

**REALIZE WE DON'T ALL GROW THE SAME
GROWING ON PURPOSE - Part 4 of 6**

*Encourage each other to **build each other up**, just as you are already doing.* 1 Thes. 5:11 (LB)

THINGS TO BE AWARE OF

1. REALIZE PEOPLE _____

The old labels we once used to identify ourselves are no longer useful. We need something larger, more comprehensive. I want you to think about how all this makes you more significant, not less. A body isn't just a single part blown up into something huge. It's all the different-but-similar parts arranged and functioning together. 1 Cor. 12:13-14 (Mes)

➤ **DECIDE TO _____**

*Be devoted to each other like a loving family. **Excel** in showing respect for each other.* Rom. 12:10 (GW)

Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently. Rom. 14:1 (Mes)

2. REALIZE PEOPLE _____

You have begun to live the new life, in which you are being made new and are becoming like the One who made you. This new life brings you the true knowledge of God. Col. 3:10 (NCV)

➤ **DECIDE TO _____**

I am going to do a brand-new thing. See, I have already begun! Don't you see it? Isa. 43:19 (LB)

***New wine** must be put into **new wineskins**.* Mark 2:22 (CEV)

3. REALIZE PEOPLE _____

Whoever covers over his sins does not prosper. Whoever confesses and abandons them receives compassion.

Prov. 28:13 (GW)

➤ **DECIDE TO _____**

We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don't twist God's Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God.

2 Cor. 4:2 (Mes)

4. REALIZE PEOPLE _____

We must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially the sin that just won't let go. And we must be determined to run the race that is ahead of us.

Heb. 12:1 (CEV)

➤ **DECIDE TO _____**

*When people sin, you should **forgive and comfort** them, so they won't give up in despair.*

2 Cor. 2:7 (CEV)

You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Col. 3:13 (NLT)

5. REALIZE PEOPLE _____

Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.

Phil. 2:4 (NCV)

➤ **DECIDE TO _____**

*My friends, we beg you to **warn** anyone who isn't living right. **Encourage** anyone who feels left out, **help** all who are weak, and **be patient** with everyone.*

1 Thes. 5:14 (CEV)

Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good.

Heb. 10:24 (GN)