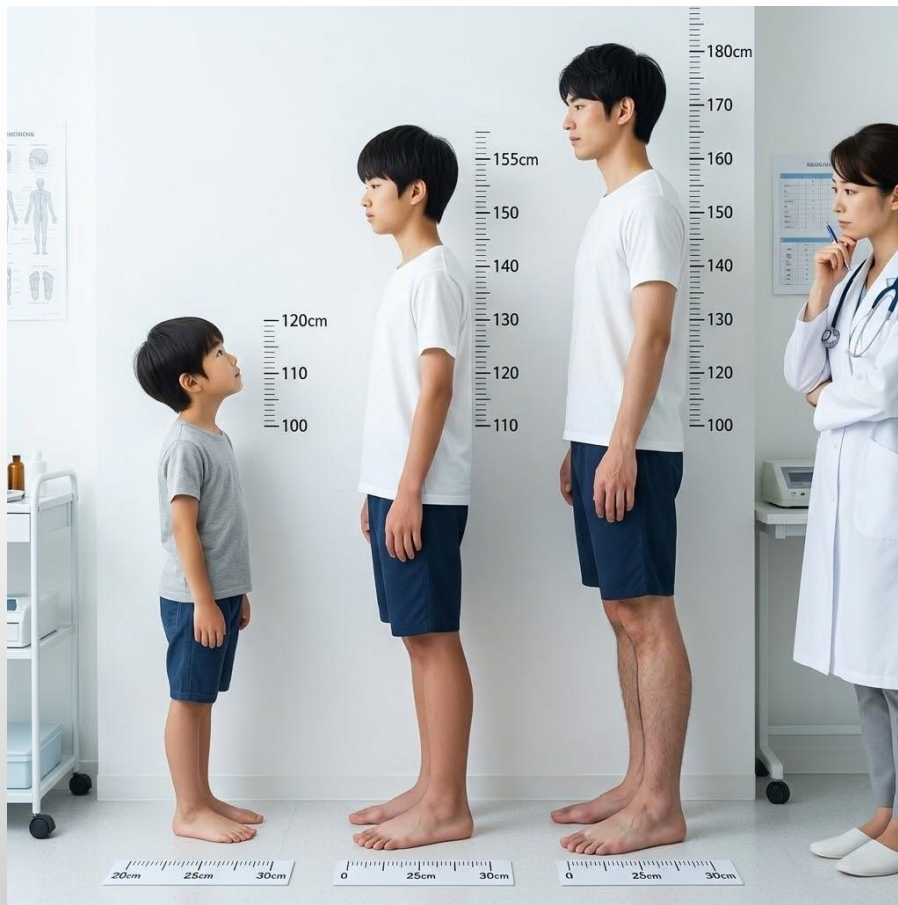




How to Grow Up in God

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Philippians 1:9-11

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But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

I Sam. 16:7 (NASB 1995)

I. Pursues Love (vs.9)



And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment (vs. 9)

- “*In real knowledge*” refers not uncontrolled emotions, but divine love that is regulated by the knowledge of God’s Word
- “*All discernment*” refers to moral perception and “*insight*” (NIV). Real love is NOT blind

II. Pursues Excellence (vs.10a)



so that you may approve the things that are excellent (vs.10a)

- In Greek, the word “*excellent*” (diaphero) literally means “to differ.”
- Paul wanted the Philippians to know the difference between what was a priority or what was not; between what is better or “*best*” (NIV).

III. Pursues Integrity (vs.10b)



in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ (vs.10b)

- The Greek word translated “*sincere*” means “genuine”.
- Integrity is pursuing to live a life of genuine character; “*blameless*” or above reproach.

IV. Pursues Good Works (vs.11)



having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. (vs.11)

- Integrity will always produce good works.
- “*Fruit of righteousness*” refers to the fruit that righteousness produces. These righteous deeds come only “*through Jesus Christ.*”

IV. Pursues Good Works (vs.11)



- *Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.*

John 15:4

Conclusion

