

# MercEmail A Weekly Devotional by Steve Higginbotham

## Grow In Grace

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Knowing "what" to do and "how" to do it are frequently two entirely different propositions altogether. Several years ago, we were having an "Open House" for the new addition to our church building. The night before the Open House, I dropped a gallon of "UT orange" paint on our brand new, having-never-been-walked-on carpet. At that moment, I knew what needed to be done, but I had no idea how to clean up this ever growing puddle of orange paint!

The Bible says that we are to grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18). Growing in knowledge is easy enough - study; but how does one grow in grace? My answer would simply be, "Practice!" Think about this command to grow in grace the next time:

- You are in a restaurant and a waiter/waitress gets your order wrong.
- You are cut off in traffic by an aggressive driver.
- You receive a phone call at an inconvenient time.
- You are insulted or get your feelings hurt.
- You are frustrated with your spouse or children.
- Your time is monopolized by a needy friend.
- You are being served by a new employee who is fumbling at the cash register.

You get the idea. Every day we have opportunities to grow in grace. We just need to open our eyes! Next time things don't go your way, don't get frustrated or aggravated. Instead, remember God's command to grow in grace, and view the situation as an opportunity to obey God. If you do this, I believe you can even find joy in the challenge and satisfaction in your Christ-like response.

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