

# Ways We Desire to Grow into Christ's Likeness:

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- Teachable spirit-willing to admit wrong
- Humility
- Bible reading
- Richer times in the Bible
- Know more about the Bible
- Scripture memory
- Distinction from the world
- Resist temptation
  - Lust
  - Pride
  - Gossip
  - Envy
  - Anger
  - Complaining and Arguing
  - Vanity
  - Flirtatious
  - Addictions
  - Idolatry
  - Anxiety
  - Fear
  - Sarcasm
  - Laziness
- Discernment between true and false teaching
- Hospitality- caring for others
- Selflessness
- Empathy, compassion
- Gentleness
- Thankfulness
- Endurance/Patience/long-suffering
- Wisdom and counsel for others
- Generous giving
- Sobriety of temperament; opposite of arrogant/obnoxious, silly
- Self-control
- Words seasoned with grace
- Trust and dependence on God
- Joy for living
- Vision for use in God's kingdom
- Vision for the world
- Defend my faith
- Boldness and bravery to suffer for Christ
- Ability to share my faith
- Ability to teach the Bible to others
- Desiring what God desires
- Enjoyment of the Body of Christ
- Enjoyment of corporate worship
- Enjoyment of Lord's Table together
- True Affections (See Jonathan Edwards)
- Understanding and use of my gifts
- Have joy in trials of life
- Find solid friendships
- Deepen friendships in the Lord
- Be mentored
- Prayer journal
- How I use my time
- The way I do everything
- Desire to live for God rather than myself
- What I feed my mind with
- Saying no to things that don't help me grow

There are others, no doubt. Add yours!

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