

A silhouette of a person standing in a field of tall grass, holding an open book in their left hand and raising their right hand towards the sky. The background is a vibrant sunset or sunrise sky with warm orange and yellow tones. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# OUR FEELINGS DO NOT REFLECT OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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## **1 Thessalonians 4:1 (NIV)**

**1 As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.**

## **2 CORINTHIANS 8:7 (NIV)**

**7** But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you[a]—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

## **JOHN 10:10 (NIV)**

**10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

# **POINTERS ON SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

1.

**CHRISTIANS CAN BE  
GROWING IN GRACE  
AND NOT SEE IT**

## **PSALM 92:13 (KJV)**

**13** Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

2.

**WE MAY FALSELY JUDGE  
OUR SPIRITUAL  
GROWTH DUE TO  
BOREDOM OR ROUTINE**



**3.**

**WE MEASURE OUR  
CURRENT CONDITION BY  
THE WRONG STANDARD**

## **Jude 1:24 (KJV)**

**24** Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy

4.

**WHEN IN A CRISIS RUN  
TO GOD FOR DIRECTION**

**5.**

**DEPEND LESS ON  
OUTWARD SIGNS AND  
PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

## **HEBREWS 1:1-2 (NIV)**

**1** In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

6.

**RESPOND IN GRACE TO ALL  
UPRISINGS AND CONFLICT**

## **ISAIAH 40:28-31 (NIV)**

**28** Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

**29** He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

**30** Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

**31** but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.



## **2 CORINTHIANS 4:17**

**17** For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

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