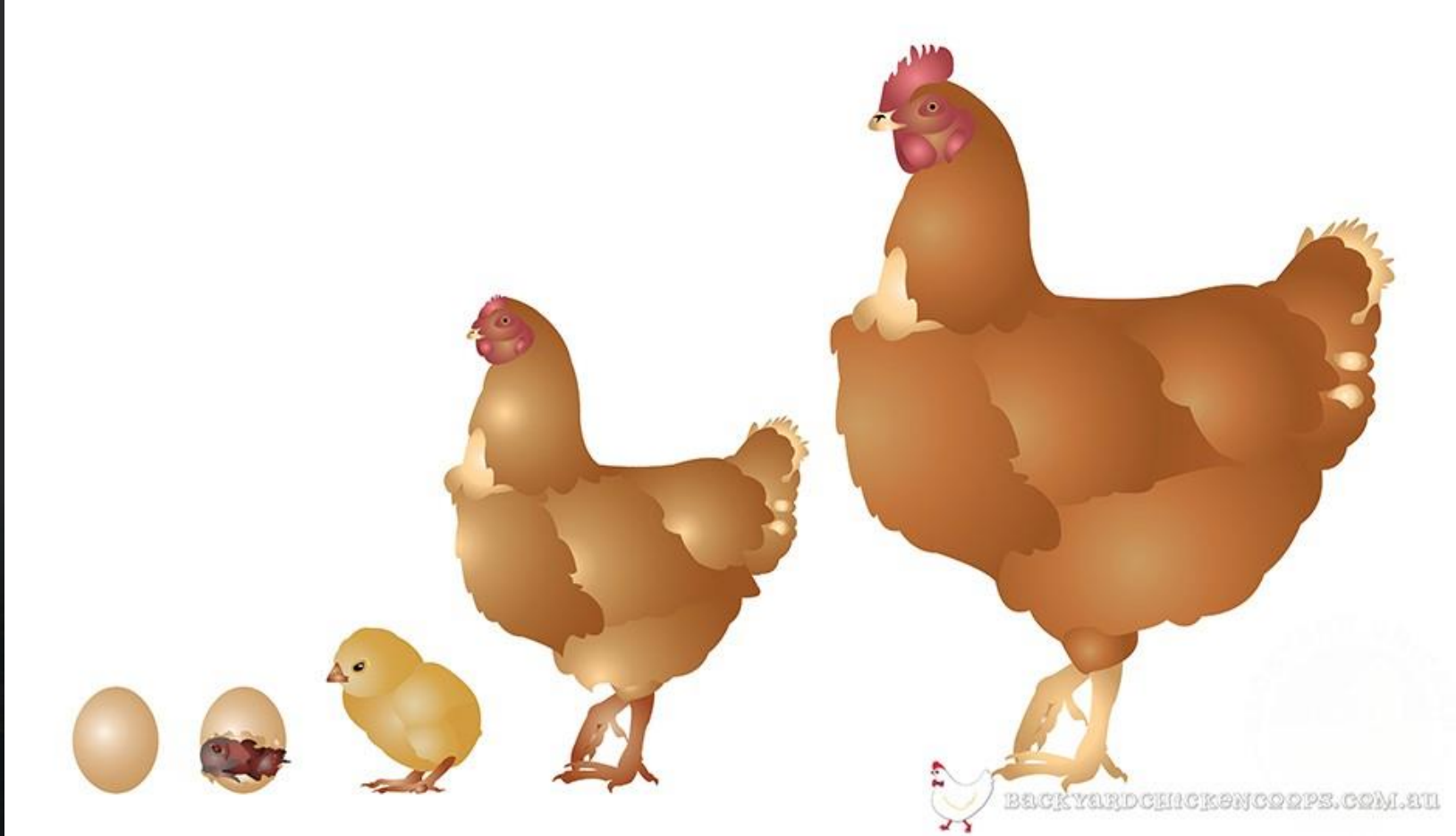
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¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:11-16









14 APRIL



15 APRIL



16 APRIL



18 APRIL



24 APRIL



30 APRIL



8 MAY



18 JUNE

I. WHAT ARE WE GROWING INTO

¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

Ephesians 4:15

- We are growing and being transformed into the likeness of Christ



II. WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO GROW

⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.⁸ Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

Ephesians 4:7-8

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Ephesians 4:11-12

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Ephesians 4:13

² May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises,

2 Peter 1:1-8

so that through them you may
become partakers of the divine
nature, having escaped from the
corruption that is in the world because
of sinful desire. ⁵ For this very reason, make
every effort to supplement your faith with
virtue, and virtue with knowledge,

2 Peter 1:1-8

⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and
self-control with steadfastness, and
steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and
godliness with brotherly affection, and
brotherly affection with love. ⁸ For if these
qualities are yours and are increasing, they
keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful
in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:1-8

- Greek and Hebrew word for “know” typically means a deep, intimate knowledge of GOD.
- Genesis 4:1 Adam “knew” Eve

We GROW to KNOW

III. DANGERS OF STAYING CHILDREN

¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Ephesians 4:14

- Child-like vs. Childishness
 - Unaware of danger
 - Immature
 - Easily deceived

“When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.”

1 Corinthians 13:11

“tossed to and fro by the waves”

- Instability
- Easily moved and Unsteady

“carried about by every wind of doctrine”

- Frequently change what you believe

“human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes”

- False prophets & teachers
- Manipulation of the word
 - Cause you to go astray

IV. HOW DO WE GROW?



1. We need to eat ---> The word of God

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

1 Peter 2:2-3

2. We need to breathe ---> Prayer

¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints

Ephesians 6:18

3. We need to remove weeds in our lives - Sin

- Sin keeps us from growing and thriving
 - It gets in the way of our relationship with God
- If you are feeding on Sin, you won't have a desire for God's word.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

4. We need water – Holy Spirit

⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 14:26

- The Holy Spirit is our HELPER, TEACHER and GUIDE

JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN (JOHN 4:7-15)

- This “living water” dwells in us!

5. We need pruning – Discipline

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

John 15:1-2

¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:11

6. We need space to grow – Community

²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that

seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,

1 Corinthians 12:20-26

²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

1 Corinthians 12:20-26

7. We need to have soil – Our Hearts

²¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

Matthew 13:1-8

⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Matthew 13:1-8

- HARD SOIL ---> Hear the word but, like hard soil, it does not sink in
- ROCKY SOIL ---> Takes the message in but quickly forget when trials come
- THORNY SOIL ---> Start to grow but worry and deceitfulness of wealth choke out the word
- SOFT SOIL ---> Hear God's word and applies it(Firmly rooted)

V. WHEN WE GROW

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Galations 5:22-23

I.WHAT ARE WE GROWING INTO?

Christian seeds ---> Image of Christ

II.WHY DO WE GROW?

We GROW to KNOW

III.DANGERS OF STAYING CHILDREN

Immature, tossed, carried away, schemes

IV.HOW DO WE GROW?

Eat, breathe, remove, water, prune, space, soil

V.WHEN WE GROW

Fruits