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Bible Study

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Experiencing Growth Through the Word of God

Psalm 119:97-104

II Corinthians 13:11 reads, *"Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these words: Be joyful. Grow to maturity..."* (NLT) This verse reveals a portion of Apostle Paul's last words written to the church in the city of Corinth. All believers should have a burning desire to be a growing Christian. The more an individual develops in their faith, the better they are equipped for life challenges. This lesson is designed to share insight on experiencing growth through the Word of God.

Breakdown of Psalm 119:97-104

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| 1. The Writer's <u>Gratification</u> | from God's Word | Verses 97, 103 |
| 2. The Writer's <u>Education</u> | by God's Word | Verses 98-100, 104 |
| 3. The Writer's <u>Dedication</u> | to God's Word | Verses 101, 102 |

1. Attentiveness to the Word of God can help a Christian grow spiritually.
Verse 97
"Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long." (NIV)
2. Appetite for the Word of God can help a Christian grow spiritually.
Verse 103
"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (NIV)
3. Assurance by the Word of God can help a Christian grow spiritually.
Verse 105
"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." (NIV)
4. Acceptance of the Word of God can help a Christian grow spiritually.
Verse 106
"I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws." (NIV)
5. Application from the Word of God can help a Christian grow spiritually.
Verse 167
"I obey your statutes, for I love them greatly." (NIV)

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